MONTANA BOARD OF CHIROPRACTORS

NEWSLETTER

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DR. SANDO IS REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTORS

The Board is happy to announce that Governor Brian Schweitzer reappointed Dr. John Sando of Butte to the Board effective February 12, 2009. John has been a dedicated member of the Board of Chiropractors since January 2006.

Dr. Sando has made many contributions to the Board attending the annual and district meetings of the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners Part IV practical examination test committee. Dr. Sando is responsible for the Board's "New Doc Seminar" in which newly licensed chiropractors are brought together to review the regulations of practicing chiropractic in Montana and are given an opportunity to ask questions and obtain information.

Dr. Sando has been president of the Montana Chiropractic Association, the Butte Chamber of Commerce, the Butte Silver Bow Kiwanis and the Pioneer Chapter of the American Red Cross. He received his doctor of chiropractic from Northwestern College of Chiropractic.

Congratulations John, the Board looks forward to working with you for another term.

Dr. John Sando

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GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW BOARD MEMBER

Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Alice Whiteman as a Public member to the Board effective February 12, 2009. Whiteman has a master of public administration (personnel and workforce diversity) from Montana State University - Bozeman. She recently served as regional human resources manager for Safeway, Inc. and also worked for the Montana Human Rights Bureau. She recently served a term on the Personnel Appeals Board.

Ms. Whiteman will be a great addition to the Board of Chiropractors. Welcome to the Board Alice, we look forward to working with you!

BOARD MEMBER FAREWELL

The Board wishes to extend its appreciation to Ms. Lucy Heger for her three years of service to the Board of Chiropractors and the citizens of Montana as the Board's public member. Lucy was a dedicated member and will be missed. Thank You, Lucy!!

DIRECT CONTACT OF BOARD MEMBERS:

The Board members are always willing to visit with licensees regarding general issues. However, Board members, as individuals, are not allowed to speak for the Board unless a Board decision has been reached between all Board members at a regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Therefore, anytime a licensee or a member of the public wishes to know the Board's decision regarding a particular issue, they need to write a letter to the Board and request a response from the Board at its earliest convenience. This usually means at its next scheduled meeting.

***NEVER** contact a Board member regarding a complaint (new, pending or even being considered) or any issue that might, in the future be cause for disciplinary action against a licensee.*

The reason for this is that there are only four members on the Board and it may cause them to be recused from any discussion regarding that complaint, or issue. This greatly jeopardizes the efficiency of the Board.

NEW CONSUMER HEALTH CARE INFORMATION WEBSITE

The Montana Hospital Association (MHA), an Association of Montana Health Care Providers, is sponsoring a new website. The website will contain information for Montana consumers on health care, including facility pricing for various procedures, health insurance, long-term care options, and related health care information.

The Children, Families, Health, and Human Services Interim Committee sees this private sector effort to improve access to health care information as an important step that can be made better by broader participation. The hope is that, with more information, Montana consumers will make more educated health care decisions and be more aware of health care costs. The MHA will include links or information for entities that are not MHA members.

Roberta Yager at MHA is developing the website and getting approvals for links or other information posted at the site. Please contact her directly at roberta@mtha.org to include your links or information on the website.

UNIFORM EVALUATIVE PROCESS FOR TREATMENTS & DEVICES

◇ At the October 24, 2008 board meeting, the Montana Board of Chiropractors implemented the use of the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards Model Framework for the Uniform Evaluative Process for Treatments & Devices. This process will guide the board in evaluating whether certain treatments or devices can be legally used in the State in a fair and uniform way. The assessment model is divided into eight sections:

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◇ 1. Scope of Practice Issues
◇ 2. Safety & Effectiveness
◇ 3. Recognition/Educational Settings
◇ 4. Lawful Use of Devices, Foods and dietary
◇ Supplements
◇ 5. Publication/Marketing Information
◇ 6. Competency assessment
◇ 7. Financial Arrangements
◇ 8. Special Considerations for Experimental
◇ Treatments and Devices Form
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◇ The assessment model can be found on the Board's website at: www.chiropractor.mt.gov Click on the Forms Tab, select additional forms, then click on Treatment & Devices Form.

