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itself and take follow-up action, as appropriate, based on the results of its review.

CNJC Allegation: CCE failed to respond to a CNJC request dated April 8, 2003 for the names, academic and professional qualifications, and relevant employment and organizational affiliations of the members of the agency's policy and decision making bodies and the agency's principle administrative staff. In addition, CCE did not provide public notice that LUCC was being considered for accreditation, and did not provide opportunity for third-party comment concerning LUCC's qualifications for accreditation. CCE did not offer a mechanism for third-party comment either in writing or at a public hearing, or both.

DECE Allegation: During the CCE review of the LUCC program for which accreditation was denied, CCE did not provide an opportunity for third-party comment concerning LUCC's qualifications for accreditation.

CCE Response: CCE did not fully respond to the April 8, 2003 letter because it did not properly conform to CCE policy and did not cite specific violations of CCE bylaws, policies or standards. CCE routinely mails to individuals a list of board or commission members but withholds contact information in the interest of protecting those member's privacy. In addition, CCE publishes a complete directory of all CCE-accredited programs and lists the next regularly scheduled site visit and the next status review meeting on its website. Third-party commenters have an opportunity to comment in writing 60 days before the status review meeting.

Staff Finding: The agency is not in compliance with this criterion. CCE did not fully provide, as requested in a letter of April 8, 2003, a list of the names, academic and professional qualifications, and employment and organizational affiliations of its policy and decision making bodies and its principle administrative staff. In addition, pursuant to this same letter, CCE did not review itself in a timely and fair manner, and apply unbiased judgment to, a complaint against itself. There are no provisions within §602.23(c)(3) that would exempt an agency from responding either to a complaint that lacks particular formatting or that fails to cite specific violations of agency bylaws, policies, or standards.

In regard to the allegation regarding an opportunity for third-party comment, the agency's procedures governing publication of directories and web site postings appear to comply with this criterion.

The agency needs to revise its complaint policy and procedures to ensure that they cannot be used to impede but rather support a thorough and balanced review of the agency itself as well as its accredited institutions.

For those findings for which your agency has been found to be in noncompliance with the Criteria, we request that you take immediate steps to correct the violations identified. Please forward to us by October 17, 2005 your plan of corrective action to include timelines for completion of such actions. A follow-on report of your agency's corrective actions will be requested.

Should you have any questions please contact me or Claude Denton of my staff, at 202-219-7031 or C. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John W. Barth, Director
Accreditation and State Liaison

cc. Council of New Jersey Chiropractors
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