



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION**  
**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**Friday, September 11, 2015**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charles Hall, DDS, Chair  
Colleen Madden, Public Member, Vice-Chair  
Paul Bryan, DMD  
James Henderson, Public Member  
Bree Kramer, EFDA  
Todd Cooper, DDS  
Robert Shaw, DMD  
Karim Alibhai, DMD  
Hyun Jung Song, DDS  
John Liu, DDS  
Aaron Stevens, DMD  
John Carbery, DMD  
Lyle McClellan, DDS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kara Baza, EFDA  
LouAnn Mercier, DDS  
Kunal Walia, DDS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Trina Castle, Executive Director  
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
(AAG)  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Bracken Killpack, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)  
Anne Burkland, WSDA  
Mike Walsh, WSDA  
Emily Lovell, WSDA  
Sheila Hoople, Washington State Dental Hygienists' Association (WSDHA)  
Ann Anderson, WSDHA  
Melissa Johnson, WSDHA, Willamette Dental  
Anna D'Emilio, New York Lutheran Medical Center (NYLMC)  
Martin Lieberman, NYLMC  
Calix Ramos, NYLMC  
Jennifer Alexander, NYLMC  
Edward Vigna, NYLMC  
Alvin Thein, NYLMC  
Mark Bai, NYLMC  
Mary Elliott, EFDA, RDA, Interdent  
Charles Meredith, MD, Washington Physicians Health Program  
Melanie Knupp, Pacific Dental Services  
Chapin Densmore, Dentist

**OPEN SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Hall, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

1.1. The commission, staff, and audience introduced themselves.

- 1.2. The commission approved the agenda as presented.
- 1.3. The commission approved the July 17, 2015 business meeting minutes as presented.

## **2. PRESENTATION**

Ericka Brown, Department of Health, Dental Credentialing Supervisor provided dental commission credentialing statistical data. The commission discussed correspondence received regarding customer service and credentialing requirements for dental anesthesia assistants. The commission asked Ms. Brown to provide a response from the department's credentialing office to Ms. Bushell.

## **3. OTHER**

- 3.1. Dr. Anna D'Emilio provided the commission with information regarding the NYI Lutheran AEGD program. The commission approved a request from NYU Lutheran AEGD Program for approval of identified clinical sites to meet the residency in lieu of examination requirement, RCW 18.32.040(3)(c), for graduates of their residency programs.
  - Columbia Basin Health Association – Othello Family Dental; Othello, WA
  - Columbia Basin Health Association – Wahluke Family Dental; Mattawa, WA
  - Columbia Basin Health Association – 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Clinic; Othello, WA
  - Columbia Basin Health Association – Connell Family Dental; Connell, WA
  - Community Health Care; Tacoma, WA
  - Health Point – Bothell Dental Clinic; Bothell, WA
  - Health Point – Midway Dental; Des Moines, WA
  - Health Point; Kent, WA
  - International Community Health Services – Shoreline Medical and Dental Clinic; Seattle, WA
  - International Community Health Services – Bellevue Medical and Dental Clinic; Seattle, WA
  - International Community Health Services – Holly Park Medical and Dental Clinic
  - Neighborcare – Health Point Health; Seattle, WA
  - Neighborcare – Rainier Beach Dental Clinic; Seattle, WA
  - Neighborcare – Georgetown Dental Clinic; Seattle, WA
  - Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic; Spokane, WA
  - Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic; Walla Walla, WA
- 3.2. The commission discussed telemedicine/teledentistry.
  - Senate Bill (SB) 5175 passed in the 2015 legislative session. It allows for Health Care Authority reimbursement of telemedicine services.
  - Health Care Authority has rule changes in process.
  - The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has an established guideline on telemedicine. They will be updating their guideline due to potential conflict with SB 5175.

Telemedicine still requires the practitioner to be licensed in the state where the patient is receiving treatment.

