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FCA Director's Report for the January 23rd Meeting

Greetings from your FCA Board of Directors!

Last month, we met to discuss ongoing issues and plan future improvements to better serve the profession. We are committed to engaging more of our colleagues in the FCA's mission to empower chiropractic physicians through education, advocacy, service, and leadership.

This volunteer work is something I truly enjoy, and I am grateful for the opportunity to represent our local FCA members. Below are a few highlights from our most recent quarterly meeting:

- Dr. Tim Steflik, of Edgewater was voted FCA Treasurer and Dr. Art LeVine of Plantation was approved as Secretary.
- Dr. Cris Langheier and Dr. Steve Perman will represent Florida/FCA in Washington DC to lobby for the Chiropractic Medicare Coverage Modernization Act (H.R. 539/S. 106)
- Dr. David Zamikoff reported on the Oral-facial pain/TMD (OFPT) program taught by Dr. Chris Oswald at the FCA SW Regional Convention in November. Dr. Zamikoff relayed that a tremendous amount of information was presented, the program is very intense and a test was given at the conclusion. Dr. Zamikoff reports that with the assistance of OFPT, he received almost immediate referrals from local dentists whose patients they referred for TMD pain relief which is an excellent addition to his patient base.
- Post-Covid and Dry Needling programs were also mentioned as beginning at FCA SW. Dr Jeff Bos reported very positive results with the Dry Needling program; it was very detailed especially with neuroanatomy coverage. A test and practical were also given. Dr. Bos reported on the excellent results on patients and the addition of "tools" in his toolbox. Foundation and Advanced courses are scheduled during FCA SE Regional and The National Convention.
- FCA General Counsel Jaffe reported on updates for registering complaints with the Department of Financial Services against insurance companies for denied, reduced, or delayed reimbursements. There are new instructions for providers/patients to file complaints against insurers at <https://apps.fldfs.com/eService/Newrequest.aspx>. Be sure to follow the path for "file an insurance complaint online" versus "medical provider".
- Jaffe is also at work as a member of the Government Affairs Workgroup of the Chiropractic Future Strategic Plan to improve nationwide legislative advancements for our profession.
- Jaffe reported on the GEICO LMT lawsuits and the productive work that Attorney Patrick Causey has been able to accomplish in fending off these attacks. The focus by GEICO appears to be on PIP and pain clinics.

