



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, May 13, 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, DMD  
Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS  
Karen Homitz, DDS  
Paul Bryan, DMD

**STAFF PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Melissa Johnson, Washington State Dental  
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA),  
Willamette Dental  
Zach Snyder, Washington State Dental  
Association (WSDA)  
Lorin Peterson, DDS, WSDA  
Akiko Kitada, DDS, South Puget Sound  
Community College  
Michael Hall, AAG  
Joseli Alves-Dunkerson, Department of  
Health, Oral Health Program

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Vorono, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
  - 1.1. The audience introduced themselves.
  - 1.2. The commission approved the business meeting agenda with the addition of Item 10.4 Western Conference on Licensure and Education.
  - 1.3. The commission approved the March 25, 2011 business meeting minutes.
  - 1.4. The commission approved the March 25, 2011 Panel A, B, & C minutes.

## 2. PRESENTATION

2.1. Joseli A. Alves-Dunkerson, DDS, MPH, MBA, Oral Health Program Manager, Office of Maternal and Child Health, Washington State Department of Health provided a presentation on the Washington State Oral Health Program.

- Smile Survey 2010 Results.
- Tooth Tutor Curriculum for Schools.
- Oral Health Promotion Cards.
- School Sealant Program Guidelines.
- School Sealant Program Dilemma.
- Care for People with Special Needs.
- Dental Referrals for the Underserved.

## 3. RULE MAKING

3.1. The CR103 for WAC 246-817-150 repeal of paragraph (4) will be filed next week.

3.2. The commission filed WAC 246-817-901 through 965 Pain Management rules on May 2, 2011. The rules become effective on July 1, 2011. The Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) will potentially create a continuing education course for practitioners. MQAC asked if the Dental Commission is interested in participating. The commission discussed the following regarding participating:

- Providing the course could be costly.
- Education for dentists is currently available at the University of Washington.
- The commission business plan includes education.
- A small number of dentists will seek the education.

The commission asked the Education Outreach Committee to communicate with MQAC but wait for more information.

## 4. OPERATING AGREEMENT/BUSINESS PLAN

4.1. The commission approved the operating agreement.

4.2. The commission approved the 2011-2013 Business Plan with appropriate changes.

## 5. LEGISLATION

5.1. Dr. Volz participated in department weekly calls that provide a summary of legislative bills that affect multiple professions.

5.2. The Governor signed Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5307. The law allows military training and experience as acceptable education for identified professions. The new law becomes effective on July 22, 2011. Section 14 of the bill identifies RCW 18.260. Registered dental assistants do not have education requirements and no implementation is required. Licensed expanded function dental auxiliaries do require approved education. The commission asked the EFDA Committee to evaluate current this legislation, current law, and existing military training.

- 5.3. Department economists are currently evaluating the draft survey for the Substitute House Bill 1099, Chapter 269 Laws of 2007 legislative report.

## **6. PROGRAM REPORT**

- 6.1. Ms. Santiago provided February and March 2011 interim operating budget reports. There is a significant reduction in the current ending balance. The commission asked about online renewals for cost savings. There is a current pilot project beginning with a select few professions to try the online renewal process.
- 6.2. Inactive dentist license WAC 246-817-220 became effective on April 17, 2011. Three dentists have obtained inactive status; two of the dentists are out of state.
- 6.3. Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) provided quarterly program statistics. WPHP is schedule to provide a presentation at the July meeting.
- 6.4. The commission previously asked how complaint/reports are being received at the department. In the month of January 2011, 43 complaints received for the dental commission, with seven calls tracked by the customer service center. This indicates that most individuals are locating the complaint form and information online.
- 6.5. The Governor appointed three new DQAC members effective July 1, 2011, Dr. Robert Shaw from Spokane, Dr. R. Terry Grubb from Wenatchee, and James Henderson, Public Member from Ellensburg. Their first meeting will be July 15, 2011.
- 6.6. The commission approved the 2012 meeting dates. January 6<sup>th</sup>, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, April 20<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, and December 14<sup>th</sup> 2012.
- 6.7. The commission received current DQAC policies, comment sheets and guidelines.
- 6.8. The commission received a list of active DQAC Committees.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 7.1. The commission discussed a letter received from Bo Turnage, DDS regarding providing botox, dermal fillers, and topical “cosmeceuticles” in the practice of dentistry. The commission will provide a response letter with Dr. Vorono’s signature.

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

- 8.1. The commission discussed Bellingham Technical College EFDA education program. The committee recommended maintaining current approval with reporting requirements status. The committee will re-evaluate the programs calibration of off-site dentists during the programs next class session. The commission agreed.

## **9. OTHER**

- 9.1. Ms. Madden provided an update on the Educational Outreach Committee. The committee identified goals:
  - Using (modifying the content of) existing websites:

- Post and Continue to update Dentist, Dental Assistant, and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Frequently Asked Questions
  - Update and expand “What’s Happening” web page
  - Stakeholder Directed Materials:
    - Newsletter (printed or e-format)
    - Messages added on to license mailings
  - Explore the potential in Social Media.
  - Improving the effectiveness of commission presence at large dental meetings like the PNDC (group participation mock authorization calls and panels).
  - The commission will continue to participate at the University of Washington and other Institutes of Dental Education.
- 9.2. The commission approved the frequently asked questions with appropriate corrections.
- 9.3. The commission approved Dr. Cooper to provide a presentation to his local dental society on May 19, 2011. Ms. Santiago will email the current power point presentation to Dr. Cooper.
- 9.4. The commission approved Dr. Angolkar to provide a presentation to Seattle-King County Dental Society on June 8, 2011.

## 10. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

- 10.1. Dr. Homitz attended the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) on April 4, 2011. There are eleven new dental schools. AADB discussed dental education and the rising costs of education, and mid-level dental providers.
- Dr. Volz recommended the commission make a nomination for AADB Citizen of the Year Award. The commission discussed the nomination process. The commission will consider a nomination next year.
- 10.2. Dr. Bryan will attend the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) meeting in July.
- 10.3. Dr. Mercier will attend the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) meeting in August.
- 10.4. Dr. Saepoff requested to attend the Western Conference on Licensure and Education meeting in July. The commission discussed out of state travel and reimbursement associated with it. There is currently a restriction on out of state travel reimbursed by a state agency. The commission agreed to request full reimbursement and registration fees for Dr. Saepoff to attend.

## 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive session.

## 12. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The commission thanked the following members for their service to the commission.

- Dr. Koday, February 2001 through June 2011.
- Abdul Alkezweeny, PhD., Public Member, July 2002 through June 2011.
- Dr. Achterberg, July 2007 through June 2011.

The commission recognized Dr. Saepoff for receiving the King County Green Globe Award on Earth Day 2011.

### **13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS**

The commission had no recommendations for future business topics.

**The commission adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

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Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

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Andrew Vorono, D.D.S., Chair