NEW RENEWAL PROCESS

Licensees will see a change with the 2009 renewal process. The State of Montana now requires the use of ***ePass*** when utilizing state services. ***ePass*** is a user name and password that is set up by the user which will allow access to many online services offered by State agencies. The addition of the user name and password will also add a level of security to your online renewal as you must enter the username and password prior to entering your license number and PIN for renewal. ***ePass*** will allow the user access to other services such as fishing and hunting licenses from Fish, Wildlife, and Parks; business registration with the Secretary of State's office and many others.

Renewal reminder postcards will be sent out at the end of June. The postcard will include your PIN that is needed to renew your license online. You must renew your license by September 1, 2009 to avoid a late penalty fee.

mt.gov
Montana's Official State Website

ACCEPTING PAYMENT IN EXCHANGE FOR PRODUCT REFERRALS

Last year it was brought to the Board's attention that a company had contacted Montana licensees offering them compensation in return for referring patients to use their product or equipment. The Board's current Administrative Rules state that fees in exchange for referrals to other professionals is considered unprofessional conduct but does not address companies such as this.

The Board is currently working on an amendment to ARM 24.126.2301 that would include receiving payments or fees in referral of a patient to any company offering payment in exchange for referrals to their products or services as unprofessional conduct. The Board will notify all licensees when this rule change is proposed.

OBTAINING CE CREDIT FOR ATTENDING BOARD MEETINGS

The Board meets at least two times per year and calls additional meetings as the need arises. Board meetings are open to the public and you can obtain 2 continuing education credits for every board meeting attended. You can view meeting dates and times on the Board's website at www.chiropractor.mt.gov

ETHICS AND BOUNDARIES CONTINUING EDUCATION

The Board's Administrative Rules require four hours of Ethics & Boundaries continuing education every four years. This requirement is in addition to the 12 hours of continuing education required annually. The ethics and boundaries requirement was put into place in 2006 and the Board will be randomly auditing for compliance with this requirement in September 2010. All licensees selected for random audit in 2010 will be required to provide proof of 12 hours of continuing education and 4 hours of ethics and boundaries education taken between September 1, 2006 and August 31, 2010. Remember, it is your responsibility as a licensee to keep all certificates of completion for submission to the Board office when requested.

BOARD STATISTICS

	2008	
Applications Received	22	
New Licenses Issued	15	
Licenses Denied	-0-	
Chiropractic Intern Licenses	2	
Inactive In-State	17	
Inactive Out-of State	103	
Inactive Out-of-Country	8	
TOTAL INACTIVE LICENSEES		**128**
Active In-State	325	
Active Out-of-State	44	
Active Out-of-Country	1	
Active Probation	1	
TOTAL ACTIVE LICENSES		**371**

LIST OF NEW LICENSEES January, 2008 TO December, 2008

Amy KG Berglund Wood
Jeffrey F. Fife
John P Fitzpatrick
Jennifer Gwen Johnson
Jordan Brooks Linder
Shawn D. Lovdahl
Patrick Arden Lund
Andrew T. McCoy
Michael C. Morris
Lu Ann Morrow
Darren B. Obrey
Michael M. Peterson
David J. Powell
Reese Russell Riggin
Leif Allen Stephens
Cody R. Taylor

LICENSEE LIST DOWNLOAD SERVICE

Lists of the Division's licensees are now available online at https://app.mt.gov/download/ You can select the criteria for your list including license type, status, and can even break it down by location. The list downloads into an Excel format and you can pay for the list with a credit card. The list includes name, address, license type and license status. Lists are no longer available through the Board office.

