

## **COUNCIL ON CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION®**

### **Consensus Committee Meeting Phoenix, Arizona November 29, 2012**

The ad hoc Consensus Committee met at the Double Tree Hotel Airport, Phoenix, AZ from 8:00am-12:00pm on Thursday, November 29, 2012. The following members were present:

Dr. Joseph Brimhall, President, University of Western States  
Dr. William Meeker, President, Palmer College of Chiropractic  
Dr. Lawrence O'Connor, President, Federation of Chiropractic Licensing Boards  
Dr. Keith Overland, President, American Chiropractic Association  
Dr. Guy Riekeman, President, Life University  
Dr. Stephen Welsh, Secretary-Treasurer, International Chiropractors Association  
Dr. Craig Little, Council Chair, Council on Chiropractic Education (Ex-officio)  
Dr. Tom Benberg, President, Council on Chiropractic Education (Ex-officio)

Dr. Kate Rufolo, President, Congress of Chiropractic State Associations was unable to attend the meeting but participated remotely and supported the final consensus of the committee.

The charge to the committee was to develop mutually agreeable language for incorporation into the Foreword (Preface) to the CCE accreditation standards that acknowledges the scope of practice and identity of the chiropractic profession.

The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the following draft language be incorporated into the Preface to the CCE Accreditation Standards:

From: Practice primary health care as a portal-of-entry provider for patients of all ages and genders.

To: Practice primary health care as a portal-of-entry provider for patients of all ages and genders focusing on the inherent ability of the body to heal and enhance function without unnecessary drugs or surgery.

Addition of: Focus on neuromusculoskeletal integrity for the purpose of enhancing health and performance.

From: Assess and document a patient's health status, needs, concerns and conditions.

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The meeting was adjourned.



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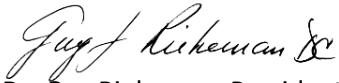
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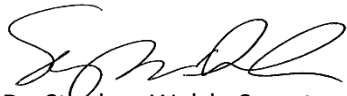
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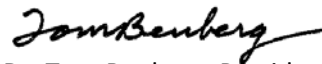
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## **Preface**

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