



2002 FCLB Outstanding Regulatory Board Award: Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors

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Presented by Dr. Wayne C. Wolfson, FCLB President

Each year, the accomplishments of one board set a new standard for chiropractic regulation. They model for others the excellence that marks the daily responsibilities of protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public.

They say it can be done... and then they do it.

This year's FCLB award for outstanding chiropractic regulatory board recognizes one board's innovative and proactive efforts with its licensees by

- developing and teaching seminars,
- publishing information to help educate both the doctors and the public,
- helping rehabilitate doctors practicing below the accepted standards, and
- working to develop cooperative relationships with other governmental organizations within the state,

Please allow me to present an overview of some of their achievements.

Specifically, new licensees attend a formal orientation prior to the presentation of the initial license. Each board member takes a turn to present potential future pitfalls in compliance with regulations, practices which could subject a licensee to possible discipline. The final presentation of the licensee carries with it a strong message of its inherent responsibilities.

In another proactive strategy, the board developed a record keeping seminar last December which was comprehensive, accurate and stimulating. Poor record keeping is one of the most frequent sources of complaints involving practitioners and the board's approach is specifically designed to lead to better standards of care by its licensees.

A third project is also crafted under a proactive model. The board has developed a series of Policy Guidelines to better define acceptable behaviors or evolving elements of clinical practice. While guidelines do not have the force or effect of law, they serve as recommended protocols for practicing professionals. They are posted on the public website so that both the profession and the public may be clearly informed.

Adding to the board's array of disciplinary options, it created a Consent Agreement Supervisor program. Former board members and others are drafted to monitor compliance with consent agreements designed to help problem doctors resolve deficient practices.

For these progressive measures, as well as the willingness to take a fresh look at such issues as CE compliance and interprofessional, intergovernmental relations, please join me in extending our appreciation and recognition to the FCLB's 2002 Outstanding Regulatory Board,

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Chiropractors

Accepted on behalf of the Board by Drs. Ned Barowsky, David Taylor, and Kirk Shilts