



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, March 25, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Andrew Vorono, DDS, Chair  
Todd Cooper, DDS, Vice-Chair  
Colleen Madden, Public Member  
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  
John Carbery, DDS  
Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Karen Homitz, DDS  
Paul Bryan, DMD

**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)  
Katherine Hakes, WSDA

**OPEN SESSION – 8:00 a.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Vorono, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

- 1.1. The audience introduced themselves.
- 1.2. The business meeting agenda was approved as presented.
- 1.3. February 4, 2011 business meeting minutes was approved as presented.
- 1.4. February 4, 2011 Panel A, B, & C minutes were approved as presented.

## 2. RULES HEARING

A rules hearing was held to receive public comments regarding WAC 246-817-901 through 246-817-965 Pain Management. Written and verbal testimony was received.

The Dental Quality Assurance Commission adopted the proposed rules as filed on February 2, 2011 in WSR 11-04-088 with non-substantive changes listed below:

- Definitions – WAC 246-817-910
  - The terms “Episodic care,” “Morphine equivalent dose,” and “Multidisciplinary pain clinic” are added to the definitions.
  - The terms “Physical dependence,” “Psychological dependence,” and “Tolerance” are deleted as these terms are not used in the rules.
- Written agreement for treatment – WAC 246-817-930 (4). “or multidisciplinary pain clinic” and “or pharmacy system” are added.
- Long-acting opioids, including methadone – WAC 246-817-940. In the third sentence, after “one-time”, “(lifetime)” is added.
- Consultation: Recommendations and requirements – WAC 246-817-950 (2). “threshold for adults” is added to clarify the morphine equivalent dose (MED) threshold is for adults. The word “oral” is also added to clarify that the threshold is based on an “oral” dose. Language regarding pediatric patients is also added at the end of the paragraph: “Great caution should be used when prescribing opioids to children with chronic noncancer pain and appropriate referrals to a specialist is encouraged.”
- Pain management specialist – WAC 246-817-965 (1)(d)(iii) and (3)(d). Language is added to clarify that the current practice may also be in a multidisciplinary pain clinic setting.

The adopted rules also include edits for grammar, punctuation, and formatting.

## 3. PRESENTATION

Chris Baumgartner, Department of Health Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) provided a presentation regarding Washington State’s PMP program and draft rules. A rules hearing to adopt the proposed rules is anticipated for May 2011. The program has received a private grant to create educational materials. A practitioner is only required to report in the PMP if they hand (dispense) a supply of an actual prescription to a patient. Any drug that is administered does not have to be reported.

## 4. RULE MAKING

- 4.1. The expedited rule making CR105 for WAC 246-817-150 (4) repeal was filed on February 16, 2011 as WSR 11-05-093. The CR103 will be filed after April 18, 2011 if no comments are received.

- 4.2. The CR103 for WAC 246-817-220 Inactive License was filed on March 17, 2011 as WSR 11-07-052. The inactive license rule becomes effective on April 17, 2011. The annual inactive license renewal fee is \$150.00.

## **5. OPERATING AGREEMENT/BUSINESS PLAN**

- 5.1. The commission will discuss the joint operating agreement at the May 13, 2011 meeting.
- 5.2. The commission discussed the 2011-2013 Business Plan. The plan details the commission's goals and objectives and includes items as attendance at national meetings, in person commission meetings, and educating practitioners and the public. Appropriate edits will be made. The plan will be emailed to commission members prior to the next commission meeting.

