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HIGHLIGHTS FROM



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Our Mission: Protecting the public by promoting excellence in chiropractic regulation through service to our member boards.



2021 DISTRICT MEETINGS

Recently, representatives from our five districts got together in small groups to share resources and discuss common challenges.

Of importance to our members was the question of dealing with addicted or mentally ill licensees. How can boards best protect the public while treating licensees fairly in these cases? Following an investigation, most boards use a combination of the Ethics and Boundaries Assessment Services (EBAS) exam and compliance monitoring.

Often outsourced, compliance monitoring is important to boards and - as in all regulatory issues - documentation is key.

Continuing the conversation about discipline, attendees discussed public record of board actions and whether they are ever expunged. Some boards publicly document discipline in perpetuity while others allow more minor infractions to expire from public record. All boards, however, are required to report to NPDB which houses such reports forever.

In discussing continuing education, we learned that not many boards differentiate between synchronous and asynchronous educational methods. Many boards have expanded their distance learning allowances in response to COVID-19.

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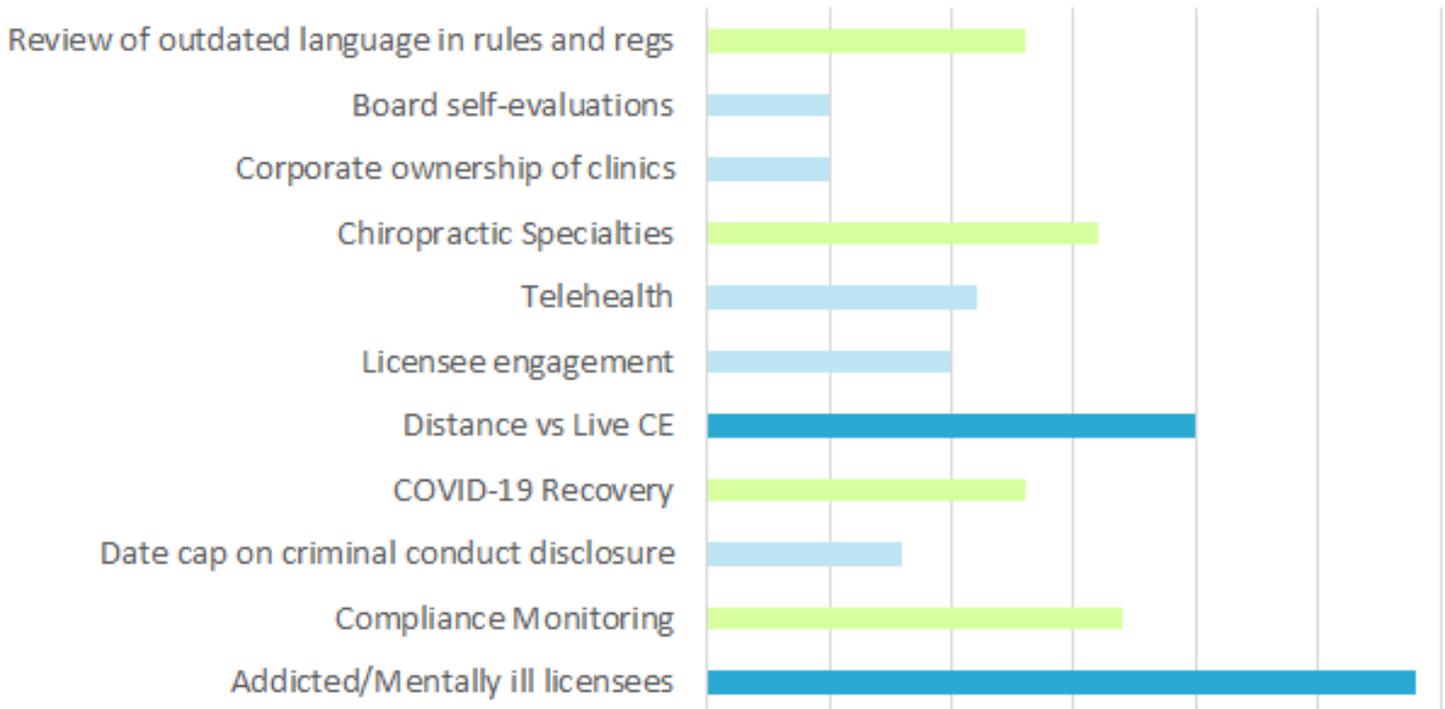


