OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – Colleen Madden, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.
   1.1. The commission, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
   1.2. The commission approved the agenda with the addition of items 4.6, 4.7, and 7.9.
   1.3. The commission approved the June 3, 2016 business meeting minutes as presented.
2. **RULE HEARING**
   The commission held a rules hearing to consider public comment for the adoption of proposed rules regarding WAC 246-817-160 – Graduates of nonaccredited dental schools filed as WSR #16-12-048 on May 25, 2016.
   - The commission received no verbal public comment.
   - The commission received one written comment.
   - Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved the proposed rule language.

3. **PRESENTATION**
   3.1. Steve Hodgson, the Health Systems Quality Assurance Finance and Operations Director, provided the commission with information regarding the budget.
   - Mr. Hodgson discussed options for potentially lowering dental licensure fees.
   - Mr. Hodgson discussed the need for working capital in the budget to cover any unexpected large event, such as an extensive legal case.
   - The commission received budget projections based on the future growth rate of the profession and proposed fee decreases.
   - The department recommends a 15 percent reduction in licensure fees based on its analysis of the budget and current trends. The commission supports this fee reduction.
   - The fee reduction will not be instituted before July of 2017.
   3.2. Ginny Weir with the Bree Collaborative Foundation for Health Care Quality and Dan Lessler, MD, MHA, Chief Medical Officer, Washington State Health Care Authority, provided information related to opioid prescribing.
   - Dr. Lessler discussed the current opioid epidemic.
   - Dr. Lessler discussed the purpose and actions of the Bree Collaborative.
   - Dr. Lessler discussed the 2015 updated Agency Medical Directors’ Group (AMDG) opiate prescribing guidelines.
     - The guidelines recommend limiting prescription opioids to three days.
     - Dr. Bryan suggested having a dentist on the AMDG advisory committee. Dr. Lessler agreed.
     - Dr. Shaw indicated a need for public education regarding opioid prescribing.
     - Dr. Richman suggested change is needed in residency training regarding opioid prescribing.
     - Ms. Madden suggested the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) provide education regarding opioid prescribing to the dental community. Mike Walsh indicated a willingness to pursue this.
   - Dr. Lessler requested the commission consider rule changes to incorporate opioid prescribing.

4. **OTHER**
   4.1. The commission reviewed for approval a request from the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD) to be an approved organization providing continuing education with out of state licensed dentists in Washington State.
Heather Carter, AAG reviewed additional information provided by OAGD and recommended approval.

Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved OAGD’s request to provide continuing education in Washington State using out of state licensed dentists.

4.2. The department requested the commission consider 2017 legislation to add retired active dentists to the qualifications to be a Dental Quality Assurance Commission member. Dr. Mercier made a motion to approve moving forward with the legislation and the commission approved the motion.

4.3. The commission discussed concerns and comments related to clinical examinations and WAC 246-817-120 Examination content.

- The commission has concerns regarding applicants completing portions of multiple examinations from various states in order to qualify for licensure.
- Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved re-opening WAC 246-817-120 Examination content rules to require applicants to pass one examination in its entirety for licensure.
- Ms. Santiago will re-open the rules when the current rule modifications are complete.

4.4. The commission discussed sending a commission member to the Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation annual educational conference on September 14-17, 2016 in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Mercier made a motion and the commission approved sending James Henderson and Dr. Carsten.

4.5. The commission considered a request from Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) for the commission’s chairperson to attend the WSDA House of Delegates meeting in Blaine, WA, September 23-24, 2016. Dr. Stevens made a motion and the commission approved sending Colleen Madden. Ms. Madden will verify her schedule for availability.

4.6. The commission considered a public disclosure request from Professional Therapies NW to be an approved educational organization. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved granting Professional Therapies NW’s request.

4.7. The commission considered a public disclosure request from InforMed, Inc., to be an approved educational organization. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved granting InforMed, Inc.’s request.

5. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE
Dr. Mercier updated the commission on the Dental Collaboration Committee meeting held on July 8, 2016. Some stakeholders had concerns regarding the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee’s approval of the Central Regional Dental Testing Services (CRDTS) restorative examination. The committee suggested stakeholders send their concerns to the dental hygiene program for consideration.

6. DENTAL ASSISTANT SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE
6.1. Dr. Shaw updated the commission on the committee meeting held on June 30, 2016.

6.2. The commission discussed comments received and reviewed the following rule amendments for:

- WAC 246-817-510 Definitions
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- No change
- WAC 246-817-520 Supportive services that may be performed by registered dental assistants
  - Added “but may not intra-orally adjust or finish permanent restorations” to (4) (r).
  - Changed (4) (v) (ii) to read “Fixed and removable orthodontic appliances, occlusal guards, bleaching trays, and fluoride trays; and”.
- WAC 246-817-525 Supportive services that may be performed by expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs)
  - Changed (5) (b) to read “Place, carve, finish, and polish direct restorations.”
- WAC 246-817-540 Acts that may not be performed by registered dental assistants
  - Deleted “or semi-permanent” from (2).
- WAC 246-817-545 Acts that may not be performed by expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs)
  - Changed (4) to reference 246-817-520 (e).
- Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved the proposed rule language with changes.

6.3. The commission reviewed the Washington State Society of Orthodontists (WSSO) Orthodontic Assistant Competency Assessment document. The commission has concerns with the language stating the “assistant must have close supervision while removing cement for the first 5 hours.” All dental assistant duties are required to be performed under close supervision. The commission will send a letter to WSSO thanking them for providing the information and sharing the commission’s concern with paragraph 2.

