THE WILEY/PENNEBAKER OUTSTANDING BOARD AWARD

Each year, the accomplishments of one board set a new standard for chiropractic regulation.

They become a model for other boards while protecting the health, safety and welfare of the public. They set ambitious goals, and they achieve them.

The FCLB’s recognition for outstanding regulatory board is named in honor of two wise and compassionate regulators, Dr. Earl L. Wiley of Ohio and Dr. Gary Pennebaker of Minnesota.

Their desire to protect patients through responsible governance is reflected by many of you and especially by this year’s winner.

To coin a phrase, regulatory boards are like tea. We don’t know how strong they are until they’re in hot water.

And, if we’re being honest with ourselves, I think most of us would agree that sometimes the only thing between a board and hot water is the administrative staff.

But what does a board do if that administrative staff – those key individuals who keep us in position to do our jobs – is thrown for a loop?

For one chiropractic licensing board, the answer is — you roll up your sleeves and get to work.

When retirement and loss reduced one board’s administrative staff alarmingly, a professional member resigned her board position to step up. Working in concert, she and the remaining staff didn’t just keep the board running. They pulled together to demand the best for patients in their state.

They built and published a comprehensive affirmative action plan, began rules promulgation to clean up inactive licenses and reinstatement, maintained active participation in regulatory leadership, and continued to keep up accountability for licensees.

It turns out this board and its staff don’t mind hot water; it just brings out their strength.

Please help me in congratulating, the FCLB’s 2024 Wiley Pennebaker Outstanding Regulatory Board Award winner, the well-steeped:

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners