

**Arkansas State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Teleconference
Tuesday, March 20, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

The emergency meeting was called to order by Kent Moore, D.C., President, at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:

Harold Gunter

Jack McCoy

Michael Courtney, D.C.

Sarah Hays, D.C.

Tanya Holt, D.C. (called in at 4:02pm)

Gregory Ungerank, D.C. (called in at 4:04)

Staff present:

Laurie Mayhan, Executive Director

Brad Nye, Assistant Attorney General

Guests present:

Matt Gilmore, ADH Boards and Commissions Coordinator

BUSINESS ITEMS

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Other states mandatory closures for chiropractors

The Board has received several inquiries from concerned licensees due to Kentucky shutting down their chiropractors on the basis that they were not considered essential providers. Due to that, this meeting was called to discuss if any action is needed by the Board such as clarifying if chiropractors are considered essential providers in Arkansas. The chairman spoke about this with Mr. Gilmore prior to today's meeting regarding this concern. Mr. Gilmore stated that he doesn't think that at this time there is a move in the state as far as limiting the professions practice like the Dentist have been. His only thought that if the board wrote a letter asking to be considered essential personnel, no other profession has done that, and they may need to look into why the board is wanting that clarification. Dr. Courtney asked for clarification of the 3.23.20 guidance letter that was forwarded to the board for consideration. Mr. Gilmore stated that the draft can be altered to what the board would like and is not mandated. It's just something ADH is willing to put on their website for further guidance. Dr. Hays stated that the board should send this letter out once the verbiage is updated. Dr. Moore asked if the board should still send a letter requesting to be considered essential providers. Dr. Ungerank motioned not to send the essential provider letter at this time. Motioned seconded by Dr. Courtney. Motion passed.

Dr. Moore asked if the board was ok with the updated guidance letter that was forwarded to them. Dr. Courtney motioned that we take out the language in the bold print in the first and second paragraphs and remove everything in the second half beginning with "patients with an acute respiratory illness" and we leave everything else. Motion seconded by Mr. McCoy. Motion passed.

Mr. McCoy brought up concerns about funding for having so many teleconferences in one week due to the daily recommendations or directives that the governor and/or department of health is sending out. If this continues, do we have the funds to keep up with the additional meetings. Dr. Moore stated that we should be saving some money due to not meeting in person regarding travel reimbursements. Dr. Moore stated that we will take this into consideration and figure something out if it continues to happen.

ADJOURN

Mr. McCoy moved to adjourn. Dr. Holt seconded. Motion passed. The Board adjourned at 4:44 p.m.

Board minutes approved: April 7, 2020