

Board of Chiropractic Medicine
December 14, 2023 at 9:00 am, Videoconference meeting

- I. **FCA Historical – important to discuss in looking at the overall picture of what the FCA contributes to the profession.**
- a. **About:**
- i. Total of approx **4100 dues-paying DCs and non-dues paying students** (free to students).
 - ii. Democratic board – made up of 22 practicing DCs; voluntary board (not paid)
 - iii. Legislative priorities are considered and set in August of each year.
 - iv. FCA is about **so much more than government affairs** when it comes to giving back to chiropractic. For decades, the FCA has donated a tremendous amount of money to **support and assist the profession in moving forward.**
 1. Donated approx. **\$75,000** to research through **Clinical Compass** (\$15K annually)
 2. Donated approx **\$425,000** to **positive press and marketing of chiropractic worldwide** through **Foundation for Chiropractic Progress** (contributions over the last 20 years).
 3. Donated **\$255,000** in scholarships through the FCA's charitable arm, the **FL Chiropractic Foundation** (**\$17,500** annually)
 4. Donates **\$12,000** a year to the **Chiropractic Strategic Plan** - A strategic plan with the goal of leading the entire chiropractic profession into an essential and thriving future. (www.chiropracticfuture.org). (inception 11/2019)
 5. Contribute yearly to the national Work Comp conference (**WCI**) to work to bring back workers' compensation more abundantly into the profession.
 6. Raised and donated **\$1M** in an endowment for a research position at the **University of South Florida**, now housed in the **USF Health, Department of Neurosurgery and Brain Repair.**

- v. FCA has had a large **government affairs** presence since early to mid 1970s and currently has 9 registered lobbyists.
 - 1. At our last count, the FCA has either helped to pass or defended over **100 pieces of legislation** for the profession.
 - 2. **ChiroPAC** contributions over last **10 years** totalled **\$1.94 million**
- vi. **Aside from charitable giving to the profession and government affairs, the FCA member benefits includes a full time Help Desk; Insurance Relations; and full time Generals Counsel, all to benefit their members and chiropractic.**

II. Purpose of the meeting today

- a. The FCA is here primarily to listen and because we were asked to be here.
- b. We are a bit unsure of the reason why this Board meeting was called with the specific request of the various chiropractic groups to attend to discuss proactive legislation when the Board's own website states that the **purpose** of it is for, "**licensure, monitoring and ensuring the safe practice of chiropractic professionals to assure competency and safety to practice in their service to the people of Florida.**"
- c. That said, we are here to participate as we can.

III. List of Legislative Priorities

- a. Anti claw-back legislation (State Farm, etc)(HB 731 by Rep. Botana, Insurance Claims) (---, Senator Grall).
- b. Oppose PIP repeal – (SB 464, Grall) (HB 653, Alvarez)
- c. Support any efforts to reinstate PIP attorney's fees (pending bill)
- d. Protect physician titles for DCs as we did last Session.
- e. Continued protection of Ch 460 and the chiropractic scope of practice.

Other legislation we are working on includes:

- f. **Fixing the problem** that precludes DCs with foreign bachelor's degrees from being licensed.
- g. **Lien law** to bring transparency and fairness in PI settlements.
- h. **Dry needling** – which we tried to assure for the many DCs who want to perform DN through this Board until it was shut down. So now, ATs and PTs can perform DN, but DCs without acupuncture certification cannot.
- i. **Live Healthy workforce initiative**
 - i. Stay involved in this as much as possible.

- ii. Seek amendment to include Chapter 460 in the Health Care Innovation Council
- iii. Evaluate chiropractic licensure compact (Nurses, Psychologists, PTs, ANRPs, Speech-Language Pathology, Medical licensure)
 1. 300,000 people moving to FL each year. Not enough HCPs to handle influx.
 2. Purpose – strengthen access to chiropractic; facilitate the interstate practice of chiropractic care; improve public access to chiropractic services.

IV. **'Live Healthy' in Senate Committee**

A legislative initiative known as "Live Healthy" is scheduled to debut in the Senate Health Policy Committee today. The effort, a priority of Senate President Kathleen Passidomo, R-Naples, comprises two bills that together allocate nearly \$1 billion in state funds to expand Florida's health care workforce and support innovation in the field. SPB 7016, sponsored by Lakeland Republican Sen. Colleen Burton, would allocate a total of \$796.7 million for health care workforce training and deregulation to increase employment mobility, and SPB 7018, sponsored by Stuart Republican Sen. Gayle Harrell, would appropriate \$76.25 million for loans for technological innovation. The measures cover regulations, health care pricing transparency and forgivable loans for volunteer health services. The initiative, however, does not include expanding Medicaid. LobbyTools Calendar