Board Members:

PRESIDENT
John Sando, DC
Butte, MT
Term: 01/01/2009-01/01/2012

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER
Scott Hansing, DC
Helena, MT
Term: 01/01/2008-01/01/2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBER
Thomas Fullerton, DC
Kalispell, MT
Term: 01/01/2007-01/01/2010

PUBLIC MEMBER
Alice Whiteman
Missoula, MT
Term: 01/01/2009-01/01/2012

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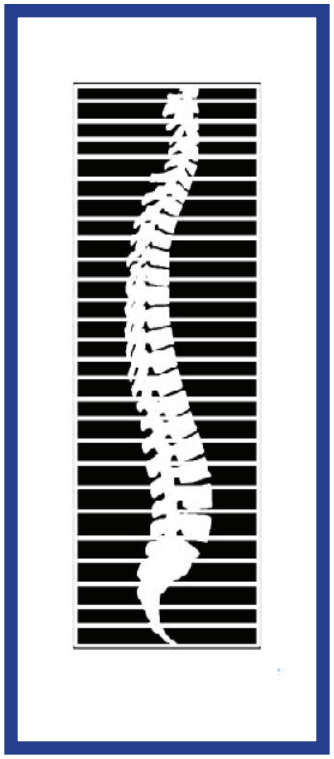


COMPLAINT STATISTICS

COMPLAINTS	2008
Prior year Complaints	9
New Complaints Received	9
Contested Cases	2
Investigations Assigned	8
Investigations Completed	-0-

COMPLAINTS CLOSED, BROKEN OUT BY LATEST BOARD DECISION

	2008
Multiple Sanctions	1
Dismissed (with prejudice)	11
Dismissed (without prejudice)	3
Probation	-0-
Revocation	-0-
Injunctions	-0-

TOTAL CLOSED COMPLAINTS 14

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Board statutes, rules, applications, meeting dates, agendas and minutes, can be found on the Internet. Please take a minute to explore the Board's website:

www.chiropractor.mt.gov

FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPLAINT PROCEDURE AND PROCESS, CONTACT DUSTIN JOHNSON, COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST AT (406) 841-2344

CORRECTION:

The 2008 *Montana Board of Chiropractors Newsletter,* on page 5, "Disciplinary Proceedings" INCORRECTLY reported the Reason for Disciplinary Action involving Martin Rodgers and Rosalyn Rodgers of Bozeman, MT.

Drs. Martin and Rosalyn Rodgers were not disciplined for fraud. Martin and Rosalyn Rodgers have fully and satisfactorily resolved the concerns raised by the Montana Board of Chiropractors. The Board of Chiropractors apologizes for the misstatement contained in the 2008 Newsletter.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Montana Chiropractic Association

Montana Chiropractic Association 2009 Annual Convention & Exposition

May 14 - 16, 2009 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana.

To register or for more information, contact the MCA at (406) 442-7275 or visit their website at www.mtchiro.org

"NEW DOC SEMINAR"

The Board will once again be offering a New Doc Seminar at the May 2009 MCA Convention in Great Falls and again on October 23, 2009 in conjunction with the Board's next scheduled meeting in Helena.

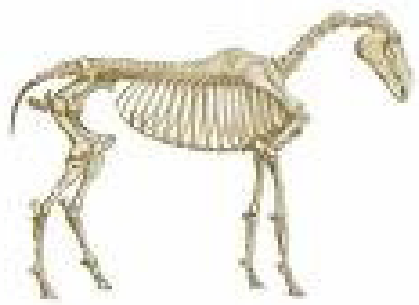
UPCOMING BOARD MEETING DATES

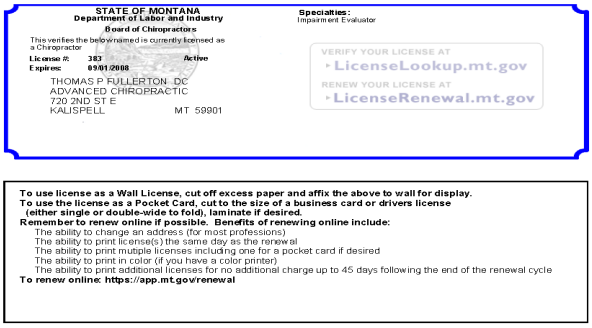
DATE	EVENT	TIME	PLACE
October 23, 2009	Screening Panel meeting (Closed Meeting)	10:00 am	Large Conference Room
October 23, 2009	Full Board Meeting	01:00 pm	Large Conference Room
October 23, 2009	New Doc Seminar	10:00 am	To be determined

