

Dear Sandy Thiele-Cirka,

I would appreciate your adding the following information to assist with understanding the complaint process of the OBCE. I graduated from University of Western States in 1984. I have served on various committees for the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners for approximately 17-18 years. I served directly on the OBCE for 6 years: (2003-2009) During that service, I was board president for 4 1/2 years. As I understand this, your committee is holding an informational hearing to better understand how complaints are handled by the OBCE, particularly in relation to IME doctors. During my 6 years of direct service, I saw zero complaints on IME doctors generated by our board. Quite frankly, we are all volunteer, and simply too busy to poll the entire population of chiropractors looking for more work to add to the total pile of complaints we receive. More often than not, the OBCE was accused of being partial to IME doctors, when complaints were filed. I believe this notion came about because the average practicing doctor doesn't realize that the board is charged with finding violations ONLY on those doctors falling below the lowest level of competency. Although we strive to educate and train our doctors to perform at the highest level of competency, our public protection mission, will only allow violations to be placed on doctors who fall below the lowest level of expected competency. Please feel free to contact me should you need to question me further.

Thank you for taking time to read my statement.

I have copied to the Executive Director and one board member.

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