

News in Brief

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COCSA Aligns With CERV

The Congress of Chiropractic State Associations (COCSA) has aligned with the nonprofit Chiropractic Emergency Response Volunteer (CERV) Team. In the coming months, the two organizations will work together to develop federal chiropractic response teams that can be deployed in the aftermath of disasters such as Hurricane Katrina.

COCSA and CERV will work to educate and certify DCs to be responders in case of emergency. A basic disaster-orientation and training course will be offered by Texas Chiropractic College for CEU credit. Reduced membership, training and certification fees will be offered to members of state chiropractic associations.

Jerry DeGrado, DC, COCSA president, explained, "Chiropractic's role in disaster relief efforts has never been more evident than following 911 and Hurricane Katrina. COCSA sees the development of CERV Team and its inclusion of Chiropractic on the frontlines of disaster deployments as a groundbreaking step for solidifying chiropractic's role in these times of need."

The CERV Team was established as a direct result of the profession's involvement with the Dallas Convention Center Medical Unit following Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Rebecca Burton, DC, set up an on-site chiropractic team to serve not only victims of Hurricane Katrina, but also emergency relief workers and volunteers.

According to Dr. Burton, president of CERV Team, "We are committed to supporting disaster response efforts, and are pleased to work with the Congress of Chiropractic State Associations. By working closely with COCSA, chiropractic state associations, and corporate America, CERV Team will be able to greatly accelerate the rate with which chiropractors are included in mainstream and disaster relief efforts."

New Acting Dean at NYCC

Karen A. Bobak, DC, was named acting dean of New York Chiropractic College (NYCC), effective May 1, 2007. Her duties will include over-seeing the day-to-day operation of the chiropractic program, including academic planning, curriculum development, faculty hiring and associated budgets.

Affiliated with NYCC since 1994 as an adjunct professor, Dr. Bobak became a full-time faculty member in 1999 and was promoted to assistant professor in 2003. She has taught coursework in technique and served as technique team leader in the chiropractic clinical sciences department. She remains active in a variety of academic and search committees, and participated in NYCC's 2006 research symposium. In addition to her duties at the college, Dr. Bobak maintains a private practice in Rochester, N.Y.

Dr. Jonathon Egan Named to Seneca Board of Health

In other NYCC news, Jonathon Egan, DC, MPH, NYCC Fellow, has been named by the Seneca County Board of Supervisors to the county Board of Health. Dr. Egan, who is currently pursuing a PhD in public health/epidemiology, was notified of his appointment on March 14, 2007.

The board consists of three medical doctors, three community members (of which Dr. Egan will be one), and one representative from the county board of supervisors. The board governs the public health department, directs department programming, reviews items such as tobacco sales and Clean Air Act compliance, and hires the public health director.

Dr. Egan, in addition to his duties in the NYCC student clinic, oversees student care at the Rochester, N.Y. VA Center, and is involved in several ongoing studies of chronic back pain and veteran demographics. He also is involved in research on Medicaid patients and chiropractic care.

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