

**OKLAHOMA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
2004 REPORT**

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1. Describe Three (3) of the most interesting and/or important events, achievements, or changes your Board has accomplished this past year.

- The Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners approved the Postgraduate course in Animal Chiropractic at Parker Chiropractic College to be an acceptable certification course for Oklahoma chiropractic physicians wanting to practice animal chiropractic in Oklahoma.
- In a case involving the Board of Chiropractic Examiners vs. Tammy Kennedy in Garfield County District Court Judge Richard Perry ordered a temporary injunction against Ms. Kennedy for practicing Nerve Signal Interference, which he stated "that he could not tell the difference between what she was doing to patients/clients from that of a chiropractor". Ms. Kennedy proclaims that her grandfather Earl Craton, D.C. was the founder of the technique NSIR, taught her the technique, and even was issued a certificate from her grandfather. She states that this technique is not chiropractic, and that she does not claim to be practicing chiropractic. Ms. Kennedy was forced to close her school and her clinic after having been ordered to discontinue her practice by the temporary injunction.
- Promulgated a permanent rule regarding scope of practice for chiropractors in the state of Oklahoma in accordance to an Attorney General Opinion that was rendered in April of 2002. The rule started as an emergency rule being approved by the Governor, and later superceded by the approval of the permanent rule. The rule was developed by the Unified Chiropractic Association's Attorney along with a group of individuals that put in countless hours of research and development to ensure that all areas that are taught at approved accredited chiropractic colleges, and approved by the Oklahoma Board of Chiropractic Examiners was covered in the definition of scope of practice.

2. What difficult challenges does your board currently face?

- The Unified Chiropractic Association at the start of the 2004 legislature submitted House Bill 2724. The Board of Chiropractic Examiners currently is not in support of this bill because it will increase the board

membership from 4 chiropractic physicians to 8 chiropractic physicians each appointed by the Governor from 8 geographical areas of the state of Oklahoma. The bill will also require that the associations that provide continuing education shall provide meaningful research to the profession of Oklahoma, and it will require malpractice insurance for those chiropractic physicians that practice over 24 hours actively in Oklahoma. The association also incorporated language that the Board of Chiropractic Examiners had drafted for new legislation and approved into the bill. The bill has currently passed the House with the title stricken once, passed the Senate Business and Labor Committee with amendments, passed the full Senate with more amendments, had the title placed back on the bill, and is awaiting another full House vote before going to the Governor's office.

3. Name one way the FCLB has helped you achieve a board goal within the last year.

- The FCLB has been a tremendous supporter of all State Chiropractic Boards, and with the support that they give to each state that in itself helps all achievements of board goals.