



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, February 4, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Vorono, DDS, Chair
Todd Cooper, DDS, Vice-Chair
Paul Bryan, DMD
Colleen Madden, Public Member
Karen Homitz, DDS
Mark Koday, DDS
Jessica Saepoff, DDS
J. Patricia Norman, EFDA
Robert Achterberg, DDS
Abdul Alkezweeny, PhD, Public Member
Lisa Baldwin, EFDA
LouAnn Mercier, DDS
Willis Gabel, DDS
Wallace Volz, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Carbery, DDS
Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Blake Maresh, Executive Director, Health
Professions and Facilities
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
(AAG)

OTHERS PRESENT

Melissa Johnson, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA),
Willamette Dental
Zach Snyder, Washington State Dental
Association (WSDA)
Tracy Pearson
Joan Martin, South Puget Sound
Community College
Joella Pyatt, Department of Health, Oral
Health Program

OPEN SESSION – 8:10 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Vorono, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

- 1.1. The audience introduced themselves.
- 1.2. The commission approved the business meeting agenda with the addition of item 7.2.
- 1.3. The commission approved December 3, 2010 business meeting minutes.
- 1.4. The commission approved December 3, 2010 Panel A, B, & C minutes as presented.

2. RULES HEARING

A rules hearing was held to receive public comments regarding WAC 246-817-220 Dentist Inactive Status. No verbal or written comments were received.

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission adopted the proposed rules as filed on November 15, 2010 in WSR 10-23-082.

3. RULE MAKING

- 3.1. WAC 246-817-901 through 965 Pain management rules. The CR102 was filed on February 2, 2011. A rules hearing will be held on March 25, 2011. The commission will consider non-substantive language changes at the rules hearing. If substantive changes are required, adoption of the rules will not be considered. All comments received will be compiled and provided to the five boards and commissions. Final adopted rules could be different between the five boards and commissions.
- 3.2. WAC 246-817-150 (4) repeal. This rule has been approved for exception rule process. The CR105 will be filed soon.
- 3.3. WAC 246-817-305, 310 Dental treatment records rule. This rule was not approved for exception rule process. We will hold until after the rule moratorium.
- 3.4. WAC 246-817-510, 520, 525, 540, and 545 Delegation rules. This rule was not approved for exception rule process. We will hold until after the rule moratorium.

4. OPERATING AGREEMENT

The commission will discuss the joint operating agreement at the March 25, 2011 meeting.

5. LEGISLATION

- 5.1. Dr. Volz has participated in department weekly calls that provide a summary of legislative bills that affect multiple professions.
- 5.2. Ms. Carter reminded the commission about ethical boundaries with legislation and lobbying. Commission members must follow executive ethics. An individual commission member may speak to the legislator but may not indicate or imply they are speaking on behalf of the commission. If asked about the commission, the member should refer the requestor to the Department of Health so a response can be processed appropriately. The commission discussed the following legislative bills:
 - House Bill 1576 and Senate Bill 5620 regarding certification of dental anesthesia assistants. The commission had no concerns. Oregon currently has certification and California recently implemented certification.
 - House Bill 1310 regarding licensure of dental therapists and advanced dental therapists. The commission determined to submit a letter of concern regarding patient safety. Dr. Koday and Ms. Santiago will draft for Dr. Vorono's signature.
 - Substitute Senate Bill 5307 and House Bill 1417 regarding military training and experience for specified professions. Expanded function dental auxiliaries are listed

in this bill. The commission had no concerns although they are unsure if training is equivalent to requirements in chapter 18.260 RCW.

- House Bill 1493 regarding formalizing complainants role in disciplinary process. The commission discussed this bill could cause delays in the disciplinary process.
 - House Bill 1156 regarding a 3 year rule moratorium. Ms. Santiago explained the intent of this bill.
 - House Bill 1151 regarding changes to RCW 34.05. Ms. Santiago explained the intent of this bill.
 - House Bill 1068 regarding rules that would require the Governor's signature. Ms. Santiago explained the intent of this bill.
 - Senate Bill 5045 regarding adding "his or her" where appropriate in specified RCW's. Ms. Santiago explained the intent of this bill.
 - House Bill 1550 regarding sale of cannabis. Mr. Maresh explained this bill adds cannabis to the Liquor Control Board. Dentists are included in the definition of practitioner in the existing RCW.
- 5.3. Substitute House Bill 1099, Chapter 269 Laws of 2007 requires the Department of Health to issue a report that is due in 2012. Ms. Santiago will be drafting a survey to send to licensed expanded function dental auxiliaries. Regular updates and consultation of the report will be made at commission meetings and Dental Hygiene Examining Committee meetings.

