MEMBERS PRESENT
John Liu, DDS, Chair
Julia Richman, DDS, Vice Chair
James Henderson, Public Member
David Carsten, DDS
Robert Shaw, DMD
Aaron Stevens, DMD
Lyle McClellan, DDS
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Sonia Pal, DDS
Ronald Marsh, DDS
Abhisheke Banda, DMD, MD
Kunal Walia, DDS
Karla Briggs, Public Member
Bree Kramer, EFDA

MEMBERS ABSENT
Brian Macall, DDS
Kathleen Elling, EFDA

STAFF PRESENT
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager
Tracie Drake, Assistant Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT
Emily Lovell, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Dr. Bryan Edgar, WSDA
Dr. Chris Delecki, WSDA
Sophie Doumit, WSDA
Dr. Bruce Hawley, Washington State Society of Orthodontists (WSSO)

Dr. Raj Angolkar, WSSO
Dr. Thian Srisurapol, WSSO
Beverly Frye, RDH, Washington Dental Hygienists’ Association (WDHA)
Jennifer Zbaraschuk, RDH, WDHA
Dr. Richard Zbaraschuk, WSDA
Colleen Gaylord, WSDHA
Melissa Johnson, WSDHA and Willamette Dental
Dr. Jeffrey Sulitzer
Renee Howard
Dr. Bryan Williams, WSSO
Dr. Andrew Leavitt, WSSO
Dr. Rebecca Schnitt, WSSO and American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)
Shea Fitzgerald, Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP)

Dr. Chris Bundy, WPHP
Dr. Eric Nordberg, WSSO
Dr. Zachton Lowe, WSSO
Dr. Kara McCulloch, WSSO and AAO
Dr. Thomas Gessel, WSSO
Dr. Caren Clements, WSSO
Dr. Victoria Wan, WSSO
Dr. J. Perry Ormiston, WSSO
Dr. Darin Vierra, WSSO
Dr. Darvish Nahal, WSSO
Dr. Jace Beattie, WSSO
Dr. Katayoun Adab, WSSO
Jake Mayson, Association of Dental Support Organizations
Ericka Brown, Department of Health (DOH)
Kristin Reichl, DOH
Dr. Michelle Neal, WSSO
OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – John Liu, DDS, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
   1.1. The commission and staff introduced themselves.
   1.2. The commission approved the agenda as presented.
   1.3. The commission approved the January 18, 2019 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. **RULE HEARING**
   The commission considered public comment and the adoption of proposed rule modifications for WAC 246-817-550 Acts that may be performed by licensed dental hygienists under general supervision filed as WSR 19-03-072 on January 14, 2019.
   - The commission received testimony from stakeholders. The majority of testimony was in opposition to dental hygienists performing specific orthodontic tasks under general supervision.
   - Dr. McClellan made a motion, and Dr. Marsh seconded the motion, to move the discussion of rule modifications for WAC 246-817-550 back to committee to discuss further. The motion passed. The proposed rule was not adopted.

3. **PRESENTATION**
   Dr. Chris Bundy, medical director, Washington Physicians Health Program, provided information on the program and annual dentist statistics.

4. **LEGISLATION**
   4.1. Dr. Marsh reported to the commission on the weekly “Meet me call” conference calls.
   4.2. Ms. Santiago provided a list of 2019 legislation that the department has received for review. The commission briefly discussed the following:
   - HB 1317 Dental Therapist (mid-level providers) continues to move forward.
   - HB 1331 Opioid Disorders continues to move forward. If passed, this legislation would require rule modification.
   - HB 1177 Dental Laboratory registration continues to move forward.
   - HB 1753 Statement of Inquiry for health profession licensure fees continues to move forward.

5. **DENTAL INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**
   5.1. Dr. Carsten reported to the commission on the committee meetings held on February 1 and March 1, 2019.
   - The February 1, 2019 meeting covered the background of the rules work to date and provided information to stakeholders on infection control concerns.
   - The March 1, 2019 meeting discussed stakeholder comments received.
   5.2. The commission was provided and reviewed a summary of proposed rule modifications. Emily Lovell requested that a committee member work with Patty Montgomery from the Department of Health who may be creating a training that could meet the proposed in rule requirement. Dr. Carsten volunteered.
   5.3. The commission reviewed and discussed comments received.
5.4. The commission did not discuss further modifications to WAC 246-817-601 through 660 Infection control proposed rules.

6. OTHER
The commission reviewed proposed Interpretive Statement regarding retention of patient records. The commission further discussed the interpretation of WAC 246-817-310 Dental patient record retention. Dr. Walia made a motion not to accept the Interpretive Statement. The motion passed with nine in favor, three opposed and one abstention. Ms. Santiago will put this topic on the April meeting agenda for further discussion.

7. RULES
7.1. WAC 246-817-701 through 790 Administration of anesthetics for dental procedures. Ms. Santiago indicated that the Dental Anesthesia Committee is still working on these rules. The committee continues to discuss site visits. The committee will meet in person on April 18, 2019. At this meeting inspection agencies will be presenting to the committee.
7.2. WAC 246-817-110 and 120 Licensure requirements and examination content. The CR105 exception rule process is moving forward.
7.3. WAC 246-817-420 Specialty representation. Rule modification continues to be on hold while the committee evaluates national organization and other state litigation.
7.4. The commission received an update on rules in progress and list of priorities for rule modifications.

8. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE
The commission considered a request from the National Dental Practice Based Research Network to be an approved professional association or educational organization to receive lists and labels. Dr. Shaw made a motion and the commission approved the request.

9. PROGRAM REPORT
9.1. Ms. Crawford reported to the commission on the Interim Operating Budget.
9.2. The commission received a list of the 2019 dental commission meeting dates.
9.3. The commission received a list of active committees. Dr. Marsh agreed to be the new representative for the Western Regional Examining Board – Dental Exam Review Committee.

10. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES
- Dr. Mc Clellan updated the commission on the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc., Exam Review Committee meeting held on January 19, 2019.
- Dr. Carsten updated the commission on the status of the American Dental Association Steering Committee work on the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination. The final field tests for the examination will take place the end of April. The examination is expected to be released September of 2020.
11. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS
The commission did not discuss any future business.

The commission adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Submitted By:  Commission Approval By:

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Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager  John Liu, DDS, Chairperson