



WASHINGTON STATE
CHIROPRACTIC QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
CLASSIFIED LIST COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2025 – Noon

This was a public meeting held in person and online.

Department of Health
Town Center 2
111 Israel Road. S.E.
Tumwater, WA 98501

Committee Members:

Dr. Vanessa Wise; Susan Bogni, MPA; Judge Julie Spector (ret.); Dr. Stephen Chan; Dr. Dana Clum; Dr. Bill Davis; and Dr. David Folweiler, Protem Member

Staff Members:

Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director
Tammy Kelley, Deputy Executive Director
Betty Moe, CQAC Director of Policy and Operations
Christopher Gerard, Assistant Attorney General

OPEN SESSION – March 10, 2025

12:02 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Wise, Chair

- 1.1** The agenda was approved as written, with the addition of Susan Jensen, JD, participating in the call.

2. CONTINUING THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE CLASSIFICATION OF CHIROPRACTIC PROCEDURES AND INSTRUMENTATION LIST

- 2.1** Dr. Wise provided an overview of the following:

- RCW 18.25.005(3) which states, in part: *“The chiropractic quality assurance commission shall provide by rule for the type and use of diagnostic and analytical devices and procedures consistent with this chapter.”*
- WAC 246-808-505, which defines the classifications used and the list the Commission maintains in determining the classification of procedures and instruments for treatment and/or diagnostic evaluation.
- Policy CH-6-12-14, which defines the policy and procedure for considering requests for additions or changes to the list.

- 2.2** The Committee discussed the procedure and criteria in Policy CH-6-12-14 to identify possible changes or improvements to recommend to the Commission.

A motion was made to waive any attorney-client privilege of the document that was shared in advance of the meeting. The motion carried.

Four options were presented:

1. Maintain the current statute, rules, and associated policies and procedures.
2. Seek a legislative change and then make necessary amendments to rules and associated policies and procedures.
3. Maintain the statutory language but amend current rules and associated policies and procedures.
4. Maintain statutory language and current rules but amend associated policies and procedures.

Christopher Gerard presented the advantages and disadvantages associated with each option.

The group discussed when evaluating these options, it is important to consider their respective advantages and disadvantages, as well as examining the problem the Commission is looking to solve, how the options align with the Commission's mission of protecting public health and patient safety, and whether the option is the best use of the Commission's resources.

The group determined that option 1 and option 2 were not viable options to recommend to the Commission.

The group discussed some of the requirements listed in WAC 246-808-505, specifically focusing on the definition of "Approved" requiring a procedure or instrument which is taught by a commission approved chiropractic college for patient clinical application and not for research or experimental purposes and is allowable by statute.

A motion was made that the committee make a recommendation to present to the overall Commission options three and four for further discussion, with an understanding the group has already considered all four options based on legal advice and have concluded that the group recommends moving forward with options three and four for discussion. The motion carried.

3. ADJOURNMENT

1:12 p.m.



March 13, 2025

Prepared By: Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director

Date



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Approved By: Vanessa Wise, DC, Chair

Date