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STATE OF MINNESOTA



BOARD OF
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

BIENNIAL REPORT

Fiscal Years 1997 - 1998

Submitted September 30, 1998

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Executive Director

COST OF PREPARING THIS REPORT

According to the Laws of 1994, Chapter 559, Section 1 (adding a new statutory section, *Minnesota Statute 3.197*), costs incurred in the preparation of this report must be reported. The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) estimates the cost of preparing this report to be \$435.00.

GENERAL STATEMENT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) exists to protect the public's interest through the regulation of chiropractic. Regulation is accomplished through licensure of chiropractors and investigations of complaints against them.

Applicants for licensure have access to a nationalized licensing examination two times per year. Prior to being allowed to take the licensure examination, applicants must fulfill requirements set forth in statute and rule. All portions of the examination must be passed by a minimum score of 75% in order for an applicant to be licensed.

The MBCE monitors licensed chiropractors' practice ability by the requirement of continuing professional education for license renewal. Doctors of chiropractic must obtain this education from sponsors approved by the MBCE, or by an MBCE approved sponsor.

The MBCE investigates consumer complaints. The MBCE currently has three complaint panels comprised of the executive director and two board members each. These panels share the responsibility of reviewing, and when warranted, investigating all complaints received. If a panel determines that action against a license should be taken, the panel makes that recommendation to the full board, which has the authority and charge to take such action.

The MBCE promulgates rules. *Minnesota Statutes 148.08* empowers the MBCE with the authority to "promulgate rules necessary to administer sections 148.01 to 148.105 to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public, including rules governing the practice of chiropractic and defining any terms . . ." The MBCE follows rulemaking procedures as established by the Administrative Procedures Act, and does so in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General and the Office of Administrative Hearings.

The MBCE also registers those licensed chiropractors who have formed a professional corporation, perform independent examinations, wish to serve as Preceptors ("pre-licensure field supervisors,") and/or perform acupuncture.

As mentioned above, the MBCE conducts a graduate preceptorship program. This program allows an intern to practice chiropractic under the direct supervision of a licensed chiropractic physician for one twelve-month period. The program was designed to allow appropriately supervised graduates of chiropractic colleges to continue practicing while waiting to take and receive results from the licensing examination.

A seven-member Peer Review Committee appointed by the executive director exists to review cases for determination of whether or not the chiropractor properly utilized services, the chiropractor rendered or ordered appropriate treatment, and the cost of the treatment was unconscionable.

BOARD EMPLOYEES

| | | |
|----------------------|---|---|
| SPICER, DC; LARRY A. | Executive Director | 010693 to present |
| KING, MICHELLE T. | Health Program Representative | 070290 to present |
| WATSON, PATRICIA | Clerk Typist I Clerk Typist II Clerk Typist I ¹ Office Specialist | 080194 to 081997 082097 to 050398 050498 to 070798 070898 to Present |
| ELMASRY, REBECCA | Clerk Typist I Clerk Typist II ² Office/Administrative Specialist | 100697 to 050398 050498 to 070798 070898 to Present |
| LANOUX, DEBRA J. | Clerk Typist II Clerk Typist II Clerk Typist III | 080889 to 061593 120193 to 080394 080494 to 051497 |
| LONGSTROM, TERI | Clerk Typist IV ³ Office/Administrative Specialist - Senior | 051398 to 070798 070898 to 092998 |
| CAMPBELL, LORI A. | Administrative Secretary Executive 1 ⁴ | 041690 to 080394 080494 to 043198 |

¹ This position was modified per the Clerical Class Consolidation Project, and was converted to an Office Specialist.

² This position was modified per the Clerical Class Consolidation Project, and was converted to an Office and Administrative Specialist.

