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LATE BREAKING NEWS

Quebec Legislation Seeks to Strip Chiropractors of Diagnostic Authority and Use of Adjunctive Procedures

Chiropractors in Quebec, Canada are facing the possibility of having restrictions put on their clinical authority and procedures. Legislation, recently introduced in the Assemblée Nationale Du Quebec seeks to prohibit doctors of chiropractic from providing any kind of diagnosis, limiting access to laboratory procedures and eliminating the authority to apply any adjunctive or therapeutic procedures. This initiative came from the Ministry of Health and is clearly a direct assault on chiropractic in that Canadian Province. Doctors of Chiropractic in Quebec see over 800,000 citizens annually and chiropractic education is supported by the Provincial Government at the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières.

Neither chiropractic providers nor the chiropractic patients in Quebec are taking this situation lightly and a massive campaign against this initiative has been mounted. In Mid-October a delegation of over 200 doctors and patients presented a petition

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New Chiropractic Veterans Advisory Committee Holds First Meeting

ICA concerned DuVall's anti-chiropractic stance may impede progress of meaningful program

The congressionally mandated Department of Veterans Affairs Chiropractic Advisory Committee held its first meeting, September 23-25 in Washington, D.C. Ten of the 11 members were present to begin the process of developing recommendations on implementing the law mandating chiropractic services for America's veterans on a permanent basis.

Chaired by Dr. Reed Phillips and comprised of six doctors of chiropractic (including Dr. Charles DuVall) and five other representatives, the Advisory Committee aggressively undertook to address the mission assigned to it by the Congress, as outlined in the law.

Included in the two-and-a-half days of intensive deliberations were a detailed review of the basic facts and figures regarding the Department of Veterans Affairs and its operations, procedures for deploying doctors of chiropractic within the DVA system, the protocols by which chiropractic providers would operate within DVA facilities.

The meeting ended with assignments being distributed to committee members for research and proposal development in preparation for the next

meeting which is tentatively scheduled for early December.

Dr. Michael McLean, ICA Board Member who serves on the DVA Advisory Committee, reported that the deliberations of the Committee were very positive, that progress was made and it is clear the interests of the veteran beneficiaries of this massive government agency were upper most in the minds of most committee members.

The one person who may prevent and/or undo the efforts of the mainstream chiropractic representatives to develop a meaningful chiropractic program is Dr. Charles DuVall. Following the meeting, DuVall made inaccurate statements regarding discussions at the meeting and derogatory remarks about his colleagues and his profession which were posted on the Internet by an NACM member.

It is obvious that this is one person who is not a chiropractic team player. ICA, like other chiropractic groups had been concerned with DuVall's inclusion right from the start. In fact ICA had sent a strong letter of protest to the Hon. Anthony Principi, Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, when it

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was announced that DuVall was one of those named to the Advisory Committee. ICA urged Secretary Principi to reconsider DuVall's inclusion because of the "nature of his public positions on the core practices of chiropractic and because of the unsupportable contradictory and potentially disruptive nature of who and what he claims to represent."

ICA also pointed out that the National Association of Chiropractic Medicine (NACM) is a body that exists in name only with no genuine following and no established corporate charter. "Also, the idea of 'chiropractic medicine' is so inherently contradictory," ICA wrote, "that we are concerned that the only role this individual might play is to disrupt and confuse what ought to be a clear and focused mission..."

ICA is pleased with the close cooperation of the other responsible chiropractic members of the committee and has offered its assistance and support as they work together to develop a meaningful program for America's military veterans.

It is also important for the doctors in the field to be ever mindful of the destructive intentions of DuVall and his so-called National Association of Chiropractic Medicine and to be prepared to defend their practice of chiropractic as he continues in his efforts to undermine chiropractic's place in our nation's health care system.

Students Start Classes at Palmer Florida



Port Orange Mayor Dorothy Hukill (center) cuts the ribbon, along with Palmer Trustees, to officially open Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida.

Several hundred area residents and chiropractic educators from around the world attended the grand opening ceremonies on October 4, 2002, at Port Orange, Fla., for chiropractic's newest college — Palmer College of Chiropractic Florida. Palmer Florida is the third college of the Palmer College University System.

Just before the ribbon-cutting cer-

emonies, Dorothy Hukill, mayor of Port Orange, told the appreciative crowd, "This is not the end of the journey, but day one in the Palmer/Port Orange legacy. The Palmer family has become not only our partner, but they are our friends and neighbors as well."

The City of Port Orange played a major role in bringing Palmer to Florida, leasing the college a 25-acre site on City

Center Parkway and facilitating the sale of bonds to fund construction.

"I can't wait to see this campus materialize and mature," said Vickie Palmer, chairman of the Palmer University System Board of Trustees and great-granddaughter of D.D. Palmer. "I am eager to see the student body expand and see the faculty grow. I know we live in the present, but I feel a very strong sense of the future as I stand here looking at all of you. Today, we are making history."

Students at the Florida college started classes on October 7 in the Allen Green Civic Center and will continue at this site till the fall of 2003 when construction of the first phase of the permanent campus at City Center is expected to be completed. The campus will include a clinic, student union/learning resource center, and an educational facility designed to implement an innovative chiropractic curriculum as well as several outdoor gathering spaces.

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