STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, July 26, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT
Julia Richman, DDS, Chair
Aaron Stevens, DMD, Vice Chair
John Liu, DDS
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member
David Carsten, DDS
Lyle McClellan, DDS
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Sonia Pal, DDS
Ronald Marsh, DDS
Karla Briggs, Public Member
Bree Kramer, EFDA
Kathleen Elling, EFDA
Kunal Walia, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT
Brian Macall, DDS
Abhishake Banda, DMD, MD

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

OTHERS PRESENT
Jessica Gildner, Washington Dental Hygienists’ Association (WDHA)
Joy McDaniel, Department of Corrections
Sophie Doumit, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA)
Emily Lovell, WSDA
Charlie Hall, DDS
Gianna Harting, American Association of Orthodontics (AAO)
Beverly Frye, WDHA
Colleen Gaylord, WDHA
Victor Barry, DDS
Corwyn Hopke, Washington State Society of Orthodontists (WSSO)
Ashley Maxwell, Department of Health
Maia Bernick, Department of Health
Erin Obenland, Case Manager, Department of Health

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER – Julia Richman, DDS, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

1.1. The commission, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
1.2. The commission approved the agenda as presented.
1.3. The commission approved the June 7, 2019 business meeting minutes as presented.

2. RULES 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 19-13-093 on June 18, 2019.

- The commission received testimony from stakeholders and discussed written comments received.
- Dr. Stevens made a motion, and Ms. Kramer seconded the motion, to adopt the rules. The motion passed. The proposed rules were adopted.

3. PRESENTATION

Dr. Gary Bell presented information about forensic dentistry to the commission. Dr. Bell recommended that dentists may need to be educated regarding what to expect or do if contacted by the forensic dentistry organization asking for dental records.

4. DENTAL CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE

4.1. Dr. Richman reported to the commission on the committee meeting held on June 17, 2019.
- The committee is in the process of drafting a matrix for disciplinary sanctions to address ethics remediation.
4.2. The committee continues to draft proposed rules for WAC 246-817-420 Specialty representation.

5. JURISPRUDENCE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Santiago reported to the commission on the committee meeting held June 28, 2019.
- The committee is working on a 5th exam.
- The committee is looking for volunteers. Ms. Kramer volunteered to join the committee.

6. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE

6.1. Dr. Stevens reported to the commission on the committee meeting held July 19, 2019.
- The committee is planning the upcoming commission retreat on October 24, 2019.
6.2. Drs. Bass, Richman, Stevens, and Shaw presented at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference on June 20, 2019. The commission discussed the possibility of holding a business meeting at the next PNDC conference in 2021. Dr. Marsh attended the presentation and recommends the commission or other organization may want to consider providing a resource to practitioners that have current pending disciplinary
cases or past disciplinary cases. Several participants at the presentation expressed the emotional stress of a disciplinary case.

6.3. The July 2019 commission newsletter has been approved and posted.

7. DENTAL INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE

7.1. Dr. Carsten reported to the commission on the committee meetings held on June 7 and July 26, 2019.
   - The committee routinely has experts attend meetings providing necessary information and engaging in discussions.
   - The committee has additional work in the area of single-use products.

7.2. Dr. Carsten encouraged the commission to review WAC 246-817-601 through 660 proposed rules and submit comments to Ms. Santiago for evaluation at the August 2019 committee meeting.

8. OTHER

8.1. Dr. Marsh reported to the commission on the opioid presentation by Dr. Shaw at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference on June 21, 2019. The presentation contained good information and was well-attended.

8.2. Dr. Marsh reported to the commission on the opioid presentation at the ACORA Foundation conference on June 29 and 30, 2019. The new rules were well-accepted.

8.3. Ms. Santiago invited anyone interested from the commission to the Board and Commission New Member Orientation on September 16, 2019.

8.4. Dr. Stevens will attend the Board and Commission Leadership Forum on September 30, 2019.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1. The commission discussed an email from Dr. Dana Larson dated June 18, 2019 regarding acceptable continuing education. Ms. Santiago will send a response to Dr. Larson indicating the current rule does not include continuing education for clinical supervision of expanded function dental auxiliaries but may be considered in future rulemaking.

9.2. The commission received a copy of the letter to Dr. Matta regarding if cupping is within scope of practice for dentistry.

9.3. The commission received a copy of the letter to Dr. Quarnstrom regarding authoring chapters within a book as acceptable continuing education.

9.4. The commission received a copy of the letter to Dr. Thompson from the Department of Health regarding whether dental assistants with a sealant and fluoride varnish endorsement may disinfect and sterilize equipment under general supervision of a dentist.
10. RULES

10.1. The CR-103 was filed on July 22, 2019 for updates to WAC 246-817-110 and 120 Licensure requirements and Examination content. Notice will go out shortly and the rule will be effective August 22, 2019.

10.2. The CR-101 was filed for WAC 246-817-460 Sexual misconduct. Rulemaking will be discussed at the next commission business meeting.

10.3. The CR-101 was filed for WAC 246-817-907 Patient notification, secure storage, and disposal for opioid prescribing. Substitute Senate Bill 5380 requires the rules be adopted by January 1, 2020. The commission approved the proposed rules with the exemptions the medical commission is proceeding with. Ms. Santiago will send the proposed rules to stakeholders for comment. The commission will review comments and finalize proposed rule language on September 13, 2019. A rules hearing will be held at the December commission meeting.

10.4. The Dental Anesthesia Committee will continue to draft proposed rules for WAC 246-817-701 through 790 Administration of anesthetics for dental procedures at the next committee meeting on September 13, 2019.

10.5. The commission received an update on rules in progress and list of priorities for rule modifications.

11. PROGRAM REPORT – Becky McElhiney, Jennifer Santiago, and Trina Crawford

11.1. The commission received a list of 2019 and 2020 dental commission meeting dates.

11.2. The commission received a list of active committees.

12. REGIONAL BOARD UPDATES

Dr. McClellan reported to the commission on the Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) steering committee meeting June 7-8, 2019.

- There will be a small examination fee increase.
- Retakes will be allowed.
- Smile Direct Club is a national hot topic.
- Sedation rules for other states were discussed.
- Opioid rules were discussed.

Dr. McClellan attended the National Dental Examiners’ Advisory Forum (NDEAF) webinar on June 26, 2019. NDEAF is evaluating a strategic multi-stage adaptive examination. Questions are created to determine if the applicant knows the material or if they are guessing at the answers.

13. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS

The commission did not discuss any future business topics.

The commission adjourned at 11:43 a.m.
Submitted By: Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

Commission Approval By: Julia Richman, DDS, Chairperson