MEMBERS PRESENT

Andrew Johnston, RDH, Chair
Latashia Bergan, RDH, Vice-Chair
Maxine Janis, RDH
Matthew Bussman, ATC, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Tracie Drake, Assistant Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

OTHERS PRESENT

Beverly Frye, RDH, Washington Dental Hygiene Association (WDHA)
Pat Connolly-Atkins, RDH (CDCA)
Kelly Reich, RDH (WREB)
Dr. Sharon Osborn Popp (WREB)
Colleen Gaylord, RDH Washington Dental Hygiene Association (WDHA)
Jennifer Zbaraschuk, RDH Washington Dental Hygiene Association (WDHA)
Hollie Reese, RDH
Katie Briggs, Department of Health

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Andrew Johnston, 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 Meeting Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the meeting minutes from the October 14, 2016 business meeting. The October 14, 2016 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

2.1. CRDTS Steering Committee / Exam Review Committee

Andrew Johnston, RDH informed the committee that the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) is continuing their development of a local anesthesia exam. Stakeholder comments were previously requested in order to ensure that the exam satisfies Washington requirements. The exam is in the initial development stages.

2.2. AADB Annual Meeting

Andrew Johnston, RDH attended the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) meeting in October and reported to the committee. Mr. Johnston informed the committee that a major topic at the meeting focused on licensure compacts and their pros and cons.

2.3. Meet-Me-Call Update

Matthew Bussman, ATC, attended several Meet-Me-Call conference calls and updated the committee on upcoming legislation. Topics included licensure portability, the suicide taskforce and the potential that suicide prevention training will be required for dental hygienists.

3. PROGRAM REPORT

3.1. Interim Operating Budget

Trina Crawford, Executive Director informed the committee that revenue is good and exceeds spending. There are no budget concerns at this time. Ms. Crawford noted that dental hygiene licensing fees are being reviewed, and fee reductions are being considered for the next biennium.

3.2. Legislative Update

- Ms. Crawford informed the committee that HB 1612 is being reviewed, which would require three or six hours of suicide prevention training for dental hygienists and dentists.
- The committee was informed that SB5079, dental health aide therapists appears to be passing. She noted that the bill limits providers to practice on tribal lands.
• Other dental bills had not passed, but could potentially pass later in the legislative session.

3.3. Rules Update

Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager, informed the committee that rules workshops were completed, and current language is being reviewed by a rules analyst at the department. More information to be provided at the next business meeting.

3.4. Testing Agency Contracts

Mr. Bronoske informed the committee that information given at the last business meeting was incorrect. It was previously stated that there were no contracts with testing agencies. The department does have a contract with both the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) and the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS). These contracts are limited to requirements and expectations of a member state, but do not cover exam content or implementation.

4. WREB ANNUAL UPDATE

Kelly Reich, RDH, Dental Hygiene Co-Director, informed the committee of the planned procedural and exam changes for the 2017 testing season. Dr. Sharon Osborn Popp, psychometrician for WREB, reviewed exam, examiner, and calibration statistics for previous dental hygiene, restorative and local anesthesia exams.

5. THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL COMPETENCY ASSESSMENTS (CDCA) DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM PRESENTATION

Pat Connolly-Atkins, RDH, MA, CDCA Board Secretary and ADEX Dental Hygiene Chair presented to the committee additional information regarding the CDCA dental hygiene exam. The committee had previously voted not to accept the CDCA. Ms. Connolly-Atkins informed the committee that CDCA is adjusting their processes, which should address many of the concerns that the committee had previously voiced. The committee voted to uphold their previous decision until CDCA had implemented these changes. The committee requested that CDCA attend a future business meeting and re-present once changes are in place.

6. CANADIAN NATIONAL BOARD EXAM (CNBE)

Mr. Bronoske contacted the Canadian National Board Exam to request that they allow a committee member to observe an exam. Observing the exam is not possible at this time. Mr. Bronoske contacted other states that border Canada to see if they accept the CNBE. Of the states that replied, Michigan is the only state that accepts the Canadian written exam. The committee requested that the department continue researching other possibilities to evaluate the CNBE.
7. SOUTHERN REGIONAL TESTING AGENCY (SRTA) CANDIDATE GUIDE

The SRTA provided the committee with the updated 2017 candidate guide for their dental hygiene exam and invited the committee to observe the exam if desired. The committee voiced concerns with the exam and requested that SRTA attend an upcoming business meeting to address concerns. Mr. Bronoske will contact SRTA and make the request.

8. LOCAL ANESTHESIA EXAM – STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS

Mr. Bronoske provided the committee with the comments received. The committee requested that the comments be consolidated and summarized so that they could be reviewed at the next meeting. Mr. Bronoske will summarize and give to Ms. Bergan to verify.

Colleen Gaylord, RDH, asked for clarification on the status of the CRDTS Local Anesthesia Exam. Ms. Gaylord stressed the importance of beta testing and asked a committee member to observe testing. Mr. Johnston stated that he was assisting in the creation and testing of the exam and that it was in the preliminary stages.

9. TELEDENTRISTY DISCUSSION

Ms. Crawford informed the committee that the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) is considering piloting a tele-dentistry project. Some items currently being evaluated are intra-oral cameras and mobile dental hygiene workspaces. Ms. Crawford stated that the HCA will be making a presentation at the upcoming Dental Collaboration Committee meeting in Kent, and encouraged stakeholder participation.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Local Anesthesia Exam stakeholder comment review
- Licensing and disciplinary statistics
- Interim Operating Budget Report
- Business Plan for 2017 – 2019
- Presentation on the role of the Investigations and Inspections Office
- Legislation
- Southern Regional Testing Agency exam
- Canadian National Board exam
  - Investigate possibility of Mr. Johnston taking practice exam

11. OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT

No comments received.
12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. on Friday, February 17, 2017. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2017, location to be determined. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

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Andrew Johnston, RDH, Chair