



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 9, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chairperson
David Carsten, DDS
Samantha Kofler, DDS
Mac Rainey, Public Member
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Miryam Nossa, EFDA
MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager
Amber Freeberg, Program Manager
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program
Manager
Heather Carter, AAG

OPEN SESSION

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Bryan Swanson, DDS – Chair
 - 1.1. Introduction of committee members and staff.
 - Mr. Bronoske introduces committee members and staff.
 - 1.2. Approval of agenda.
 - Mr. Bronoske requests an amendment of the agenda to include 4.3, Washington Dental Hygiene Association.
 - There is a motion to approve the amended agenda.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - 1.3. Approval of September 28, 2023, meeting minutes.
 - There is a motion to approve the September 28, 2023, meeting minutes.
 - The motion is approved and seconded.

- 2. CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICES (CRDTS) DENTAL THERAPY EXAM PRESENTATION** – CRDTS will present their dental therapy exam to the committee.

- Dr. Rod Hill, Kelly Mandella, and Catrice Oprichka provide the committee with a Dental Therapist Examination Overview.
- CRDTS reviews criteria's for simulated patient procedures, restorative procedures, and dental therapy periodontal patient procedures.
- Clinical Examinations are graded anonymously across the United States.
- To Implement an examination for dental therapy, CRDTS would be required to create a manual and the examinations would be available for testing in an estimated six months.
- The committee discusses the examinations.

3. DENTAL THERAPY LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY – The committee will review the legislative authority for implementation of ESHB 1678.

- Mr. Bronoske provides an outline of Dental Therapy legislative authority.
- There are no questions at this time.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.1. Washington Association for Community Health

- The Washington Association for Community Health's (WACH) correspondence shared their concerns for the committee's request to refine the scope of practice for dental therapists and to interpret supervision levels.
- WACH correspondence also recommends expediting and streamlining licensure pathways for tribal dental health aides to become dental therapists, consultation with dental therapy experts on criteria for examinations and to ensure equitable continuing education requirements.
- Mr. Bronoske will be working on consultation with tribal partners for examinations criteria.
- The committee will be discussing continuing education and licensure pathways in future rule workshops.

4.2. Washington State Dental Association

- The Washington State Dental Association provided dental therapy draft rule revisions and edits. The recommended revisions are mainly related to the scope of practice, continuing education and supervision.
- Mr. Bronoske confirms he will be providing the committee with side by side comparison of the proposed rule revisions.

4.3. Washington State Dental Hygiene Association

- The Washington State Dental Hygiene Association's correspondence shares that HB 1678 was carefully drafted to clearly define the dental therapy scope of practice and supervision requirements, leaving no room for interpretation by rule.
- The committee discusses correspondence.

5. FUTURE BUSINESS

- The December 12 committee meeting will include guests and discussion from CDCA-WREB-CITA.

6. ADJOURN

The meeting is adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

Submitted by:

Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chairperson
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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Signature

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Date

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