



Dental Hygiene Examining Committee Amended Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 5, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheryl Lewis, RDH, Vice-Chair
Stephanie Brown, RDH
Melissa Rice, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT: Vicki Brown, Program Manager
Trina Castle, Executive Director
Erika Montes, Program Representative
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Dan Renfroe, Online Licensing Project Manager
Debra Puryear-Tainer, Online Licensing Service Coordinator
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, WSDHA
Nancy Alleman, RDH
Ann Anderson, RDH
Sheila Hoople, RDH

The Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met on Friday, June 5, 2015 at the Department of Health, Town Center 2 Room 158, 111 Israel Rd. S.E., Tumwater, WA 98501.

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OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015 by Cheryl Lewis, RDH, Vice-Chair.

1.1 Introductions

The committee, staff and audience introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Stephanie Brown, RDH to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Melissa Rice, Public Member. The agenda was approved as presented.

1.3 Approval of October 24, 2014 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Stephanie Brown, RDH to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2014. The motion was seconded by Melissa Rice, Public Member. The October 24, 2014 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

1.4 Approval of February 13, 2015 Conference Call Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Stephanie Brown, RDH to approve the conference call meeting minutes from February 13, 2015 as amended. The motion was seconded by Melissa Rice, Public Member. The February 13, 2015 conference call meeting minutes were approved as amended.

Agenda item 7 was amended to read, "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."

PRESENTATION

2. Dan Renfro, Department of Health, Online Licensing Project Manager provided information regarding the department's online application project.

Online licensing goals are to:

- Provides online portal for new license applications for health professions and facilities.
- Provides streamlined, easy to use online applications.
- Stores license application data in licensing system.

Online licensing benefits are to:

- Reduce the amount of time to issue licenses.
- Improve patient safety and access to care.
- Allow providers and facilities to provide care sooner.

Information collection goals are to:

- Collect healthcare provider demographic information.
- Improve healthcare workforce information.

Benefits to information collection are to:

- Improve access to care and reduce healthcare disparities.
- Ensure healthcare workforce is used to their best abilities in places of greatest need.

3. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

3.1 Meeting, subcommittees and pro-tem members

Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG) talked to the committee regarding her research on pro-tem members. The Secretary of the Department of Health does not have the authority in statute to appoint pro-tem members to the committee. The secretary does have authority to hire individuals to act as examiners. Colleen Gaylord stated that this is different than it once was as she served as a pro-tem member for 2 1/2 years. Melissa Johnson stated there was nothing under the general authority of the secretary to allow pro-tem members.

The committee requested staff to compile a list of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) and Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) meetings for 2016. This information will be provided to the committee at their August meeting if the dates are available.

3.2 American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) Standards of Practice

There were questions regarding if a reference to a national standard could be put into rule and licensees then held to those standards. Ms. Carter stated that they do not like to put references into rule. It is better to take the standards that are liked and put them into rule.

Ms. Gaylord commented that the dental hygiene rules are already seven years behind the American Dental Hygiene Association standards. Ms. Carter said that legally you cannot approve standards for the future.

Ms. Castle explained that there might be some ADHA standards that a hygienist in this state is not allowed to do. They could be disciplined. Ms. Carter further commented that she was not aware of any other health profession that has national standards in their rules.

Ms. Castle said now that the continuing education rule has been completed, the next rule that will be reviewed is WAC 246-815-160 Standards of dental hygiene conduct or practice.

3.3 Location of October 9, 2015 committee meeting

The committee reviewed the request from the Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA) to hold the October 9, 2015 Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) meeting at the Lynnwood Embassy Suites. The committee agreed to hold the October 9, 2015 meeting in Lynnwood at the Lynnwood Embassy Suites with a start time of 9:00 a.m.

3.4 Expired license guidelines

Trina Castle explained that the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC) has drafted expired license guidelines to use as guidance for expired credentials. The committee was asked if they would like to have the department consider using similar guidelines for dental hygienists with expired credentials. The committee decided they would like to have the department use the expired license guidelines for dental hygienists and requested Ms. Castle to proceed.

3.5 Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (DHEC) and the Dental Collaboration Committee (DCC)

The committee was presented with an email provided by Ms. Rice asking for clarification on the following:

- How does DHEC interact with DCC?
- What items does DHEC need to approve?
- Do DCC items need to come back to DHEC for approval?

Ms. Castle stated that as new items come up, they will be brought up to DHEC for review. If there is a decision that needs DHEC approval, a special conference call meeting can be held.

Ms. Rice informed the committee that DCC is trying to prepare a short summary statement for presentation to the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (DQAC). She asked if the committee would like to review the statement before the presentation to DQAC. Ms. Lewis does not think that the committee needs to approve the statement. They only need to be made aware of items that are different from their initial recommendation.

3.6 Dental Hygiene Drug and Law Exam

Nancy Alleman, RDH made an inquiry concerning questions on the dental hygiene drug and law exam that would be relevant to RCW 18.29.056 and RCW 18.29.230. Ms. Alleman asked the committee to consider adding questions to the

exam on RCW 18.29.056. Ms. Brown stated that the current drug and law exam contains two questions relating to RCW 18.29.056 but no questions relating to RCW 18.29.230.