³ This position was modified per the Clerical Class Consolidation Project, and was converted to an Office and Administrative Specialist - Senior

⁴ This position was reallocated to a Clerk Typist IV

BOARD MEMBERS

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| *COLVARD, D.C., JOHN 12273 Whispering Trail Eagan, MN 55122 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: March 14, 1994 Reappointed: February 10, 1998 |
| *IBURA, D.C., AKIBA M. 4801 Minnetonka Boulevard St. Louis Park, MN 55416 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: January 13, 1992 Reappointed: January 1996 |
| *KASSEKERT, ROSEMARY 952 West Idaho Avenue St. Paul, MN 55117 | Occupation: Attorney Appointed: February 24, 1993 |
| *OTTO, D.C., LEROY F. 127 S High Street Lake City MN 55041 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: January 1995 |
| *PENNEBAKER, D.C., GARY 8140 Flying Cloud Drive #201 Eden Prairie MN 55344 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: January 1996 |
| SEABERG, JOANNE 2117 Vienna Lane Eagan MN 55122 | Occupation: Consultant Appointed: January 1995 Resigned: June, 1997 |
| *ESCH, D.C., CHARLES 1251 Niles Ave. St. Paul, MN | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: February 10, 1997 |
| *PATALONIS, JOAN 2560 Manitou Lane White Bear Lake, MN 55110 | Occupation: Retired Appointed: July 21, 1997 |

* = current board member

PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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|---|---|
| BUFFIE, D.C., PERRY 7949 B Highway 55 - Box 207 Rockford MN 55373 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: March 1996 |
| *DALE, CANDACE L. 5120 IDS Center 80 S 8th Street Minneapolis MN 55402 | Occupation: Attorney Appointed: December 1996 Reappointed: December 1997 |
| HENDERSON, D.C., ROSS 9255 15th Street North Lake Elmo, MN 55042 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: June 1, 1994 Reappointed: May 1996 |
| *OLSON, D.C., DAVID CLIFFORD 3570 Lexington Ave n #208 Shoreview MN 55126 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: April 1996 Reappointed: April 1997 Term Extended |
| SHEPHERD, D.C., ROBERT 1932 Hennepin Ave S Minneapolis MN 55403 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: December 1995 Reappointed: December 1996 |
| *HAGAN, D.C., THOMAS 124 Main St. Preston, MN | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: October, 1996 Reappointed: October, 1997 |
| ROMAIN, CAROL 636 Evergreen Court Stillwater, MN 55082 | Occupation: Claims Reviewer Appointed: February, 1997 |
| *ANGOVE, D.C., DOUGLAS 1608 Hillsboro Ave. North Golden Valley, MN 55427 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: November, 1996 Reappointed: November, 1997 |
| *BUTLER, D.C., DAVID 2308 So. Broadway Alexandria, MN 56308 | Occupation: Doctor of Chiropractic Appointed: April, 1997 Reappointed: April, 1998 |

* = current Peer Review Committee member

TIME SPENT BY BOARD MEMBERS ON BOARD ACTIVITIES

| Activity/Meeting | Fiscal Year | Number of Occurrences | FY97 Hours | FY98 Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Board Meetings | 97 | 8 | 104.75 | |
| | 98 | 4 | | 87.00 |
| Rules Committee | 97 | 8 | 87.00 | |
| | 98 | 4 | | 13.00 |
| Complaint Panels | 97 | 31 | 248.60 | |
| | 98 | 34 | | 223.70 |
| Executive Committee | 97 | 8 | 21.75 | |
| | 98 | 5 | | 21.00 |
| Test Development Committee | 97 | 11 | 176.00 | |
| | 98 | 1 | | 16.00 |
| License Exam Administration* | 97 | 2 | 42.00 | |
| | 98 | 2 | | 30.0* |
| Out-of-State Conferences | 97 | 4 | 176.00 | |
| | 98 | 2 | | 104.00 |
| All Meetings | | 122 | 856.10 | 494.70 |

TIME SPENT BY PEER REVIEW COMMITTEE (PRC) MEMBERS ON PRC ACTIVITIES

| Activity/Meeting | Fiscal Year | Number of Occurrences | Total Hours |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Peer Review Committee | 97 | 10 | 130.75 |
| | 98 | 7 | 61.17 |

