

UCA was the Only Oklahoma Chiropractic Association To Lobby Against 2014 Physical Therapist's "Direct Access" Bills

Could that be the reason it passed?

February 3, 2014 ...Start of 2014 Legislative Session...HB1020 & SB178 (Direct Access bills) filed

February 22, '14 ...The Oklahoma Chiropractor's Association (OCA) announces at CE seminar that they oppose bill, but will not actively fight it

March 26, '14 ...Senator Crain, Health & Human Services Committee Chair calls meeting of PT bill authors and Lobbyists, MD's, DO's, PT's, OCA and UCA to determine which disciplines were for or against PT "Direct Access". OCA Lobbyist does not align with UCA, MD's and DO's against.

March 29 ...UCA e-blast report regarding that 3/26 meeting and grassroots "call to arms" to request members of the Health and Human Services Committee to vote "NO" to "Direct Access"

April 3 ...OCA sends out communication stating that they do not legislate out of fear and that UCA is alienating Chiropractic's Legislative friends by opposing PT "direct access". UCA questions...So, should DC's never lobby against legislation that is not in the best interest of Chiropractic or is harmful to public safety? Further, is not voicing your opinion regarding a bill, the essence of lobbying?

****On a side note, the UCA would like to inform those of the OCA Board and the profession that it was just a year earlier, when a top leader of the OCA was out at the Capitol, lobbying members of the House Health Committee for the "equal co-pay" bill; going way to far by telling those committee members, 7 of 11 with family or marriage ties to medicine, that medics were killing people with their prescriptive drugs. Final question...So, was opposing the PT's "direct access" bill or the way this DC expressed justification for an "Equal Co-pay" more alienating? Further, if so, was that why the OCA felt that bill which was sitting on that House Committee's table to be deliberated the next year, was a lost cause and the OCA decided to attempt a negotiation with Global Health and a coalition of insurance companies?*

May 7 ...UCA's e-blast to solicit grass roots "call to arms" in contacting Public Health Committee members to vote "NO" to HB1020 PT "Direct Access"

May 7 ...UCA Lobbyist Scott Adkins and Dr. Derstine lobby with Mr. Hall and Mr. Gary Bastain, MD and DO lobbyists respectively, along with two surgeon's against PT "Direct Access". OCA Lobbyist, Shawn Leopard, does not oppose bill and continues to appear sympathetic to PT cause.

Question for Chiropractic Profession

- 1) Are you, an Oklahoma DC, against PT "Direct Access", as all Chiropractic Associations and DC's are historically across the country,?
- 2) Would you also have been against the limited "Direct Access" the PT's acquired, even if it was for 30 days only before needing a physician referral?
- 3) Would you be satisfied with UCA not lobbying against the PT "direct access" bill and rely on the MD's and/or DO's to "kill" it or negotiate a compromise?
- 4) Have you ever heard of a Chiropractic Association not actively working to oppose PT "Direct Access" Yes No
- 5) Would you prefer your state Association actively fight a PT "Direct Access" bill? Yes No
- 6) Do you have any problem with your state Association collaborating with MD's & DO's to defeat PT "Direct Access"? Yes No

- 7) Why would another Oklahoma Chiropractic Association not actively lobby with the UCA and any other healthcare discipline against PT "Direct Access", especially when the bill previously flew through the House, still had compromised verbiage of "30 days" leftover from the Senate and was being deliberated by a Conference Committee and at a 50/50 split?
- 8) The MD, DO and UCA Lobbyists ask, "What kind of future deal would another Chiropractic Association possibly be making with the PT's that is keeping them from killing this?"
- 9) Are you aware of the consequences if the PT's acquire "Direct Access"? ie. attrition, more than already exists due to MD and DO referrals
- 10) Do you believe that working with the DO's and MD's on this endeavor, just may enable the Chiropractic profession to acquire support for future legislation beneficial to DC's and General practitioners of all healthcare disciplines? Yes No
- 11) Did you know that the UCA's past Association lineage has collaborated with the MD's and DO's in the past and passed legislation? Yes No
- 12) Was it more important to the OCA leadership to NOT help lobby against the PT's "Direct Access" bill, even with the potential of it passing as it did or for them to be promised PT's future Lobbying assistance to help the OCA defeat a possible Chiropractic Limited Prescriptive Authority Bill?**