

## Georgia Council of Chiropractic



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### **Georgia Council of Chiropractic Testifies At USDE Accreditation Hearing for the CCE**

WASHINGTON – Representatives of the Georgia Council of Chiropractic addressed the US Department of Education’s National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity at a reaccreditation hearing for the Council on Chiropractic Education on Weds. Dec. 14, 2011.

The NACIQI investigated and found 43 occurrences of violation of USDE standards for accrediting by the CCE. The CCE is also under scrutiny by the chiropractic profession. Many chiropractors feel that the CCE does not represent the chiropractic profession, but follows the agenda of their administrative body. Over 4000 complaints were made to the USDE regarding the CCE by chiropractors.

Overwhelming testimony against the practices of the CCE was presented at the hearing by members of the chiropractic professions representing their professional organizations or as individuals with concerns regarding the CCE. GCC President Dr. Robert Braile was the first of the Third-Party Oral Commenters to speak at the 11 a.m meeting that was to conclude at 12:45 p.m. So many member of the chiropractic profession were there to present their concerns about the CCE that the meeting was continued until 4 p.m.

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GCC Immediate Past-President, Dr. Steve Welsh, of Marietta, Ga. presented a poignant and game-changing testimony regarding the overall problems of the CCE, and the CCE's long-term history of abuse. The ensuing discussion by the NACIQI made specific reference to Welsh's comments, and the final wording of the NACIQI's recommendations to the USDE were crafted in response to Welsh's testimony.

The NACIQI issued the following motion initiating a one-year time period for the CCE to become compliant. Due to the seriousness of the issues found by NACIQI, as well as the testimony at the hearing, NACIQI issued a motion instructing the CCE to show that it is reaching out to a broader base of the chiropractic profession:

"I move that the NACIQI recommend that the CCE's recognition be continued to permit the agency an opportunity, within a 12-month period, to bring itself into compliance with the Criteria cited in the staff report and that it submit for review within 30 days a compliance report demonstrating compliance with the cited criteria and their effective application. In addition to the numerous issues identified in the staff report, NACIQI asks the agency to demonstrate compliance with Section 602.13 dealing with the wide acceptance of its standards, policies, procedures, and decisions; and to address how its standards advance quality in chiropractic education."

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