* An observer will note that the License Exam Administration will have decreased from 72 and 78 hours in the 95-96 biennium respectively, to 42 and 30 hours in the 97-98 biennium respectively. This results from the fact that in 1997, the MBCE moved to adopt the utilization of a nationalized exam developed and administered by the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE.) Although administered by the NBCE, the administration is supervised and directed by an MBCE designee who has been give specific authority to act as the chief examiner.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF BOARD FUNDS

| Fiscal Year | Receipts | Expenditures | Variance |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 97 | 476,731 | 510,835 | (34,104) |
| 98 | 498,065 | 469,970 | 28,094 |

NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVING A LICENSE AS OF JUNE 30, 1997

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Licenses: | Active | 1652 |
| | Inactive | 201 |
| TOTAL LICENSES: | | <u>1853</u> |
| Registrations: | Acupuncture | 326 |
| | Corporation | 241 |
| | Independent Examiner | 74 |
| | Preceptor | 24 |

NUMBER OF PERSONS HAVING A LICENSE AS OF JUNE 30, 1998

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Licenses: | Active | 1767 |
| | Inactive | 201 |
| TOTAL LICENSES: | | <u>1968</u> |
| Registrations: | Acupuncture | 359 |
| | Corporation | 270 |
| | Independent Examiner | 90 |
| | Preceptor | 49 |

LOCATIONS AND DATES OF LICENSE EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATIONS

As of January 1997, the MBCE adopted the utilization of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) Part IV Practical examination in lieu of developing and administering its own examination. The NBCE is a national testing agency whose written exams have been previously required prior to the taking of the MBCE's practical licensing exam. Since the NBCE developed a high quality practical licensing exam, the MBCE chose to incorporate it into its determination of entry level competency. This examination is provided in May and in November of each year, and is conducted at Northwestern College of Chiropractic, as well as approximately 8 other sites nationally.

However, the NBCE does not provide an examination in jurisprudence (the laws relative to the practice of chiropractic) which the MBCE has also required as part of its licensing process. Therefore, the MBCE currently schedules a written jurisprudence examination on the third Wednesday of each month, and has done so since January of 1997. The jurisprudence examination is given in the offices of the MBCE.

No persons were licensed by any means other than successful completion of the licensing examination. No persons were denied licensure following the successful completion of the licensing examination.

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY
FISCAL 1997**

| NBCE Testing | Written | Practical |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | September 1996 | November 1996 |
| | March 1997 | May 1997 |

| Minnesota Jurisprudence Examination- Test given at Northwestern College of Chiropractic |
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| January 1997 |
| April 1997 |

Applicants that took the Jurisprudence Examination in Fiscal 1997

| Gender | Age: 18-23 | Age: 24-29 | Age: 30-35 | Age: 36-41 | Age: 42-47 | Age: 48-53 | Age: 54+ | State in Residence |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---|
| Female | 2 | 14 | 3 | 2 | | | | MN-15, CA-2, IA-2, MO-1, SC-1 |
| Male | 18 | 25 | 10 | 1 | 1 | | | MN-46, WI-2, WA-1, CANADA-1, ME-1, IN-1, ND-1, IL-1, FL-1 |

Applicants licensed in Fiscal 1997

| Gender | Age: 18-23 | Age: 24-29 | Age: 30-35 | Age: 36-41 | Age: 42-47 | Age: 48-53 | Age: 54+ | State in Residence |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Female | | 13 | 1 | 1 | | | | MN-14, MO-1 |
| Male | | 21 | 10 | 2 | 1 | | | MN-31, WI-1, CANADA-1, IL-1 |

**STATISTICAL SUMMARY
FISCAL 1998**

| | | |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| NBCE Testing | Written | Practical |
| | September 1997 | November 1997 |
| | March 1998 | May 1998 |

| | |
|---|--|
| Minnesota Jurisprudence Examination- Test given at MBCE office | |
| July 16, 1997 August 20, 1997 September 17, 1997 October 15, 1997 November 19, 1997 | January 21, 1998 February 18, 1998 March 18, 1998 April 15, 1998 May 20, 1998 June 17, 1998 |

