



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, November 4, 2011

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Todd Cooper, DDS, Chair  
Paul Bryan, DMD, Vic-Chair  
Andrew Vorono, DDS  
Karen Homitz, DDS  
Colleen Madden, Public Member  
Jessica Saepoff, DDS  
J. Patricia Norman, EFDA  
Lisa Baldwin, EFDA  
LouAnn Mercier, DDS  
Wallace Volz, DDS  
John Carbery, DMD  
Robert Shaw, DMD  
R. Terry Grubb, DDS  
Padmaraj Angolkar, DDS

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Willis Gabel, DDS  
James Henderson, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Blake Maresh, Executive Director, Health  
Professions and Facilities  
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
(AAG)  
Robin Bucknell, Case Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Michael Walsh, Washington State Dental  
Association (WSDA)  
Michael Hall, Advising Attorney General  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Don Painter, Chief Investigator  
Melissa Johnson, Washington State Dental  
Hygienists' Association (WSDHA),  
Willamette Dental

**OPEN SESSION**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Cooper, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
  - 1.1. The audience introduced themselves.
  - 1.2. The commission approved the business meeting agenda with the addition of Item 5.4.
  - 1.3. The commission approved the September 9, 2011 business meeting minutes.
  - 1.4. The commission approved the September 9, 2011 Panel A, B, & C minutes.

## 2. PRESENTATION

- 2.1. Chris Baumgartner, Department of Health Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) provided a program update regarding the recent implementation of PMP. The program rules became effective on August 27, 2011. There are approximately currently 1300 accounts. All practitioners are encouraged to sign up for an account to access information. The PMP will allow practitioners to request information, offer standard reports, and send electronic notifications if requested. Funding is available through 2013. Program operation requires additional funding by June 2013. Mr. Baumgartner asked if two dentists would volunteer for the programs pilot project accessing information. Drs. Bryan and Carbery volunteered.
- 2.2. Karen Jensen, Assistant Secretary will present at another meeting.

## 3. POLICIES

- 3.1. The commission reviewed the modifications to the Initial Assessment Thresholds policy. Changes add a category for expired credentials and delete unnecessary categories. The Customer Service Center office has confirmed that the date a complete renewal is received at the department is the date entered into database as effective date. The commission approved the policy.
- 3.2. The commission discussed current policies and interpretative statement comment sheets. The commission will review two at each meeting.

## 4. OTHER

- 4.1. Ms. Bucknell asked the commission if noon Friday weekly disciplinary authorization conference calls are still appropriate. The commission had no concerns. The commission would like information by noon Thursday to have adequate time to prepare.
- 4.2. Several commission members attended the Washington State Dental Association House of Delegates in September 2011. There were no comments regarding the commissions report.
- 4.3. Ms. Madden attended the Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) on October 20-21, 2011. CAC is a support organization. This organization is a valuable resource to state boards. Other states utilize informal discipline, "Letter of Concern". The commission discussed evaluating letters of concerns and officially utilizing peer review.
- 4.4. Six commission members attended the Health Professions and Facilities Board, Commission, and Committee Member Orientation on September 15, 2011. Participants agreed that they would like more time for legal presentations. They would like presentations available online for future reference. The commission asked to invite Laura Farris, Health Law Judge and the prosecuting AAG's for presentations.
- 4.5. Several commission members participated in the Health Professions and Facilities Webinar on October 25, 2011. The presentation was regarding House Bill 1493, Providing Greater Transparency. There is no major change for boards and commissions. There was a system error using the webinar. Participants prefer seeing a speaker to keep you engaged, and body language is important in a presentation.

- 4.6. Ms. Santiago provided an update on the American Association of Dental Administrators meeting. Although, Ms. Santiago did not attend the meeting, the Dental Hygiene Program Manager did attend and shared information discussed. Topics discussed included:
  - Botox/dermafillers;
  - Teledentistry;
  - Dentist-Professional Review and Evaluation (D-PREP) program (remediation program);
  - Expert Review Assessment (ERA) program (aiding expert witnesses in working with state boards); and
  - Federal Trade Commission recent ruling.
- 4.7. Ms. Santiago provided an update on Substitute House Bill 1099 legislative report. The survey was sent a second time to encourage additional responses. There were 37 initial EFDA responses. The second mailing has generated 15 additional responses as of November 1.
- 4.8. The Dental Assisting National Board is creating a Certified Restorative Functions Dental Assistant certification exam. Ms. Norman will contact DANB to obtain more information.
- 4.9. The commission approved a request for Dr. Homitz to present to the Mt. Baker District Dental Society in March 2012. Ms. Santiago will update the powerpoint presentation and send to all commission members.

