



DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, February 7, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Verla Rich, RDH, Chair
Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Vice-Chair
Cheryl Lewis, RDH
Melissa Rice, Ph.D., Public Member

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Castle, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative
Daniel Welliever, Rules Coordinator
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association
Sheila Hoople, RDH

The Washington Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2014 via conference call.

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Friday, February 7, 2014 by Verla Rich, RDH, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee, staff, and audience introduced themselves. Trina Castle, Executive Director briefed committee members on her background. She is looking forward to working with the committee.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lewis motioned for approval of the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Perry and unanimously approved as presented.

1.3 Approval of October 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Perry motioned for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis. The minutes of the October 18, 2013 business meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

2. BYLAWS

Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft version of the bylaws. Ms. Rice commented that language regarding responsibilities such as, discipline or rule making, that are not within the committee's authority should be removed from the bylaws.

Ms. Perry motioned for approval of the draft bylaws. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis. The bylaws were adopted as amended.

3. 2014 LEGISLATION – Committee members were provided an update on 2014 legislation.

3.1 House Bill 2321 – Mid level dental providers. A hearing was held on January 20, 2014 for this and is still with the House Healthcare and Wellness Committee. Melissa Johnson shared with committee members that the deadline for the bill to move forward has passed. The committee accepted Melissa Johnson's offer to present an informational presentation on this at the next meeting.

3.2 House Bill 2445 – Board of Dental Hygiene. Melissa Johnson shared with the committee that the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) strongly opposed this bill. Ms. Rice asked whether working together with WSDA and/or the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) could make a bill like this more palatable in the future. Ms. Rich shared she feels it may be beneficial to attend DQAC meetings.

3.3 House Bill 2742 – Requiring a rule-making process to interpret the scope of practice of a health care profession. HB 2742 allows the Nursing Quality Assurance Commission (NQAC) to issue advisory opinions as stated in the statute that oversees the NQAC authority (RCW 18-79-110). HB 2742 passed out of the Health and Human Services Committee on Wednesday, February 5, 2014.

3.4 House Bill 2351 – Volunteer health care professionals licensed in a foreign jurisdiction. This bill allows a practitioner holding a healthcare license, in good standing in another state or territory to practice in WA on a limited volunteer basis for up to 30 days in a calendar year. Ms. Castle shared with members that the Department had concerns with this bill relating to patient follow-up care and disciplinary authority over the volunteers. The bill has passed the House Health Care Committee.

3.5 House Bill 2399 – Certificates of restoration. This bill relates to certificates of restoration of opportunity to support more successful re-entry and personal responsibility after criminal justice involvement and promote public safety of reducing recidivism through lifting statutory bars to occupations, licenses or permits that result from a criminal history and often create barriers to employment. This bill did not make it out of the House Healthcare and Wellness Committee.

3.6 Senate Bill 6170 – Continuing education related to cultural competency for health care professionals. This bill would require health professionals obtain cultural competency as part of their professions required continuing education. A public hearing for SB 6170 was held on January 23, 2014 in the Senate Committee on Health Care.

4. DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE 2013 -2015 BUSINESS PLAN

Committee members received a handout of their approved business plan for 2013 – 2015. Ms. Rice inquired about exploring ways of getting public input on dental hygiene issues through an outreach method such as, a “Gallup-style” poll or calls made to patients by DOH staff. Members discussed and deferred the suggestion. Ms. Brown explained to committee members that the business plan should be considered flexible and able to be re-visited and edited at any time.

5. **POLICY STATEMENTS** – Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) updated the committee on the statements. At the October 18, 2013 meeting committee members discussed the possibility of having a policy statement drafted to clarify head and neck exams and oral cancer screenings and requested Ms. Carter research various terms such as “diagnosis” and “assessment”. Ms. Carter suggested the committee hold off on issuing any interpretive or policy statements to see whether HB 2338 is passed into law. This will be added to the next agenda.

6. PARTICIPANT FOR AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) MID-YEAR MEETING

Committee members discussed attending the AADB mid-year meeting in Chicago, IL on April 6-7, 2014. Committee members decided to have Ms. Rich represent the committee at the AADB mid-year meeting. Ms. Rich will provide a report to committee members regarding the meeting.

7. COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION (CODA) SITE VISITS

7.1 Pima Medical Institute – Seattle – May 15-16, 2014

Ms. Lewis is tentatively scheduled to attend the CODA site visit to Pima Medical Institute, Seattle on May 15-16, 2014. She will check her work schedule and notify Ms. Brown if she is unable to attend.

7.2 Seattle Central Community College – Seattle – November 11-12, 2014

Ms. Perry is scheduled to attend the CODA site visit to Seattle Central Community College, Seattle on November 11-12, 2014.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

Committee members were provided a copy of the Federal Trade Commission staff comment to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) regarding its proposed standards for dental therapy education programs.

9. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Sheila Hoople shared she was happy to hear that a committee member would be attending the AADB mid-year meeting in April, to hear what issues and challenges other states are facing. Ms. Hoople asked questions about how a hygienist should document to protect themselves. Ms. Rich requested that Ms. Hoople send her specific questions to the committee in writing so that members can be appropriately prepared and adequate time be placed on the agenda for the committee to address concerns.

Ms. Rice asked how she as a committee member gets items placed on the agenda. Ms. Brown explained that agenda items need to be sent to her approximately three to four weeks prior to committee meetings.

10. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business before the committee, the conference call meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. on February 7, 2014. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 2, 2014 at the Department of Health in Tumwater. Updated meeting information can be found on the Dental Hygiene webpage.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Verla Rich, RDH, Chair