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HOT TOPICS

You Said This Matters to Your Board:



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Another term boards are working to define is specialty certification. While some boards equate "diplomate" with "specialty," others do not. And boards report everything from prohibiting recognition of specialty certification to very specific parameters and outside oversight. Some boards report a robust set of criteria including education, testing, and board approval.

Discussions of COVID-19 accommodations and protocols led to the question of non-compliance with mask mandates. Our districts have a diversity of responses as some states have no mandates while others find the existing orders unenforceable and still others have detailed procedures that

include investigation and referral to other oversight bodies.

When it comes to board operations, most boards have mechanisms in place for evaluating their executive directors, but no such avenues to provide feedback on fellow board members. How does your board self-evaluate?

Finally, corporate ownerships of clinics continues to be a concern in many jurisdictions as complaints around this issue are rising. Some boards have no jurisdiction over corporations while others require a D.C. to be at least a majority owner.

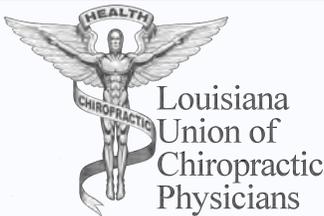


Current Committees & Projects



- **Specialty Councils Committee:** Investigating current standards and competencies for specialty certifications. Developing guidance for licensing boards.
- **Telehealth Committee:** Researching appropriate telehealth practices and role of regulatory oversight.
- **Diversity and Inclusion Committee:** Reviewing current regulatory culture and brainstorming methods for ensuring cultural sensitivity.

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Thanks to NBCE

The National Board of Chiropractic Examiners provided scholarships for regulators and key board staff and advisers to attend the district meetings.



95th Annual Educational Congress 2022 in Denver, Colorado: Refocus on Regulation

You are invited to join us May 5-7, 2022 at the Grand Hyatt in Denver, Colorado for a look at upcoming regulatory tools and trends, the future of chiropractic regulation, board member training, and more! Renowned speakers from education, regulation, and chiropractic will share their insights and expertise.

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FCLB Services

CIN-BAD

CIN-BAD has launched the Automatic Notification System (ANS) for member boards and subscribers. These monthly updates includes lists of current actions and reports to the system so regulatory and credentialing agencies know when their licensees have been disciplined. ANS is another important step in patient safety and licensee oversight.

CCCA

When chiropractic assistants lack the training to carry out their responsibilities with competence, patients suffer.

The Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant program (CCCA) offers fair and balanced oversight, nationwide. With standardized training across jurisdictions, and an exam developed and administered by the NBCE, CCCAs are healthcare professionals.

PACE

Worldwide Access: Your licensees can learn from the best - anywhere in the world. PACE means expert instructors have time to focus on teaching instead of paperwork.

Neighborhood Watch: Fellow regulators, licensees, and reputable CE providers report concerns to PACE. If a CE provider has a problem in one jurisdiction, we address it before it happens in others.

Staff Time: PACE allows board administrators to access licensee credit reports. One click downloads hundreds of compliance audits in seconds!

Tap the Experts: PACE CE providers are reviewed by a pool of chiropractic educators and regulators. Subject-matter experts and your fellow board members evaluate CE providers' ability and willingness to teach relevant, quality courses.

Membership Dues

Membership Dues invoices will go out in December. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or would like information about member benefits for your licensing board. Thank you for working together for public protection.

Annual Meeting

We are locking in some great regulatory speakers for our 2022 Annual Educational Congress in Denver, Colorado.

Watch our website for more information including a draft agenda and registration later in January.

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