



**Dental Hygiene Examining Committee
Amended Conference Call Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2015**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Chair
Stephanie Brown, RDH
Melissa Rice, PhD., Public Member (only on part of the call)

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Castle, Executive Director
Erika Montes, Program Representative
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Herbrand, Deputy Credentialing Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
Marilyn Rothen, RDH, President, WSDHA

The Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met by conference call on Friday, February 13, 2015.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015 by Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee, staff, and audience introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

The approval of the agenda was deferred due to a quorum not being present.

1.3 Approval of October 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

The approval of the October 24, 2014 meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

2. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2.1 August 7, 2015 meeting – Change of location

After discussion, it was decided to keep the August 7, 2015 meeting at the Department of Health in Tumwater.

2.2 Meetings and subcommittees

Ms. Perry presented information she had received from Ms. Lewis regarding meetings and subcommittee meetings. Ms. Lewis would like the committee to think about having a larger committee. Stephanie Brown agreed. Ms. Carter will research to see if the dental hygiene law allows for the appointment of pro-tem members. Ms. Carter will present her findings at the June 5, 2015 meeting.

2.3 Expired license guidelines

Ms. Castle explained the expired license guidelines and the reason behind them. She would like to receive feedback from the committee members on the guidelines. This item will be added to the June 5, 2015 meeting for review and discussion.

3. WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD (WREB) PROCESS OF CARE

The committee members present discussed WREB's decision to discontinue the process of care examination. Ms. Castle said that currently our rules do not require a separate process of care examination and even without the WREB examination containing the process of care component, it still meets our requirements. This item will be added to the June 5, 2015 agenda for further discussion.

4. PARTICIPANTS FOR AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AABD) MID-YEAR MEETING

The committee members present discussed the AADB mid-year meeting. None of the dental hygiene members are available to attend.

5. 2015 LEGISLATION

Ms. Castle provided an update on the following legislation:

- House Bill 1514 – Concerning dental office support services. This bill allows dental service organization to own the dental office / equipment and contract out to dentists to provide services. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) has concerns regarding this bill. If this bill passes DQAC would not have regulatory authority over the corporate owned dental clinics.
- HB 1421 – Concerning mid-level dental providers. This bill creates two new profession types, dental practitioner and dental hygiene practitioner, under the disciplinary authority of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission.
- House Bill 1384 – Relating to dental hygienists and dental assistants taking impressions. This bill removes the prohibition of taking impressions for dental hygienists and dental assistants under certain circumstances. The bill also always dental hygienists licensed and practicing in a Canadian province to apply for an initial limited license.
- HB 1339 – Allows the secretary of health to intercede and stay any decision of a disciplining authority that expands its scope of practice. Department of Health is in support of this bill.
- HB 1135 – Allows for an alternative to discipline for minor issues such as billing or record keeping. Gives boards and commissions another option for use in minor disciplinary cases. This is a Department of Health sponsored bill.
- SB 5151 – Relating to continuing education related to cultural competency for healthcare professionals. If passed, this bill would require all healthcare professionals to receive cultural competency continuing education training.
- HB 1208 – Relating to the removal of adjudicative proceedings to the office of administrative hearings. Department of Health does not support this bill.
- HB 1027/SB 5189 – Relating to Indian tribes and dental health aide therapy services.
- HB 1002 – Relating to prohibiting unfair and deceptive dental insurance practices. The bill would require dental insurance companies to pay for procedures the dental professional deems as necessary.
- HB 1340 – Relating to developing a process to allow pilot programs for healthcare professionals to learn new skills or roles. This bill allows training to be expanded through Department of Health approved apprenticeships.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

There were no items for the committee to review at this time.

7. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

Colleen Gaylord, RDH provided brief history of the use of pro-tem members for various reasons. She is concerned about the current workload for the committee. Ms. Gaylord suggested updating the committee application to include time volunteering on the various committees. The committee application needs to stress how much is involved in being a member of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee. She is surprised that the profession does not know how many hours the committee members actually put it.

Ms. Gaylord stated that the WSDHA has been having meetings with the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) to discuss changing the regulations on dental hygiene.

Ms. Perry stated that since she has been on the committee, this is the most busiest that she has been. There have been quite a few subcommittees created and she would be happy to entertain having pro-tem members appointed.

Ms. Gaylord addressed the WREB process of care (POC) examination. She would like to see the rules changes to include this or ask WREB to add this back into the clinical exam but only for Washington candidates. Ms. Gaylord went on to suggest eliminating the POC or requesting WREB to include in the clinical examination.

Ms. Perry relayed that Ms. Lewis says the extra intra oral exam should be part of the examination if head and neck exams are placed under general supervision.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the conference call meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2015.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Department of Health, Town Center 2, Tumwater, WA.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Cheryl Lewis, RDH, Vice-Chair