6. PROGRAM REPORT – Jennifer Santiago and Blake Maresh

- 6.1. The commission received November and December 2010 Interim Operating budget reports.
- 6.2. Ms. Santiago filed a schedule of regular meeting dates with the code revisers office for 2011. A comparison of regular vs. special meeting requirements was provided.
- 6.3. A copy of the 2011 DQAC member recruitment letter was provided. There have been three dentist applications and two public member applications received.
- 6.4. The department held a Board Commission and Committee Association Meeting on December 17, 2010. The meeting provided Health System Quality Assurance division updates.
- 6.5. The department has requested travel reimbursements for less than \$50.00 be held until at least \$50.00 has been reached.
- 6.6. A list of active DQAC committees was provided. The Inactive Status Committee was removed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- 7.1. The commission reviewed a letter received from the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) regarding reported examination scores. Ms. Santiago informed the commission that only one dentist, from the list NERB provided, received licensure in Washington during the identified timeframe. That dentist applied by examination by providing proof of passing the WREB examination.

- 7.2. The commission reviewed a letter dated January 24, 2011 from the American Dental Association regarding cone beam computed tomography (CBCT). The commission determined no response is necessary.

8. EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY (EFDA) EDUCATION PROGRAMS

- 8.1. There are 89 licensed EFDA's and 29 pending applicants as of February 2, 2011. Dr. Homitz recommends a survey to determine where EFDA's are practicing and their wages. This information will be requested for the SHB 1099 legislative report. Ms. Pyatt informed the commission that the Washington Free Clinic Association is evaluating a possible survey of EFDA's.
- 8.2. Ms. Santiago reported a potential new EFDA education program. A dentist from Goldendale, WA submitted demographic information but has not submitted a completed application.
- 8.3. The committee has not met since the last commission meeting. The committee is waiting to receive identified deficiencies from Bellingham Technical College.

9. OTHER

- 9.1. Dr. Koday participated on a call December 21, 2010 with Mary Selecky. Information was shared with representative of all the boards and commissions regarding the state's budget situation and rule moratorium.
- 9.2. Ms. Santiago reviewed the current process for exception applications. The commission had previously delegated Ms. Linke to provide a summary of exception applications for commission consideration. Because Ms. Linke is no longer working in the same position, the commission approved the case management unit to provide the summary and recommendation for exception applications. Ms. Santiago will draft a procedure for the exception application process. The commission will review for approval at their next meeting.
- 9.3. The commission considered a 2011-2013 Business Plan. This is a document that may be utilized to memorialize requests from the joint operating agreement addendum. The commission will discuss at their next meeting.
- 9.4. Ms. Madden and Dr. Volz asked the commission to consider providing more information to the public and practitioners. Educating the public and practitioners could reduce complaints that ultimately provide cost savings. The commission established a committee: Drs. Volz, Bryan, Saepoff and Ms. Madden. The committee will evaluate different methods information could be provided.
- 9.5. The commission reviewed frequently asked questions (FAQ) for the website. An error was identified. An updated FAQ will be provided at the next commission meeting.

10. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

- 10.1. Dr. Homitz reported the next American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) meeting is April 2011. Agenda items include, Impact of Dental School Standards and the Oral Health Care Workforce model.
- 10.2. Dr. Bryan attended the January 2011 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) meeting. Discussions included, electronic grading and security of examinations. WREB will not eliminate examinations using patients. WREB has concerns with some states changing their licensure standards.
- 10.3. Dr. Timms provided a written report on Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS). Dr. Mercier volunteered to represent the commission as the representative, the commission approved.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session.

12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The commission presented Taylor Linke with a letter of appreciation for her service as the commission's case manager. The commission wished Ms. Linke well in her new position.

13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS

The commission had no recommendations for future business topics.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

signature on file
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

signature on file
Andrew Vorono, D.D.S., Chair