- 3.3. Dr. Hall updated the commission on the Health Systems Quality Assurance Board/Commission Leadership July 20, 2015 meeting. Topics included patient accountability, ethics, healthcare system information/health accountability, interstate compacts, and FBI reports. The commission requested to have the ethics presentation at a future meeting.
- 3.4. The commission approved Dr. Carbery to present to Yakima Dental Society in January 2016.
- 3.5. Dr. McClellan will be attending the Health Systems Quality Assurance Board/Commission/Committee New Member Orientation on September 18, 2015. The orientation is open to all commission members.
- 3.6. The commission discussed sending a representative to the Citizen Advocacy Center 2015 Annual Meeting on November 12-13, 2015. The meeting topic is competency. The commission approved Colleen Madden and Dr. Stevens to attend.
- 3.7. The commission approved the supplemental portion to the Uniform Disciplinary Act biennial report.
- 3.8. The commission approved an updated sedation permit application.

#### **4. EXAMINATIONS**

- 4.1. The commission discussed RCW 18.32.215, WAC 246-817-130, 135, and 140 License without examination. Jennifer Santiago requested the commission open these rules for modification due to conflicts with current rule and statute and continued confusion in the licensure process. The commission approved to open the rules for modification.
- 4.2. The commission will discuss examination topics at the October meeting, as statistical information is not yet available.
- 4.3. The commission discussed draft WAC 246-817-120 Examination content rule. The commission received information detailing each examination organization's examination content. The commission discussed the need for the dates for each examination. Dr. Cooper will work with Ms. Santiago to make rule modifications for the commission's consideration at the October meeting.
- 4.4. The commission approved recommended changes to questions #4, 5, 11, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, and 24 on the dentist jurisprudence examination. The commission created a Jurisprudence Examination Committee to evaluate and recommend significant modifications to the jurisprudence examination. The committee consists of Drs. Shaw, Stevens, Alibhai, McClellan, and Carbery.

#### **5. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE**

- 5.1. Jennifer Santiago updated the commission on the committee's August 14, 2015 meeting.
- 5.2. The commission approved committee recommendations to include the following in rule modifications to WAC 246-817-550 and 246-817-560:
  - Delivery of Pre-medications – add to general supervision for dental hygienists

- Use of Onset buffering “dental local anesthetic buffering systems” by a dental hygienist – add to general supervision for dental hygienists

## 6. RULES

- 6.1. WAC 246-817-160 Graduates of non-accredited schools – The commission discussed rule modification. The original intent of rule modification was to address clinical training requirements. The commission modified the rule language to include a start date of the new requirement “Beginning July 1, 2018.” The commission approved the draft rule language. Ms. Santiago will send draft rule to stakeholders for comment.
- 6.2. WAC 246-817-701 through 790 Administration of anesthetic agents for dental procedures. The CR102 to schedule a rules hearing on December 11, 2015 is in department review. A rule hearing date will be published after the CR102 is filed with the Code Revisers Office.
  - WAC 246-817-724 Recordkeeping, equipment and emergency medications or drugs required in all sites where anesthetic agents of any kind are administered
  - WAC 246-817-740 Minimal sedation by inhalation
  - WAC 246-817-745 Minimal sedation
  - WAC 246-817-755 Moderate sedation
  - WAC 246-817-760 Moderate sedation with parenteral agents
  - WAC 246-817-772 Training requirements for anesthesia monitor
- 6.3. Dental Treatment Record rules – The commission discussed comments received and made the following modifications:
  - WAC 246-817-304 Definitions – no change
  - WAC 246-817-305 Patient record content – deleted (g)(i) and combined “orthodontia” to full mouth reconstruction retention in item (g).
  - WAC 246-817-310 Patient record retention and accessibility requirements – no change
  - WAC 246-817-315 Business records accessibility – added “as part of an authorized investigation” and changed “dental quality assurance commission” to “secretary” in first sentence.

The commission approved the draft language. Ms. Santiago will send draft rule to stakeholders for comment and begin preparing the CR102 to schedule the rule hearing.
- 6.4. WAC 246-817-460 Sexual misconduct – The CR103 filed on August 4, 2015 and rule became effective September 4, 2015.
- 6.5. WAC 246-817-110 and 150 Dental Licensure and Faculty Licenses – The CR105 exception rule process is in department review. The rule will automatically become effective 45 days after the CR105 is filed if no comments are received.
- 6.6. WAC 246-817-550 and 560 Acts that may be performed by dental hygienists – The CR101 has been drafted but has not been processed due to the additional tasks the commission approved in item #5.
- 6.7. The commission updated the list of priorities for rule modifications.