7. RULES
7.1. Ms. Santiago updated the commission on the status of WAC 246-817-760 Moderate sedation with parenteral agents. There were no comments received. A CR 102 is in process.

7.2. The commission discussed comments received and reviewed draft rule language for WAC 246-817-550 and 560 Acts that may be performed by a licensed dental hygienist under general supervision and close supervision. Kathy Bassett indicated there is a new nasal delivery method of a local anesthetic. The commission agreed to remove “injections of” from the rules. Dr. Mercier made a motion and the commission approved the draft rule language with changes. Ms. Santiago will process a CR 102.

7.3. Ms. Santiago updated the commission on the status of WAC-246-817-440 Continuing education. The CR 101 is in agency review.

7.4. Ms. Santiago updated the commission regarding repeal of duplicative WAC 246-817-340 Recording requirements for all prescription drugs. Ms. Santiago filed the CR 105 on July 5, 2016. The CR103 will be submitted after the 45-day comment period.

7.5. Ms. Santiago updated the commission on WAC 246-817-130, 135, and 140 Licensure without examination. The CR 103 is in agency review.

7.6. Ms. Santiago updated the commission on WAC 246-817-120 Examination content. The CR103 was filed June 30, 2016 and will be effective July 31, 2016.
7.7. Ms. Santiago updated the commission on WAC 246-817-601, 610, 620, and 630 Infection control. The CR 101 has been submitted.

7.8. The commission reviewed the list of priorities for rule modification. Ms. Santiago will add the examination content rules back to this list.

7.9. The commission considered a rule petition submitted by Douglas Mayer with Dentsply Sirona-Midwest Division to modify WAC 246-817-620 to address proper handpiece infection control and maintenance protocols. The commission will send a response letter to Mr. Mayer indicating that these rules will be opened for modification and he is invited to participate in the stakeholder process.

8. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

8.1. Dr. Stevens updated the commission on the June 28, 2016 Educational Outreach Committee meeting.
   • The committee voted Dr. Stevens as the new chair.
   • The committee will publish the July newsletter this month.

8.2. Ms. Madden and Dr. Stevens discussed with the commission why the committee feels the commission should explore options for continuing competency.
   • The legislature mandates that the commission enforce continuing competency.
   • It has the potential to reduce harm.
   • It is a more proactive approach to protecting the public.
   • If the commission acts now to voluntarily create continuing competency, it has the ability to govern the process.
   • The commission is currently opening the continuing education rules.
   • Dr. Liu suggested the committee look into specialties, recertifications, chart reviews or periodic testing.
   • The commission created a new committee to address continuing competency. The committee will be comprised of:
     o Dr. Bryan
     o Dr. Carsten
     o Dr. Richman
     o Ms. Madden
     o Dr. Carbery
     o Dr. Stevens

8.3. Dr. Bryan discussed with the commission that the Educational Outreach Committee will be providing three to five minute mini-trainings at future commission meetings. The committee will request feedback from the commission as to whether the training was helpful.

9. POLICIES / GUIDELINES

The commission considered a draft guideline regarding process, procedure, and reporting of Washington Physician Health Program (WPHP) participants. Dr. Bundy indicated the commission may need to collaborate with WPHP before issuing a disciplinary order that requires WPHP to report to the commission. Dr. Carbery made a motion and the commission approved accepting the proposed guidelines.
10. CORRESPONDENCE
10.1. The commission received a copy of the response letter to Dr. Rich regarding prescribing oral appliances for sleep apnea, dispensing home sleep testing equipment, acupuncture or dry needling for TMJ treatment, and taking of impressions by registered dental assistants for identified appliances. The commission also received a copy of Dr. Rich’s June 8, 2016 correspondence.
10.2. The commission received a copy of the response letter to Dr. Milgrom with the University of Washington, School of Dentistry regarding changes in dental caries management.
10.3. The commission received a copy of the response letter to the National Provider Compliance Corporation requesting to be a board approved continuing education provider.
10.4. The commission received a copy of the response letter to Douglas Mayer with Dentsply Sirona regarding sterilization of slow speed handpiece motors.
10.5. The commission received a copy of the response letter to the American Dental Education Association regarding portability of licenses and the use of human subjects in clinical licensure examinations.
10.6. The commission received a copy of the response letter to Dr. Klass regarding dentists ordering x-rays.

11. PROGRAM REPORT
11.1. The commission received the May 2016 interim operating budget report. The budget report displayed a positive balance.
11.2. The commission reviewed the proposed 2017 business meeting and discipline hearing dates. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved the proposed meeting dates. The commission decided to hold the January 2017 meeting in Seattle to promote stakeholder attendance.
11.3. Ms. Santiago announced that the Department of Health is holding the next new member orientation on September 7, 2016. The orientation is open to all commission members.
11.4. The commission received a list of active committees. Ms. Santiago will add the newly formed continuing competency committee to the list. Ms. Santiago requested new members for the Dental Anesthesia Rule Committee. Drs. Marsh, Richman, and Carsten volunteered. Dr. McClellan indicated he may join the Educational Outreach Committee.

12. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES
12.1. Dr. Bryan reported to the committee on the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB), Dental Exam Review Board’s June 24, 2016 meeting.
   • No major changes were discussed.
   • Testing agencies are competing. There is economic pressure as students may choose a testing agency based on which exam is less expensive or which exam is thought to be easier.
   • WREB is considering no longer using live patients for the exam.
   • Minutes of the June 24, 2016 meeting will be available soon.
12.2. The commission received a letter from the American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., regarding the new patient centered curriculum integrated format examination.

13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS
The commission did not discuss any future business.

The commission adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Submitted By: Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

Commission Approval By: Colleen Madden, Chairperson