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Public Notice

Peer Review Committee Openings

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The OBCE is currently accepting applications for two new alternative members for the OBCE Peer Review Committee. Alternate members may attend and participate in meetings and will become full voting members when there is an opening on the seven member committee.

The OBCE refers complaints to the Peer Review Committee for in-depth file reviews and personal interviews with respondent doctors and sometimes complainants. Their primary role is investigatory and typically involves complaints regarding alleged violations concerning clinical justification, course of treatment, documentation, and billing. At the conclusion of the review, the committee makes a report back to the OBCE.

The Peer Review Committee meets six to eight times a year, usually on 2nd Thursdays at the OBCE offices in Salem. Peer Review members must be willing assist with report writing and possible expert testimony in contested case hearings.

Any Oregon chiropractic physician in active practice for at least five years wishing to serve on this committee should submit a letter of interest and resume to the OBCE, 3218 Pringle Road SE #150, Salem, Oregon 97302, or fax 503-362-1260. If you have applied before, you are asked to provide a new letter and resume. The Board will interview the applicants.

Women, people of color, and bilingual persons are encouraged to apply (SB 786). Applicants from outside the Willamette Valley are also encouraged to apply.

If you have any questions, please call Dave McTeague, Executive Director, at 503-373-1620.

Peer Review Committee

Member Characteristics and Expectations

Understand Peer Review Committee (PRC) functions in achieving the ends of the OBCE. See OBCE Strategic Plan – Public Protection

Be committed to the Peer Review process.

Be prepared for PRC meetings having fully reviewed the case(s) and thought through the issues so as to be able to thoughtfully contribute to the discussion/process. This may involve four or more hours of preparation for each meeting depending on the complexity of the case(s).

Be detail-oriented.

Much of the work of the PRC involves the details of a given case. PRC members must be able to review records in detail for appropriate history, examination, assessment, treatment, record keeping, etc. Be able to summarize the details of the PRC's findings, giving examples, in report form for the OBCE.

Be clinically competent.

Have a good knowledge of the various types of conditions chiropractors treat, the examination procedures for given complaints and the treatment options. Be familiar with, and able to reference, OAR chapter 811, ORS chapter 684, and Oregon P & U Guidelines.

Be able to think independently, critically, and objectively.

Be able to think through issues on your own without emotional bias or undue influence from other PRC members.

Be able to hear divergent points of view, but work to achieve consensus.

Be able to put aside your opinions/views long enough to thoughtfully consider the opinions of the other PRC members, weighing the merit of each opinion presented. Respect the opinions of the other PRC members and work towards a consensus when possible.

Have compassion for complainants and respondents.

Be considerate of both the complainant and respondent realizing this is often a difficult situation for both. Try to put yourself in their "shoes" given the circumstances that were present at the time in question.

Be able to safeguard strictest confidentiality.

Most of, if not all, the documents and information dealt with in peer review is strictly confidential. Information about the various complaints should not be disclosed to anyone other than a member of the OBCE, OBCE staff, or fellow PRC member. Information about a given case may not be discussed with the complainant or respondent.