All meetings are held at 301 South Park, 4th Floor, Helena MT. Please contact the Board office for details. The agendas for each meeting will be posted on our website prior to the meeting at www.chiropractor.mt.gov

Animal Chiropractic

The Board of Chiropractors has worked with the Board of Veterinarians over the last two years to come up with proposed legislation that would allow a Montana licensed Chiropractor to adjust animals with referral from a Montana licensed Veterinarian. The Boards were unable to secure support from the Montana Chiropractic Association and the Montana Veterinarian Association in time to submit proposed legislation to the 2009 legislature. The Boards plan to continue their work and hope to gain the associations support to propose legislation in 2011. If you support this concept please make your association aware of your support so this proposal can move forward.





STATE OF MONTANA
Department of Labor and Industry
Board of Chiropractors

This verifies the below-named is currently licensed as a Chiropractor

License #: 383 Active
Expires: 09/01/2008

THOMAS P FULLERTON DC
ADVANCED CHIROPRACTIC
720 2ND ST E
KALISPELL MT 59901

Specialties:
Impairment Evaluator

VERIFY YOUR LICENSE AT
LicenseLookup.mt.gov
RENEW YOUR LICENSE AT
LicenseRenewal.mt.gov

To use license as a Wall License, cut off excess paper and affix the above to wall for display.
To use the license as a Pocket Card, cut to the size of a business card or drivers license (either single or double-wide to fold), laminate if desired.
Remember to renew online if possible. Benefits of renewing online include:
The ability to change an address (for most professions)
The ability to print license(s) the same day as the renewal
The ability to print mutiple licenses including one for a pocket card if desired
The ability to print in color (if you have a color printer)
The ability to print additional licenses for no additional charge up to 45 days following the end of the renewal cycle
To renew online: https://app.mt.gov/renewal

DON'T FORGET TO DISPLAY YOUR LICENSE

Administrative Rule 24.126.511 states in (2): All persons engaged in the practice of chiropractic must display their license in a conspicuous place for members of the public to view. Be sure you always have your current license displayed in your office.

What do I have to report?

According to Montana law:

☐ The physician, nurse, or other person licensed to practice a health care profession treating the victim of a gunshot wound or stabbing shall make a report to a law enforcement officer by the fastest possible means.
MCA 37-2-302

☐ A chiropractor must report cases involving suspected child abuse.
MCA 41-3-201

☐ A chiropractor must report cases involving suspected abuse of the elderly or the developmentally disabled.
MCA 52-3-811

Please refer to the citations above for details on reporting requirements. Outside of the special circumstances listed above, cases involving domestic violence or sexual assault and sexual intercourse without consent DO NOT require mandatory reporting. Victims of these crimes should be strongly encouraged to report the incident to law enforcement, but ultimately it is their decision to make.

The National Domestic Violence hotline is 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224. A link to a list of Montana programs that provide direct services to victims of domestic and sexual violence can be found at the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence homepage at: www.mcadsv.com

Chiropractors are encouraged to have information available to provide to individuals who may benefit from such resources.

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ONLINE LICENSEE LOOKUP

Have you ever needed to look up information on an individual who is licensed in Montana? Visit the Department's Licensee Lookup System where you will find information about any professional including license type, license status, and any disciplinary action taken against the license The site is found at:
www.licenselookup.mt.gov

NEW LOOK TO THE BOARD'S WEBSITE

The Board's website has recently experienced some changes. The same informative information can be found with an easier to use format and new look. The website address has not changed. The new website is a work in progress; take a moment to visit, we welcome your comments.

REPORT NAME AND ADDRESS CHANGES TO THE BOARD OFFICE

It is very important that the Board office have your current mailing address so we can keep you informed of actions taken by the Board. License renewals, administrative rule amendments and other subjects affecting licensees are sent to the most current address on file.