Applicants that took the Jurisprudence Examination in Fiscal 1998

| Gender | Age: 18-23 | Age: 24-29 | Age: 30-35 | Age: 36-41 | Age: 42-47 | Age: 48-53 | Age: 54+ | State in Residence |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|---|
| Female | 1 | 25 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | MN-41, IA-1, ND-1 |
| Male | 1 | 52 | 22 | 7 | 3 | | 1 | MN-73, GA-1, IA-4, NE-1, SD-1, CA-1, KS-1, MA-1, Canada-1, AZ-1, KY-1 |

Applicants licensed in Fiscal 1998

| Gender | Age: 18-23 | Age: 24-29 | Age: 30-35 | Age: 36-41 | Age: 42-47 | Age: 48-53 | Age: 54+ | State in Residence |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|---|
| Female | 1 | 25 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | MN-41, IA-1, ND-1 |
| Male | 1 | 49 | 22 | 6 | 3 | | 1 | MN-71, GA-1, IA-3, NE-1, SD-1, KS-1, MA-1, Canada-1, AZ-1, KY-1 |

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN

Fiscal 1997

There were six (6) disciplinary actions:

- 1 cease and desist for unprofessional conduct
- 2 probation for failure to renew license
- 1 probation for non-compliance with the board
- 1 probation for poor recordkeeping
- 1 stipulation for unprofessional conduct

There were seven (7) corrective actions:

- 4 unprofessional conduct
- 1 unlicensed practice
- 1 poor recordkeeping
- 1 malpractice

There was one (1) complaint referred to another governmental agency as required pursuant to M.S. 214.10

Fiscal 1998

There were eight (8) disciplinary actions:

- 1 probation for improper billing
- 1 probation for unprofessional conduct
- 1 revocation for unprofessional conduct
- 3 suspension for unprofessional conduct
- 1 suspension for drug/alcohol abuse
- 1 suspension for non-compliance with the board

There were four (4) corrective actions:

- 1 poor recordkeeping
- 2 unprofessional conduct
- 1 improper billing

There were two (2) complaints referred to another governmental agency as required pursuant to M.S. 214.10

COMPLAINT STATISTICS

| CATEGORY | SUB-CATEGORY | FY97 | FY98 |
|----------------------------|--|------------|------------|
| Acupuncture | not registered | 1 | |
| Advertising | false or cure | 6 | 1 |
| | free services | 2 | 9 |
| | no name or no DC/Chiropractor | 7 | 10 |
| | not chiropractic or chiropractor | 3 | 3 |
| | other | 1 | 4 |
| | better than other chiropractors | | 4 |
| | phone/MVA solicitation | 1 | 1 |
| Applicant | item/action reported on application | 3 | 3 |
| | academic probation | | 1 |
| | disability | | 1 |
| | report of cheating on board exam | 1 | |
| Billing | billing dispute | 14 | 7 |
| | excessive fees | 2 | 8 |
| | fraudulent | 15 | 23 |
| | threatening | 2 | 2 |
| Child support | failure to pay | | 1 |
| Competence/negligence | competency | 1 | 6 |
| | negligence (injury) | 4 | |
| Criminal conviction | criminal conviction | 4 | 2 |
| Drug/alcohol abuse | drug or alcohol abuse | 2 | 5 |
| | violation of board order (by drinking) | 1 | 1 |
| Independent Examiner | competence | 2 | |
| | false or inaccurate report | | 3 |
| | not registered | | 1 |
| | unprofessional conduct | 1 | 2 |
| Malpractice payment report | malpractice payment report | 5 | 4 |
| Noncompliance | fraudulent billing (under probation) | 2 | |
| | violation of GPP | | 1 |
| | noncompliance-board request/order | 3 | 3 |
| Quality of care | ability/disability | 2 | 2 |
| | competence/negligence | 4 | 11 |
| | nonstandard treatment/scope of prac | 3 | 5 |
| Recordkeeping | recordkeeping poor | 3 | 5 |
| | records false or altered | 2 | 2 |
| | records mishandled | | 1 |
| Release of records | failed to release or supply | 11 | 7 |
| | release w/o waiver/breach pt confiden | | 1 |
| Unlicensed practice | practicing while un-renewed | 3 | |
| | unlicensed student or delegating | 3 | 9 |
| | P.T., M.T., N.D. | 1 | 3 |
| Unprofessional conduct | other | 5 | 7 |
| | high-pressure or scare tactics | 1 | 3 |
| | over-utilization of services | 4 | 3 |
| | sexual misconduct | 23 | 12 |
| Unsafe practice | unsanitary | 1 | |
| | unsafe x-ray techniques | | 1 |
| TOTALS | | 148 | 178 |