4. SENATE BILL (SB) 5606 – DENTAL PROFESSIONALS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE

The committee was presented an update regarding the implementation of SB 5606 as it relates to dental hygiene. Staff researched and provided the scope of practice for British Columbia. Ms. Brown explained that British Columbia was reviewed as it is the bordering province. Ms. Brown went on to say that the department will only review the other Canadian provinces if someone applies for licensure. The committee reviewed the documentation and agreed with the recommendation of the department to accept British Columbia applicants.

Ms. Rice mentioned the DCC and impressions. Melissa Johnson stated that DQAC was holding off making a decision until DCC makes a recommendation on if dental hygienists taking impressions should be under general or close supervision. Ms. Rice asked if it was possible to adopt rules for RCW 18.29.056 to include impressions. It was explained that RCW 18.29.056 currently has listed in it the duties that a hygienist can perform in health care facilities or senior centers and additional duties cannot be added by rule.

5. 2015 LEGISLATION

Ms. Castle provided an update to the board on the following legislation:

- Senate Bill 5606 – Modifying provisions related to licensing and scope of practice for dental professionals. This bill passed.
- Senate Bill 5810 – Promoting the use, acceptance, and removal of barriers to the use and acceptance of electronic signatures. This bill passed.
- House Bill 1339 – Allowing the secretary of health to intercede and stay any decision of a disciplining authority that expands scope of practice. This bill passed.
- House Bill 1135 – Health profession remediation plans. This bill did not pass.
- House Bill 1002 – Prohibiting unfair and deceptive dental insurance practices. This bill passed.
- Senate Bill 5175 – Telemedicine. This bill passed.

Ms. Rice asked for the committee to receive a copy of the 2015 bills regarding mid-level providers to be discussed at the next meeting.

6. WESTERN REGIONAL EXAMINING BOARD PROCESS OF CARE

The committee discussed the current rules relating to required exams. It was noted that the rules currently do not require an extra intra oral exam. Audience members felt that all exam candidates should be required to take and pass an extra intra oral exam. Ms. Lewis said that there should be some sort of extra intra oral exam. Currently the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) will offer exams that are required in each state. As Washington rules do not have extra intra oral listed, it will not be administered.

7. PARTICIPANT FOR AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) ANNUAL MEETING

The committee discussed attending the AADB annual meeting being held on November 3 – 4, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Ms. Lewis will check her schedule and let staff know if she is available to attend. Staff will begin preparing the out-of-state travel request for Ms. Lewis.

8. PARTICIPANTS FOR THE CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICES, INC. (CRDTS) WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL MEETING

The committee discussed attending the CRDTS workshop and annual meeting being held on August 20 – 22, 2015 in Kansas City, MO. Ms. Lewis and Ms. Rice are unable to attend. Ms. Stephanie Brown will be attending. Staff will begin preparing the out-of-state travel request for Ms. S. Brown.

9. DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE 2015 – 2017 BUSINESS PLAN

The committee reviewed their 2015 – 2017 business plan. There were no recommended changes. This will be added to the next meeting agenda.

10. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT – Information provided to the committee by the Program Manager and Executive Director.

10.1 Interim Operating Budget Report

Ms. Castle provided an updated budget report to the committee. She explained that the budget is in good shape and the income is exceeding the expenditures.

10.2 Licensing statistics

Committee members were provided a handout with the following licensing statistics:

- 86 Dental Hygienists with Initial Limited Licenses
- 332 Dental Hygienists with Renewable Limited Licenses
- 6,035 Dental Hygienists Licenses
- 109 Dental Anesthesia Assistant Licenses
- 13,588 Dental Assistant Registrations
- 6,012 Dentist Licenses
- 212 Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary Licenses

Committee members were also provided a handout with the following count of alleged issues and count of case natures for complaint statistics:

Count of Alleges Issued	Number of Cases
Criminal conviction	2
Patient care	3
Practicing beyond the scope of practice	1
Violation of federal or state statutes, regulations or rules	2
Continuing education	2
Failure to comply with continuing education or competency requirements	3
Patient neglect	1
Patient rights	1
Records	1
Substandard or inadequate care	3
Practicing without a valid license	1
Unprofessional conduct	2
Mandatory reporting	1
Error in prescribing, dispensing or administering medication	1
Patient abuse	1
Fraud – unspecified	1
Failure to provide medically reasonable and/or necessary items or services	1

Count of Case Natures	Number of Cases
Abuse	1
Beyond scope	1
Criminal conviction	1
Criminal conviction on application	1
Documentation	2
Failure to comply with continuing education or competency requirements	4
Fraud	1
Standard of care/services	5
Violation of regulations or rules	1

Mandatory reporting	1
Practice without a valid license (expired, suspended, revoked)	1

10.3 Rules update

Ms. Brown provided an update on the status of dental hygiene continuing education rule. The CR-102 rule hearing was held on May 22, 2015 at the Department of Health. It is expected that the revised rules will be effective between the middle to end of August.

10.4 Other

There was nothing presented or discussed under this agenda item.

11. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is 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.

11.1 Update on the North East Regional Board (NERB)

11.2 Update on the Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA)

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) standard of care incorporated into Washington State dental hygiene rules
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Business Plan for 2015 – 2017
- Presentation on the role of the Investigations and Inspections Office
- Standards/comparison of the NERB/CDCA and SRTA examinations

13. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The open forum included public input on:

- RCW 18.29.056;
- Standard of care; and
- Head and neck and oral exams

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2015. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 7, 2015 in Tumwater, WA. Update meeting information will be posted to the Dental Hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

Vicki Brown, Program Manager

Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Chair