



## **DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 7, 2016  
12:00 Noon

Members  
Present: Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Chair  
Latashia Bergan, RDH  
Andrew Johnston, RDH  
Melissa Rice, Public Member

Staff Present: Vicki brown, Program Manager  
Trina Castle, Executive Director  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present: Kimber Cobb, Executive Director, Central Regional Dental Testing  
Services, Inc. (CRDTS)  
Kelly Reich, RDH, Western Regional Examining Board (WREB)  
Dental Hygiene Co-Director  
Colleen Gaylord, RDH, Washington State Dental Hygienists'  
Association (WSDHA)  
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, WSDHA  
Beverly Frye, RDH, WSDHA  
Marilyn Rothen, RDH, WSDHA

The Washington State Dental Hygiene Examining Committee met on Monday, March 7, 2016 by conference call.

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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 12:00 noon on Monday, March 7, 2016 by Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Chair.

##### **1.1 Introductions**

The committee, staff and audience introduced themselves.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented.

1.3 Approval of October 24, 2015 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2015. The October 24, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**2. SETTING 2016 MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS** – The committee will set the 2016 meeting dates and locations.

The committee reviewed the 2016 calendar and set their meeting dates and locations as follows:

- Friday, April 29, 2016 in Tumwater.
- Thursday, July 21, 2016 in Tumwater.
- Friday, October 14, 2016 in Bellevue.

**3. PARTICIPANTS FOR THE JANUARY 1, 2016 TO DECEMBER 31, 2016 STEERING COMMITTEE AND DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINATION REVIEW COMMITTEES**

- Ms. Perry will represent the committee at the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) dental hygiene exam review committee meetings.
- Mr. Johnston will represent the committee at the CRDTS executive and steering committee meetings.
- Ms. Bergan will represent the committee at the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) dental hygiene exam review committee meetings.

**4. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

4.1 Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. Dental Hygiene Restorative Examination

Kimber Cobb, Executive Director of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) provided background information to the committee on the purpose of CRDTS preparing and administering a restorative exam. It was noted that they already had a restorative exam developed for mid-level providers. Ms. Cobb stated that their restorative exam was not developed in conjunction with the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB.) It was developed independently with their dental and dental hygiene exam review board and the executive

committee. Ms. Cobb said the candidate has a choice of two procedures, a class two and a class 3.

Mr. Johnston asked if the committee could have suggested changes to the exam such as instead of a candidate having to do perform an amalgam or composite that they have to do both. Ms. Cobb said that this could be added to the exam if the dental examining committee approves the construct of the current exam.

Ms. Rice asked how the CRDTS restorative exam compares to the WREB restorative exam. Kelly Reich, Dental Hygiene Co-Director for WREB, stated that WREB is changing their 2016 standardized preps. A candidate will have to do 2 class two preps consisting of an amalgam and a composite but not on an anterior tooth.

The committee discussed the possibility of requiring an applicant for dental hygiene licensure in Washington having to take and pass a class 3. The committee requested CRDTS to attend their April 29, 2016 meeting in person to further discuss the proposed changes to the exam.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the CRDTS restorative exam concept effective immediately for Washington.

#### 4.2 The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments 2016 Spring Dental Hygiene Examination Schedule

The committee reviewed and discussed the 2016 spring dental hygiene examination schedule from the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. Ms. Bergan was approved to attend one of the clinical examinations and to report back to the committee at a future meeting. Staff will prepare the out-of-state travel request.

#### 4.3 Canadian National Dental Hygiene Examination

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

### 5. **2016 LEGISLATION UPDATE** – The committee will be provided an update on 2016 legislation.

Ms. Rice noted that Senate Bill (SB) 6157 would have required gender equality on boards and commissions.

**6. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- 6.1 American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) annual meeting held on November 3 – 4, 2016 – written report submitted by Cheryl Lewis, RDH
- 6.2 Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) Steering Committee meeting held on January 23, 2016 – written report submitted by Andrew Johnston, RDH

**7. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT** – Any member of the public may address the committee with questions or concerns regarding any of the agenda items.

There was a brief discussion on the following topics:

- Dental Collaboration Committee (DCC);
- Proposed dental hygiene rules workshop scheduled for April 15, 2016; and
- The senate proposed that half a million dollars be removed from the 02G account.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2016 in Tumwater. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved By:

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Vicki Brown, Program Manager

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Jacqueline Perry, RDH, Chair