RULES SUMMARY

For the purposes of this section, rules will be summarized by category: Adopted rules, and rules currently being promulgated.

Rules Currently Being Promulgated

Acupuncture; Dual Registration - In 1996 the Board of Medical practice established a statute requiring the registration of those persons performing acupuncture, which necessarily exempted chiropractors. Prior to this, chiropractors who were performing acupuncture had to do so after being registered in tandem with their chiropractic license and had to perform such service in conjunction with chiropractic care. This rule is promulgated to address those chiropractors who are otherwise qualified and registered to perform acupuncture service independent of chiropractic care. (23 S.R. 409)

Continuing Education; non-endorsement - A statement in rule that continuing education programs are not endorsed by the board when approved, but merely approved based on the requirements of the law. (20 S.R. 2069)

Continuing Education; Unapproved Programs - This rule will broaden the approval criteria slightly to allow for the approval of programs that would be of significant benefit to the practitioner and the patients, but which are currently unapprovable due to a narrow interpretation of ambiguous language. (20 S.R. 2069)

Continuing Education; Alternative formats - This rule will allow for an increase in the methods by which licensees can acquire continuing education, including such possible formats as videoconferencing, online, correspondence, etc. (19 S.R. 740)

Definitions; "Extern" and "Intern" - This rule is currently being revised to clarify the use of these terms to designate a postgraduate and pregraduate status respectively. (23 S.R. 411)

Definitions; "Expire" and "Terminate" - Clarification of the administrative procedures established when a license expires normally, as distinguished from the situation in which a practitioner fails to complete the renewal process. Is also the precursor to establishing the procedures for renewing when a license has been administratively terminated. 20 S.R. 2068)

Fees; Increase of Fees related to licensure exam, Graduate Preceptorship Program, license renewal, license renewal penalty, inactive licensure, independent examiner registration, independent examiner renewal, acupuncture registration, acupuncture registration renewal, continuing education sponsorship (individual and annual), letters of good standing, lists generated by the board. - The board is considering a "global" increase in fees in order to meet the increasing costs of the agency, while at the same time trying to fairly distribute such costs. (23 S.R. 410)

Examination; Use of National Boards Part IV - This series of rules is designed to incorporate the national testing organization in the last phase of the competency evaluation process. The Part IV exam is a practical exam which is now being used in lieu of the Practical exam previously developed and administered by the MBCE. (21 S.R. 1428)

Experimental Procedures - This rule is to address the need for additional notification and clarification to patients who may become financially responsible for procedures or therapies which may be less than traditional or less likely to be reimbursed by third party payors. (20 S.R. 324)

Fees; Repeal of fee related to costs for stipulations and orders - By rule, the board charges \$10.00 for stipulations and orders while only charging \$.25 a page to copy other documents. For consistency, the board intends to repeal this rule (charging \$10.00) and utilize the normal copying charges for such requests (\$.25/page.) (23 S.R. 410)

Fees; Increase In Peer Review Fee - This is to recover costs which are currently underrecovered based on the utilization of the program versus the costs of administering it. (20 S.R. 834)

Graduate Preceptorship; Program Participation - This rule is to allow for the removal of the link to participation in this program to a specific period of time following graduation. Accordingly, an out of state practitioner may relocate and function under the supervision of a Minnesota licensed chiropractor for a limited period of time while pursuing licensure. (20 S.R. 834)

Graduate Preceptorship; Clarification of Fees - Improvement on language clarifying that the initial application and subsequent renewals are both subject to fees. (20 S.R. 2069)

