

August 12, 2010

TO: Memorandum to Legislators
FROM: Washington State Chiropractic Association

On January 28, 2010, the Physical Therapy Association of Washington rally participants distributed materials to you that are *not* a factual account of the details surrounding their effort to obtain spinal manipulation in their scope of practice. They portrayed to you a behavior that the WSCA has been uncooperative. **Nothing could be further from the truth.** Additionally, PTWA documented casual inquiries during our meetings to understand each other and to develop trust and included them in formal communication to legislators. Their perception of these questions and the manner in which they have been distributed to you causes a feeling of distrust and disrespect.

PTWA has made several incorrect references to the actual events of the past two years. One such reference was that they would not charge for the spinal manipulation procedure stating that it would be part of their definition of "manual therapy". They also indicated that there would be no reason for consideration of how an insurer would manage the spinal manipulation benefit in a health plan. To display the reasons we feel they are not being forthcoming the following posting on the PTWA website blog probably states their true intent and is printed here word for word:

12.8.09

I've tired of the excuses that you can't afford to close your clinic for a day. The economic impact on your business and profession that you can gain from manipulation will pay for itself.

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It is important to know that Mr. Boyles is on the PTWA Legislative Committee, and is the author of a RAP video mocking manipulation that was created by the University of Puget Sound PT students in 2008.

Below will account for several events that were omitted from their tracking log:

June 24, 2008

- **Legislator informed WSCA** of PTWA effort to obtain spinal manipulation in their scope of practice, NOT the PTWA.

July 2008

- WSCA notified PTWA Lobbyist of berating and derogatory video produced by PT instructors and students mocking spinal manipulation to a rap tune. **WSCA requested its removal.**

January 23, 2009

- PTWA posted derogatory comments on their website and in Seattle Times online blog regarding relationship with Speaker Chopp and Rep. Campbell. **WSCA requested the removal.**
- PTWA included derogatory personal comments on their website regarding the WSCA lobbyist salary, and assumed power. **WSCA requested the removal.**

May 14, 2009

- PTWA requested “mediation” with Rep. Morrell, WSCA and PTWA after only two meetings between the two organizations even before suggesting additional dates with the WSCA. **WSCA declined due to lack of completed review of materials (not provided by PTWA). WSCA collected and reviewed all 50 states PT laws, continuing education requirements and conducted our own research since educational specifics were not provided when requested during meetings in fall of 2008. Only a verbal listing of states “allowed to perform manipulation was provided and was inconsistent with other information we had collected.**

August 2009

- PTWA delivers 12 page summary of three DPT programs in WA State and *no other information.* *They state they provided a “validation packet” which was not delivered.* The document that they did provide is sited as Appendix A in the report we provided to them on November 17, 2009.
- Referenced “comparative safety record” was delivered in January 2009, and not provided in any validation packet. Information in the chart included incorrect context references from the study (according to its author) and was discussed with PTWA lobbyist days prior to their 2009 legislative day: PTWA handed incorrect information to legislators regardless.

September 2009

- PTWA continues to push for a legislative mediation but will not discuss the purpose of mediation when the information on PT education in manipulation is still incomplete and does not display the true hours of training for spinal manipulation.
- PTWA pushes for a date to meet and November 19, 2009 is scheduled.

November 16, 2009

- WSCA mailed Board approved document to PTWA and communicated status to lobbyist prior to meeting.
- PTWA criticizes the WSCA response timing. However; research was necessary to take a position on their proposal was critical to establishing a response based on education and public safety.

November 19, 2009

- PTWA accused WSCA of refusing to review the report with them however; PTWA said *they didn't have time to read it* and would get back to us.

December 4, 2009

- PTWA cut excerpts from our report and stated many inaccuracies, including their reference to our citation from the Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards that chiropractic has only 150 hours of training when it is 150 hours *per segment of the spine, totaling 600 hours minimum!* They continue to report this to legislators even after we corrected their error during the December 10, 2009 meeting.

January 6, 2010

- **INFORMAL email communication between two lobbyists used as formal communication and shared with legislators as a position of the WSCA.**

It is the opinion of the Washington State Chiropractic Association that this reference of communication is inappropriate. The communications shared in email between the two lobbyists was in response to a request by the PTWA lobbyist and was never intended by the WSCA lobbyist to be considered a documented WSCA Board position.

Throughout the discussions:

The PTWA has consistently created a divisive and distraction discussion of "PT vs. DC" instead of providing the specific training in spinal manipulation and supportive areas. They continue their use loose terms like "didactic" training which conveys a generic, unstructured, and minimal approach to their education. This does not ensure the protection of the public.