



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, September 9, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Todd Cooper, DDS, Chair
Paul Bryan, DMD, Vic-Chair
Andrew Vorono, DDS
Karen Homitz, DDS
Colleen Madden, Public Member
Jessica Saepoff, DDS
J. Patricia Norman, EFDA
Lisa Baldwin, EFDA
LouAnn Mercier, DDS
Willis Gabel, DDS
Wallace Volz, DDS
John Carbery, DMD
James Henderson, Public Member
Robert Shaw, DMD
R. Terry Grubb, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Michael Walsh, Washington State Dental
Association (WSDA)
Michael Hall, Advising Attorney General
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney
Don Painter, Chief Investigator
Melissa Johnson, Washington State Dental
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA),
Willamette Dental
Roberta Byrd-Wright, Seattle Central
Community College

OPEN SESSION

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

- 1.1. The audience introduced themselves.
- 1.2. The commission approved the business meeting agenda.
- 1.3. The commission approved the July 15, 2011 business meeting minutes.
- 1.4. The commission approved the July 15, 2011 Panel A, B, & C minutes.

2. PRESENTATION

Blake Maresh, Executive Director provided a presentation on the state budget process used by all state agencies. The presentation included the “anatomy” of the budget and areas of the budget where there is little, some, or considerable commission discretion. The budget presentation will be provided every other year.

3. OTHER

- 3.1. The commission discussed adding an expired credential category to their Initial Assessment Threshold policy. Discussion included insurance reimbursements are separate from the commissions disciplinary process, unlicensed versus expired license, time and expense of investigating when a credential has already been renewed, and standard renewal process procedures. Correspondence received from Washington Dental Services (WDS) asked for clarification on this issue. The commission approved 14 to 1 to include an expired credential category on the Initial Assessment Threshold policy. Ms. Santiago and Ms. Carter will present a draft policy at the next meeting. The commission will provide a response to WDS with Dr. Cooper’s signature.
- 3.2. The commission discussed the American Dental Association (ADA) Guidelines on Exchange of Electronic Health Information. Dr. Shaw provided some background on the issue regarding software developers and the platforms they use. The commission agreed to evaluate this issue annually or more often as needed. The commission will provide a response to Dr. Sinha with Dr. Cooper’s signature.
- 3.3. The commission received a copy of the American Association of Dental Boards Guidelines on Advertising.
- 3.4. The commission received a copy of the U.S. Federal Trade Commission action regarding “anticompetitive conspiracy”. The Federation of Medical Boards will be discussing the topic in the fall.
- 3.5. The commission received a copy of the completed survey Ms. Santiago provided the Joint Commission on National Dental Examination (JCNDE) regarding their policy change. If JCNDE changes their exam, licensing rules, WAC 246-8517-110, must be changed to reflect the new examination.
- 3.6. Ms. Santiago provided an update on the Substitute House Bill 1099, Chapter 269 Laws of 2007 legislative report. The survey was sent to 123 licensed expanded function dental auxiliaries on August 29, 2011. Sixteen responses have been received as of September 8, 2011. The dentist survey will be sent to identified supervising dentists after September 19, 2011.
- 3.7. The commission approved Dr. Vorono to attend the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (AAOMS) State Member forum. AAOMS funds the travel.

4. RULE MAKING

Ms. Santiago provided informational rule updates.

- 4.1. Heather Carter, AAG provided information on the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (MQAC) Pain Management rules. MQAC received a request to amend

their rules. Although the request was denied, MQAC is drafting an interpretative statement to address concerns. MQAC rules will be implemented January 2012.

- 4.2. The commission received a copy of the Prescription Monitoring Program rules. The rules become effective October 7, 2011.

5. PROGRAM REPORT

- 5.1. The commission received June and July 2011 interim operating budget reports. 2011-2013 budget allocations are not yet available.
- 5.2. The commission received a copy of current performance measures. The commission discussed the percentage of open cases compared to backlog of cases listed. Mr. Kellington explained the measures need to be evaluated as a whole and not individually.
- 5.3. The commission received a copy of the final 2011 Washington State Dental Association report.
- 5.4. The commission received a list of active DQAC committees

6. EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY (EFDA) EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Homitz provided a committee update.

- 6.1. The commission discussed EFDA military training and education. The commission approved the 1997 Expanded Function Program and 2007 Advanced Dental Assistant Program as substantially equivalent education.

7. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The committee has not met and there is no new information to provide at this time.

8. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

- 8.1. Dr. Homitz is attending the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) in October.
 - 8.1.1. The commission approved to request funding for Dr. Saepoff to attend the AADB meeting.
- 8.2. Dr. Bryan attended the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) meeting in July. WREB thanks Washington State for their participation in examinations.
- 8.3. Dr. Mercier attended the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) meeting in August. CRDTS is discussing changes/alternatives in examination process that would allow remediation during a 4-6 month timeframe.
- 8.4. Dr. Saepoff attended the Western Conference on Licensure and Education in July. Evidence based dentistry will be next year's topic.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive session.

11. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS

The commission had no recommendations for future business topics.

The commission adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

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Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

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Todd Cooper, D.D.S., Chair