License Status; Emeritus - This is to confer an honorary and permanent final status to those persons who have been licensed for many years but who have finally and fully retired from the practice of chiropractic. (21 S.R. 1429)

License Status; Inactive Retired License - This is for a repeal of a license classification no longer in use. (20 S.R. 1170)

License Status; Reinstatement of Terminated Licenses - This rule is designed to clarify the ability of the board to reinstate licenses when terminated for reasons not previously covered by reinstatement provisions. The reasons for termination were established, but the reinstatement for these failures was omitted. (20 S.R. 2068)

Opinions; Rendering of - The board seeks to clarify that the practice of chiropractic which includes examinations, diagnosis, and prognosis must necessarily include the rendering of opinions. (19 S.R. 2093)

Peer Review; Criteria for membership - This rule is designed to establish some specific qualifications for the professional members that may serve on the Peer Review Committee (21 S.R. 60)

Registrations; Summary Suspensions of - Registrations, such as acupuncture, independent examiner, preceptor, etc. typically have certain requirements which must be met in order to acquire the registration in the first place. The board is promulgating rules to allow for the suspension of such registration should the registrant no longer be in compliance with the requirements. (20 S.R. 324)

Registrations; Late Independent Examiner Registration Remedies - This is for the board to be able to assess a late penalty fee for those Independent examiners who do not comply with timely registration requirements. (20 S.R. 324)

Registrations; Late Acupuncture Registration Remedies - This is for the board to be able to assess a late penalty fee for those acupuncture registrants who do not comply with timely registration requirements. (20 S.R. 324)

Rules; Waivers/Variances - This rule will allow for discretionary decisions on the part of the board when a situation arises which was never anticipated during the promulgation of a rule. Substantial protections are built into the variance rule including the assurances that the process is public. (20 S.R. 2068)

SUMMARY

The information contained herein, may be considered an indicator of the health of the agency as well as the overall regulatory impact. As a legal matter, a health licensing board is established to protect the public against incompetency or substandard care by its regulated individuals. To this end, the two primary methods available to the health licensing boards to accomplish this agenda, are to assess entry level competencies, and to enforce the laws through the agency's quasi-judicial function. As a practical matter, the agency is required to accomplish this in a fiscally prudent manner which befits the dignity of the state.

The Minnesota Board of Chiropractic Examiners (MBCE) has established progressive policies toward determining entry level competencies by adopting the use of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners (NBCE) practical examination. With the resources available to the NBCE, the quality and defensibility of this psychometrically sound exam exceed the capabilities of the MBCE. Accordingly, candidates are assessed for a broader range of capabilities and appropriate clinical decision making than was previously possible.

With regard to the quasi-judicial function, the statistics point out a 28% reduction in overall complaints when compared to the previous biennium. An optimistic view suggests that this results from the attempts by the board to refine its rulemaking experience to establish clear standards of professional behavior, while at the same time enforcing the statutes and rules firmly. It is arguable that this activity, combined with continual improvements in communication to the profession have served the MBCE well in reducing misunderstandings and resultant complaints.

With regard to fiscal restraint, the MBCE has held the line against costs and fee increases for five (5) years now. However, as a result of the rise in costs (particularly of the Attorney General's fees) the MBCE must increase fees to meet the expenditures of the agency. However, it is intended that this will be done in an equitable manner, resulting in negligible individual fiscal impact. In terms of fiscal integrity, the MBCE is in receipt of the most recent legislative audit, covering the period July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1997. In summary, the MBCE was found to be in compliance in all respects, and there were no recommendations made by the Legislative Auditors office. The audit stated:

The board designed controls to provide reasonable assurance that it collected and deposited appropriate fees. With respect to items tested, the board complied with applicable legal and policy provisions.

and

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners designed internal controls to provide assurance that payroll and other administrative expenditures were properly authorized and accurately reported in the accounting records. In addition, for the items tested, the board complied with material finance related legal provisions and applicable bargaining unit agreements.

In conclusion, the MBCE believes it has met its objectives described at the top of this page.