



**Dental Hygiene Examining Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2014**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Verla Rich, RDH, Chair
Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Vice-Chair
Cheryl Lewis, RDH
Melissa Rice, PhD

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Castle, Executive Director
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Joella Pyatt, RDH, Department of Health, Community Based
Prevention Section

OTHERS PRESENT: Marilyn Rothen, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists'
Association (WSDHA)
Nancy Alleman, RDH
Ann Anderson, RDH
Sheila Hoople, RDH
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington State Dental Hygienists'
Association
Kelly Reich, RDH, Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)
Charles Broadbent, DDS, Western Regional Examining Board

The Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met on Friday, June 6, 2014 at the Department of Health, Town Center 2, Room 158, 111 Israel Rd. S.E., Tumwater, WA.

Friday, June 6, 2014

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 8:31 a.m. on Friday, June 6, 2014 by Verla Rich, RDH, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee, staff and audience introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

1.3 Approval of February 7, 2014 Conference Call Meeting Minutes

Ms. Perry motioned for approval of the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lewis. The minutes of the February 7, 2014 conference call meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

2. DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION – 9:00 a.m.

The committee met with the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) to discuss collaboration on dental issues/topics. DQAC asked how the committee works and stated they would like to meet more often with them to discuss topics of mutual interest. Dr. Mercier shared she has worked with Verla Rich from DHEC as they are the representatives with Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS.) Ms. Rich explained to the commission that DHEC members act as examiners for dental hygiene exams.

During the discussion it was mentioned that perhaps the committee could become involved in the DQAC Educational Outreach Committee and their newsletter. DHEC was invited to write an article for the newsletter. Staff was asked to provide DHEC with a list of the DQAC education subcommittee meeting dates.

Dr. Mercier suggested that a commission member attend future DHEC meetings. Melissa Rice, PhD, DHEC public member suggested scheduling future DHEC meetings to coincide with the commission meetings as that would be helpful in facilitating collaboration between the commission and DHEC. Melissa Rice suggested that the committee prepare a list of issues/topics that they are interested in collaborating with DQAC on. Ms. Santiago, DQAC Program Manager and Ms. Brown will share meeting schedules with both committee and DQAC members.

The committee resumed the DHEC meeting. The committee continued its discussion regarding collaborating with DQAC. The committee decided they would like to discuss with DQAC the following rule modifications regarding the delegation of duties to persons not licensed as dentists:

- a. Move “give injections of a local anesthetic” from close supervision to general supervision.
- b. Under general supervision add “head and neck exams and oral cancer screenings.”

- c. Under general supervision add “deliver an oral sedative drug to a patient.”
- d. Under general supervision add “deliver pre-med (prophylactic and antibiotic” oral drug to a patient.”

The committee requested staff add this as a discussion item for the next meeting, scheduled for August 15, 2014.

3. PRESENTATION – 9:30 a.m.

Kelly Reich, RDH and Charlie Broadbent, DDS provided an overview on Western Regional Examining Board (WREB).

WREB is a testing service made up of member states who work together to develop and administer examinations for dentist and dental hygiene licensure. They work with members of state boards on tests. Ms. Reich provided dental hygiene examination statistics. Dr. Broadbent provided dentist examination statistics. The dentist exam may be changing to include treatment planning. Hygiene examination already has a patient care component.

Washington State representatives for WREB are:

- Cheryl Lewis, RDH, Dental Hygiene Examining Committee and
- Dr. Bryan for the Dental Quality Assurance Commission.

4. CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICES, INC. (CRDTS) ANNUAL MEETING

The committee was provided information regarding the CRDTS Annual Meeting being held on August 21 – 23, 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri. It was mentioned that staff had prepared the paperwork for all members to attend the CRDTS annual meeting. All members were given approval to attend.

5. DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE 2013 – 2015 BUSINESS PLAN

Committee members reviewed and discussed their 2013 – 2015 business plan. The committee discussed the possibility of adding two new goals as well as expanding one of the current goals of the business plan. These goals are:

Goal 1 – add “Rules and definitions as they are relevant to the practice act of Washington State.”

Goal 14 (new) – Provide an ongoing process for clarification of dental hygiene scope of practice, rules, and related issues in collaboration with the Department of Health.

Goal 15 (new) – Develop strategies for improving communications with the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) on matters of mutual concern.

6. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

- 6.1 Western Regional Examining Board Dental Hygiene Exam Review Board meeting held on March 21, 2014 – Cheryl Lewis, RDH

Ms. Lewis provided an overview to the committee on the WREB Dental Hygiene Exam Review Board (DHERB) meeting held on March 21, 2014.

- 6.2 American Association of Dental Board 2014 Mid-Year meeting held on April 6 – 7, 2014 – Verla Rich, RDH

Ms. Rich provided an overview to the committee on the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) meeting held on April 6 – 7, 2014.

- 6.3 Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visit to Pima Medical Institute held on May 15 – 16, 2014 – Cheryl Lewis, RDH

Ms. Lewis provided an overview to the committee on the CODA site visit to Pima Medical Institute held on May 15 – 16, 2014.

7. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

Information provided to the committee by the Program Manager and Executive Director.

- 7.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Castle presented the April 2014 interim operating budget report. The budget for the dental hygiene program is in good shape with no areas of concern.

- 7.2 Licensing statistics

Committee members were provided a handout with licensing statistics.

- 7.3 Disciplinary Cases Update

Committee members were provided a handout with disciplinary statistics.

- 7.4 Final Legislation for 2014

Ms. Castle provided an update to the committee on 2014 final legislation that may affect them. She stated that all members will have to have yearly training on the Open Public Meetings Act.

Ms. Castle informed the members that in 2015 the department will be proposing legislation on alternatives to discipline.

7.5 Update on Recruitment

Ms. Brown updated the committee on the status of the recruitment for a dental hygienist member.

7.6 Other

There was nothing to report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent was for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

- Article on Maine's Mid-Level dental provider law

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) standard of care incorporated into Washington State dental hygiene rules
- Licensing statistics
- Business Plan for 2013 – 2015
- Presentation on the role of the Investigations and Inspections Office
- Policy statements
- Collaborative meetings with the Dental Quality Assurance Commission
- Report on the Western Regional Examining Board annual meeting and Dental Hygiene Exam Review Board meeting

10. POLICY STATEMENTS

The committee had a discussion with Heather Carter, AAG regarding head and neck exams and oral cancer screenings. After the discussion, the decision was that a policy statement was unnecessary. Ms. Castle will talk to the Dental Quality Assurance Commission about having head and neck exams and oral cancer screenings added to the commission's rules on delegation of duties that can be done under general supervision.

11. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Public input was received throughout the meeting. There was no additional public input during this agenda item.

12. RULES DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP – 1:05 p.m. to 1:51 p.m.

The Department of Health in consultation with the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) reviewed the draft rule changes and language from the January 13, 2014 rule workshop on WAC 246-815-020 Dental Hygiene Examination Eligibility and WAC 246-815-140 Continuing Education for Dental Hygienists.

Staff will prepare the required documents for a rule hearing to be tentatively scheduled for a date in October, 2014 in Tumwater.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:49 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2014.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 15, 2014 at the Department of Health, Town Center 2 Room 158, 111 Israel Rd. S.E., Tumwater, WA.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Verla Rich, RDH, Chair