## **6. LEGISLATION**

- 6.1. Dr. Volz has participated in department weekly calls that provide a summary of legislative bills that affect multiple professions.
- 6.2. The commission discussed 2011 legislation;
  - Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5307 regarding military training and experience for multiple professions. RCW 18.260 is included and would apply to expanded function dental auxiliaries.
  - Substitute House Bill 1493 regarding the disciplinary process.
  - Substitute Senate Bill 5553 regarding requiring certain documents be posted on the web.
  - Senate Bill 5045 making technical corrections to gender based terms.
  - Substitute House Bill 1576 and Substitute Senate Bill 5620 regarding credentialing dental anesthesia assistants has not passed to opposite house for consideration.
  - House Bill 1310 regarding credentialing dental therapist and advanced dental therapist did not pass to rules committee for consideration.
  - Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5073 concerning the medical use of cannabis. The commission discussed this bill because a member of the audience mentioned that the legislature may require the health professions account (O2G) to supply the startup funds for the implementation of the program. If the program is created, there will be fees required for dispensaries licensing and for patients and designated providers to join a registry system in order to recoup and defray the costs of the program.
- 6.3. 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 provided a draft survey to send to licensed expanded function dental auxiliaries and supervising dentists. Regular updates and consultation of the report will be made at commission meetings and to the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee.

## **7. PROGRAM REPORT – Jennifer Santiago and Blake Maresh**

- 7.1. The commission received January and February 2011 interim operating budget reports.

- 7.2. The commission received credentialing statistics for dentists, dental assistants, and expanded function dental auxiliaries.
- 7.3. The commission discussed performance measures on disciplinary statistics. Secretary professions compared to boards and commissions. Additionally, Medical Quality Assurance Commission and Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission statistics were provided. The commission asked; what are the trends; what is the percentage for the dental commission (number of licensees vs. complaints); why are there significant differences in the statistics? Comparisons should be made with processes that are the same. The commission is concerned that decisions could be made that affect the dental commission when comparisons are not appropriate. The commission would like more details for dental specifically.
- 7.4. The commission received a copy of the 2011 DQAC member recruitment letter. There have been seven dentist and four public member applications received. A packet will be sent to the Governor's office for appointment consideration the first week of April.
- 7.5. The commission received the 2011 DQAC meeting schedule.
- 7.6. The commission received the active DQAC committees list.

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1. The commission discussed a letter received from Frank R. Recker & Associates Co., L.P.A. regarding advertising regulations. The commission determined no response is necessary.
- 8.2. Mr. Maresh provided the commission information on a program available by the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. The school has both an osteopathic medicine and dental programs. The school is offering a mini-residency in appropriate prescribing.

## **9. EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY (EFDA) EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

- 9.1. Dr. Koday provided an update on the EFDA Committee. Commission on Dental Education Accreditation is evaluating accrediting EFDA education programs. Their review could take two years. The current re-evaluation of commission approved EFDA education programs is six years. The commission determined additional information is needed from Bellingham Technical College EFDA education program.
- 9.2. The commission reviewed a request received from Dental Assistant National Board (DANB) regarding a pilot project they are considering. The DANB pilot project is to allow an additional pathway for dental assistants to obtain DANB certification. The commission determined no response is necessary.

## **10. OTHER**

- 10.1. The commission discussed and approved the Exception Application Process procedure.
- 10.2. The commission discussed WAC 246-817-120 (1)(b)(v) regarding the term "state".  
Some states do offer individual exams. The commission will consider a state exam if

requested by an applicant. The Canadian clinical exam has not been determined to be equivalent to the U.S. regional exams. "State" in this rule indicates U.S. states.

- 10.3. Ms. Madden provided an update on the Public/Practitioner Information Committee. The commission agreed to change the name of the committee to Educational Outreach Committee. Two main tasks is 1) How to provide information; and 2) What information to provide. Frequently asked questions will be provided at the next meeting. Dr. Angolkar mentioned he provides a presentation to University of Washington School of Dentistry first year students. The commission discussed the possibility that the presentation may be useful to fourth year students.

## 11. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

- 11.1. Dr. Homitz will be attending the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) on April 4, 2011.
- 11.2. There is no new information regarding Western Regional Examining Board (WREB).
- 11.3. Dr. Mercier provided a written report of the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) March meeting. CRDTS will be providing new reports for exam results based on CODA graduates vs. non-CODA graduates.

## 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive session.

## 13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS

The commission had no recommendations for future business topics.

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

signature on file  
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

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Andrew Vorono, D.D.S., Chair