## **5. RULE MAKING**

- 5.1. The commission received a copy of 246-225A WAC - X-Ray – Quality Standards for Dental Facilities.
- 5.2. The commission received a copy of the Medical Quality Assurance Commission Adoption of an Interpretive Statement- Management of Chronic Noncancer Pain.
- 5.3. The commission received a copy of the Governors rules moratorium.
- 5.4. The commission received a copy of 296-62 WAC General Occupational Health Standards (Hazardous Drugs) rule modification proposed by the Department of Labor and Industries. The commission discussed concerns with the definition of hazardous drugs.

## **6. LEGISLATION**

- 6.1. The commission designated Dr. Volz to participate in department weekly legislative conference calls for the 2012 legislative session.
- 6.2. The commission discussed potential 2012 legislation, HB 1310 Dental Therapists, expanding scope of practice for expanding function dental auxiliaries, and anesthesia assistants.

## **7. PROGRAM REPORT – Jennifer Santiago and Blake Maresh**

- 7.1. The commission received August and September 2011 interim operating budget reports. 2011-2013 budget allocations are available on the reports.
- 7.2. The commission received a copy of the State Budget Process Flow Chart.
- 7.3. The commission received a copy of Mary Selecky's Department Budget Reduction Options memo.
- 7.4. The commission received performance measures for September 2011.
- 7.5. The commission determined not to hold a meeting outside of the Tumwater area in 2012.
- 7.6. The commission received list of active DQAC committees.
- 7.7. The commission received a confidential Commission Member Roster. Ms. Santiago asks the commission to review their personal information and inform her of any necessary changes.

## **8. EXPANDED FUNCTION DENTAL AUXILIARY (EFDA) EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The committee has not met and there is no new information to provide at this time.

## **9. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

The committee met on October 25, 2011. The commission received a copy of the meeting minutes.

- The Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) agreed to issue a commission article. WSDA needs specific information prior to committing to article publication. Dr. Angolkar will draft a commission overview article. The committee will postpone creating a commission newsletter at this time.
- The committee is drafting changes to the "What's Happening" web page.
- The commission agreed to present a commission overview and a mock panel discussion at the 2012 Pacific Northwest Dental Conference. The commission delegated Ms. Madden to approve the 90-word description for WSDA. The committee will continue to work on the complete presentation.
- The commission discussed the drafted license and renewal document messages. The commission will evaluate changes to the messages at the next meeting.

## **10. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES**

- 10.1. Dr. Homitz reported on the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) meeting. Topics discussed included botox/dermafillers, advertising guidelines, Dentist-Professional Review and Evaluation (D-PREP) program (remediation program), Expert Review Assessment (ERA) program (aiding expert witnesses in working with state boards), Federal Trade Commission recent ruling, and corporate ownership of dental practices.
  - The commission asked AAG to review the ERA program to determine if the commission should utilize it.
  - The commission established a committee to evaluate the corporate ownership of dental practices, RCW 18.32.675. The commission identified Colleen Madden, Drs.

Saepoff, Vorono, Shaw, Homitz, and Volz, Kim O’Neal, AAG, Heather Carter, AAG, and Bill Kellington as committee members.

- The commission requested an exemption be submitted for the dental treatment rules.
- The commission requested to have Mr. Braatz invited to speak about the D-PREP program.
- The commission requested to have Dr. Hal Hearing invited to speak about the ERA program.

10.2. There is no new information for Western Regional Examining Board (WREB).

10.3. There is no new information for Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS).

10.4. There is no new information for Western Conference on Licensure and Education.

10.5. Dr. Vorono reported the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (AAOMS) discuss similar issues as the AADB, botox/dermafillers, Federal Trade Commission, and teledentistry. Additionally, they discussed lack of monitoring for moderate sedation, and monitoring cone beam CT scans.

## 11. CORRESPONDENCE

There was no new correspondence.

11.1. The commission received a copy of the response letter to Dr. Sinha.

11.2. The commission received a copy of the response letter to Laura Hale.

## 12. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED SESSION

There was no executive session.

## 13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS

The commission will review future business topics for the next meeting agenda.

**The commission adjourned at 10:48 a.m.**

Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

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Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

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Todd Cooper, D.D.S., Chair