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The Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards hosted its 93rd Annual Educational Congress May 1-5 in Mission Bay, California. The conference focused on the qualities that make regulators more effective. Approximately 150 attendees from the U.S., Canada, and New Zealand represented chiropractic licensing boards, testing, associations, and chiropractic colleges.

On Thursday, the educational portion of the conference opened with the presentation of a new honor – The Sylva Ashworth Award for Outstanding Women in Chiropractic. Dr. Carl Cleveland, III introduced the award and gave a history of its namesake, a pioneer in chiropractic regulation. Dr. Karen Mathiak (GA) accepted this inaugural award and spoke about the importance of regulation and patient protection.

This year, Dr. Kristin Grace (NZ) delivered the 29th Annual Joseph Janse Lecture. Thursday's presenters also included Dr. Daniel Murphy discussing "Justification of Chiropractic Care: Viewed Through a New Lens," a look at regulatory responses to the opioid epidemic (presented by Drs. George Khoury (PA) and Kirk Shilts (MA), and "What your Board Staff Wants You to Know" from Dr. Brian Zachariah (IL) and Ms. Beth Kidd (OK). Rounding out the morning was an attorney panel focused on regulating CBD products and the Sports Medicine Licensure Clarity Act. Panel members were Mr. Ajay Gohil (DC), Mr. Louis Ling (NV), Mr. Christopher Gerard (WA), and Dr. Jeffery Tucker (CA).

Thursday afternoon workshops included a College Presidents' Panel with Drs. Joseph Brimhall (UWS), Carl Cleveland, III (Cleveland Chiropractic College), and John Scaringe (SCUHS), as well as a look at evaluating international transcripts from Mr. Wade Jewell of Aequo International.

Friday's portion of the conference was hosted by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners and included a keynote address by Dr. Marianne Jennings who spoke about ethical issues regulators face.

On Saturday, Dr. Maggie Colucci (NV) presented the Arvidson Award for Meritorious Service to Dr. David Brown (VA). Dr. Colucci spoke of Dr. Brown's long and active career in public protection and urged regulators to look towards his leadership example. During his acceptance, Dr. Brown challenged attendees to maintain a focus on regulation and public protection above professional interest.

Other educational sessions at the conference included:

- Deregulation and Top Cases
- Stem Cell Therapy
- A Call to Action for Regulators
- Licensure Exams and Services of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners

Elections – FCLB Board of Directors

- President: Dr. Karlos Boghosian (CT)
- Vice President: Dr. Carol Winkler (ND)
- Treasurer: Dr. Keita Vanterpool (DC)

- District III Director: Dr. George Khoury (PA)
- District IV Director: Dr. Karen Campion (TX)
- District III Alternate Director: Dr. Robert Frieman (MD)
- District IV Alternate Director: Dr. Cathy Riekeman (NM)

The FCLB Board of Directors named District II Director Dr. Robert Daschner (MN) to serve as Board Chair.

Awards and Recognition

Dr. Colucci presented awards to the following individuals and organizations:

- 2019 Dr. Wayne Wolfson Scholarship Award: Mr. Christopher Netley (Southern California University of Health Sciences) and Ms. Maggie Juarez (Palmer College of Chiropractic West)
- 2019 Donna Liewer-Cohen Regulatory Scholarship: Mr. Zen Mayhugh (CO)
- 2019 NBCE Administrator scholarships: Ms. Lisa Blanchard (ND), Ms. Adrienne Price (GA), Dr. Brian Zachariah (IL)
- 2019 Board Legal Advisor Grant: Mr. Kenneth Suter (PA)
- 2019 Pennebaker/Wiley Outstanding Board Award: North Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners

A complete agenda, list of faculty, awards presentations and many of the 2019 educational sessions are available on the Federation's website at www.fclb.org.

Next year's meeting is scheduled for April 22-26, 2020, in Denver, Colorado.

CIN-BAD

Our Chiropractic Information Network – Board Action Databank is getting ready to come to you! A complete system upgrade was recently launched with a new look and a new feature. The Action Notification System (ANS) will allow your board to register your full licensee list in CIN-BAD and get immediate notifications whenever actions are reported for one of your doctors. Keep an eye out for beta testing soon.

PACE

In FCLB news, the PACE program is growing. Following a resolution put forth at our Phoenix conference in which members voted to encourage PACE participation from every board, we've added new services and flexibility for PACE boards and PACE users. If your board currently accepts PACE, please consider asking your staff to add a link to your website. Helping licensees find quality CE can streamline your processes significantly.

Additionally, we now have online access to CE reports for any licensees who've taken a PACE course. When it's time to audit your licensee's continuing education, chiropractors with PACE credits can simply click to send an email report directly to your board. No more paper tsunamis!

CCCA

Another service available to your board is the Certified Chiropractic Clinical Assistant (CCCA) program. As more boards look at patient safety and chiropractic assistants, the need for uniform standards is increasing. Like all of our programs and services, the CCCA is designed so you don't have to reinvent the wheel. If you are considering language to regulate chiropractic assistants, please contact us to learn how this program might help your board.

TEMPORARY LICENSURE

Does your board have provisions for DCs who travel with sports teams or offer disaster relief? A recent FCLB PowerPoll shows that only 17 member boards offer a temporary license that allows travel to treat. Consider checking out the FCLB's model language to include this important service for your jurisdiction's patients.

CBAC & CBLAC

Chiropractic board administrators and legal advisor committees enjoyed another great meeting during the FCLB's annual conference in Mission Bay, California. We are already hard at work collecting agenda topics for 2020, so please send us an email if you have suggestions! info@fclb.org

Should you wish further information about this or any of the FCLB meetings, you may always contact our board via e-mail. You can also view the minutes of all our FCLB board meetings online.