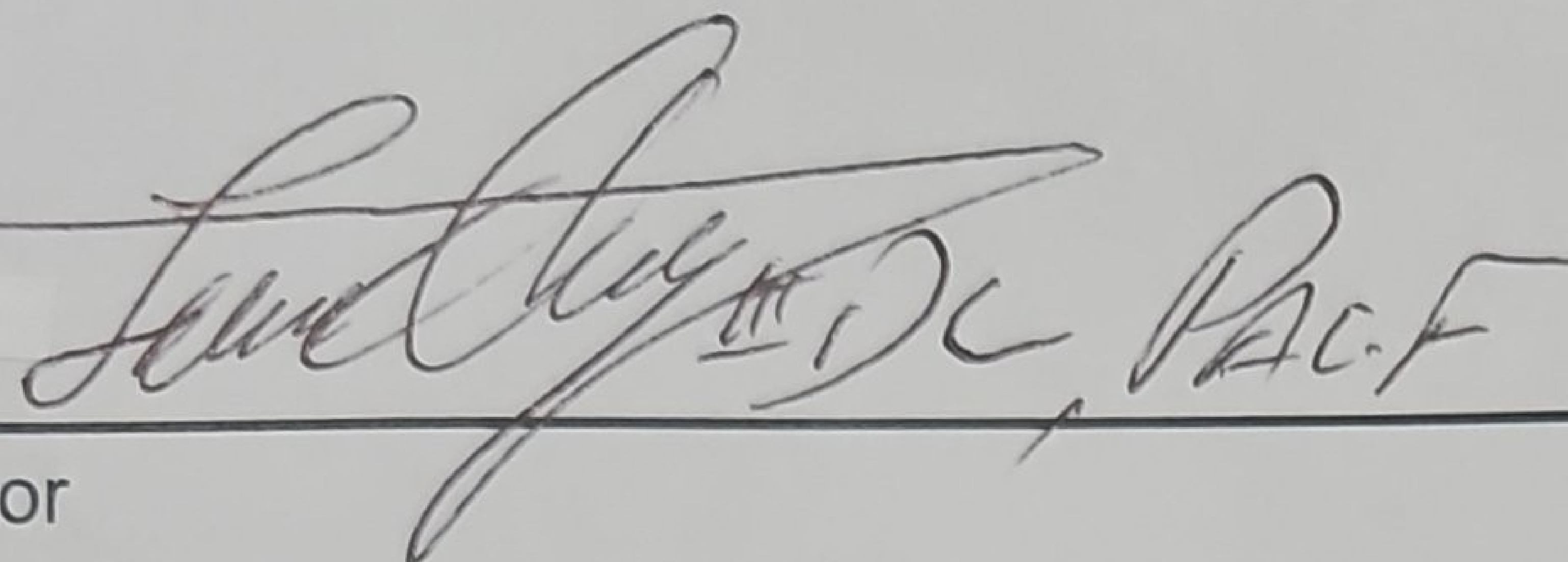
- The "Mobile" Act was discussed which enables out of state DC's meeting certain requirements to be quickly licensed. For those out of state who have not taken Part IV (because it was not required at the time), Jaffe received confirmation that Part IV will not be a requirement to Florida licensure if the other requirements of the MOBILE act are met (practicing 3 of the last 4 years; no discipline; financial responsibility requirements, etc).
- Dr. LeVine reviewed the ChiroCongress report which contained many great ideas to attract and involve students from Chiropractic and undergraduate colleges. In addition, appeal was made to get more of our members thinking about running for legislative seats as there are currently no chiropractic physicians in the legislature.
- Dr. Andrea Shaw of Jacksonville was appointed FCA Director for Northeast Florida, as Dr. Erika Hamer begins her term as FCA President-Elect.
- The Resources (Forms, Manuals and Guidance Materials) on www.fcachiro.org continue to grow. There are over 40 helpful documents posted for member downloads. If you need assistance logging in, feel free to email Nicole Barry, FCA Membership Coordinator, nicole@fcachiro.org.
- Take a look at the ChiroLearn Education On Demand system on fcachiro.org. ChiroLearn has been updated with greater functionality via single sign-on when you log into your www.fcachiro.org member account. New content will continue to be added in the coming months. As it does with its live events, FCA reports all online course completions through ChiroLearn to CE Broker on the learner's behalf. Members receive a substantial discount on all classes.
- More episodes of the FCA poDCast have been released, and we hope you've been able to listen to a sampling. We hope you will subscribe and enjoy! Just search for "Florida Chiropractic Association" using any podcast platform.
- Please make a point to increase your personal engagement with our social platforms on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn. Follow, like and share each time you see an FCA post. This will help increase your visibility to your patients and community.
- 56 new FCA memberships were approved.
- FCA Sports Council members and other sports-related doctors met with staff over the last few months about enacting a "sports track" to include greater awareness for the FCA Sports Council and sports related lecture content at all conventions. If you would like to get involved, email admin@fcachiro.org.
- We will be back in Fort Lauderdale Beach for FCA SE Regional Convention, June 13-25, 2025.

As your FCA board member, I encourage you to support ChiroPAC, the Florida Chiropractic Association's political action committee. Political action requires financial contributions to counter unfavorable legislation and promote beneficial laws. Your donations are essential. Please help us by donating at www.ChiroPAC.org. Even a minimum contribution through your FCA dues will significantly aid in supporting campaigns of our Legislative friends in the Florida House and Senate.

The 18 FCA regional chapters or local societies continue to be a focus of discussion, as not all are very active. I am seeking members who are interested in better acquainting themselves with our colleagues and enhancing our profession through collaboration. If you wish to connect with Doctors of Chiropractic (DCs) in your area for lunch gatherings, Zoom meetings, or other social engagements, please contact me **at 321-783-4455**. Each of us is dedicated to serving our patients and providing the care necessary to improve their health and quality of life. Our goal is to protect and enhance patient access to your care.

The FCA has a 94-year history of advancing the practice environment for chiropractic care in Florida. The favorable laws and advancements we enjoy today would not have been possible without the support from membership and event attendance. We appreciate your continued support, which is essential to sustaining our efforts, allowing the FCA to assist you during this era of significant change. To your continued success!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Chaffin, D.C., Ph.D.", written over a horizontal line.

FCA Director