The Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Board Award
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Presented by Dr. Lawrence O’Connor, 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.

The FCLB recognition for outstanding regulatory board is named in honor of Ohio regulator, Dr. Earl L. Wiley.

His dedication to public protection stands as a shining example to all of us. His commitment to what is fair and what is true serves as a compass point to every regulator.

Dr. Wiley, like the previous winners of this award, stood on a firm foundation of ethics, while looking forward with a sense of possibility.

His desire to protect patients through responsible governance is reflected by many of you, our FCLB member boards, but especially by this year’s winner.

Over the past several years, the actions taken by one of our member board’s embody the concept of “proactive.”

An action agenda set forth by the state’s Secretary of Health called for shared principles among public health care commissions. The Secretary urged agencies to better their communication to address the changing trends in public health.

This board decided to take positive action to meet these new standards.

Instead of simply waiting for complaints about practitioners, this board chose to provide the resources practitioners need to avoid violations.
The solution was simple: a quarterly publication addressing common points of confusion. From this anchor, the board built a licensee outreach program and increased public awareness, even establishing a listserv for more consistent contact.

Added to this outreach is a community of support for doctors with marks on their record - mentorships for disciplined D.C.s.

This offers these doctors a chance to relearn what it means to be an ethical and trustworthy healthcare practitioner.

And this board didn’t stop there.

They updated their jurisprudence exam and practiced mock disciplinary cases for board member training.

They maintained contact with their state legislature, ensuring awareness of the political arena and building relationships with lawmakers.

This board decided to open the door to dialogue with licensees and with patients. They have chosen to embrace transparency, and to clarify their purpose in public protection.

Please join me in congratulating them for their outstanding achievements.

**The FCLB’s 2012 Dr. Earl L. Wiley Outstanding Regulatory Board Award**

is presented to

**THE WASHINGTON CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**

Members of the Washington delegation accepting the award:

Dr. Matt Waldron,

and Ms. Leann Yount