## 7. DENTAL ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE

- 7.1. Dr. Hall updated the commission on the committee's August 28, 2015 meeting. The committee discussed the potential need to create training or education requirements for dental assistants performing tasks that are more advanced. Statutory change would be required. The commission agreed they would support future legislation to require education and training for advanced dental assistant tasks.
- 7.2. The commission discussed comments received, modified, and reviewed draft rule language.
  - WAC 246-817-510 Definitions for WAC 246-817-501 through 246-817-570
    - Dr. Cooper recommended two changes:
      - § Remove "Luxation is not a distinct procedure in and of itself" from the definition of luxation. The commission approved.
      - § Remove "Suturing is not a separate and distinct procedure in and of itself" from the definition of suturing. The commission approved.
  - WAC 246-817-520 Supportive services that may be performed by registered dental assistants
  - WAC 246-817-525 Supportive services that may be performed by expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs)
  - WAC 246-817-540 Acts that may not be performed by registered dental assistants
  - WAC 246-817-545 Acts that may not be performed by expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs)

The committee plans to meet again to continue potential rule modifications.

## **8. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

- 8.1. Ms. Madden updated the commission on the committee's July 31, 2015 meeting. The retreat was held Thursday, September 10, 2015. The July 2015 Newsletter was published on July 31, 2015.
- 8.2. The commission discussed a WSDA News editorial article regarding dentist license renewal. The commission expressed concerns with inaccuracies in the article. The commission determined not to respond to the article. The committee will include a general renewal article in the November 2015 newsletter.

## **9. EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- 9.1. Dr. Shaw updated the commission on the committee's July 24 and August 21, 2015 meetings. Three programs have been identified for expanded function dental auxiliary education (EFDA) program review. Review letters have been sent to the three programs. Each program will have a site visit.
- 9.2. The committee evaluated the State of Oregon dental assistant restorative functions certificate and determined there are minor differences with Washington State EFDA. Oregon does not require education/training in final impressions. The committee also considered the commission's 2009 approval of Ohio and they too do not have education/training in final impressions. The commission approved the State of Oregon dental assistant restorative functions certificate as substantially equivalent to State of Washington EFDA licensing standards.

## **10. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

The commission denied the City of Spokane Wastewater Management request as a professional association or educational organization to receive list and labels.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

The commission reviewed correspondence received.

- 11.1. Email dated August 13, 2015 from Sarah Thiel, RDH in New Mexico requesting to present to the commission regarding a system to track, store, and submit continuing education to a state. The commission determined a presentation is not necessary. The commission will keep Ms. Theil's information for future use if needed.
- 11.2. The commission received a copy of response letter to Terre Harris regarding ownership of dental business and facility.
- 11.3. The commission received a copy of response letter to Rebecca Stoleberg regarding use of Oraverse.
- 11.4. The commission received a copy of response letter to Pacific Dental Services regarding the Corporate Practice Committee report.

## **12. PROGRAM REPORT**

- 12.1. The commission received the June 2015 interim operating budget report. The report showed a positive balance. Staff will continue to monitor budget. New biennium budget for 2015-2017 is not yet available. Bracken Killpack asked if the department is considering a fee reduction for dentists. Dentist fees are on the departments review list for next year.
- 12.2. A new Assistant Program Manager, Tracie Drake, will be assisting with commission activities.
- 12.3. Online renewal receipts cannot be changed at this time.
- 12.4. The commission received a list of active committees.

## **13. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

- 13.1. Dr. Bryan reported on the July 24, 2015 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) Dental Exam Review Board meeting. WREB is considering changes to the endodontic exam and has changed the restorative exam to allow for two composites versus one amalgam and one composite.
- 13.2. Dr. Mercier provided a written report on the August 20-22, 2015 Central Regional Testing Services (CRDTS) annual meeting.

## **14. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS**

The commission had no future business topics at this time.

The commission adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

Signature on file  
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

Signature on file  
Charles Hall, D.D.S., Chairperson