



**Dental Bureau of California
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2008
Los Angeles, California**

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and established a quorum.

Members Present:

Chair, Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Vice Chair, John Bettinger, DDS
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Harriet Seldin, DMD, MBA
Joyce Yale, RDH
Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Michael Lew, DDS
William A. Baker, Public Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Cathleen Poncabare, Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Shirley Moody, Enforcement Chief
Theresa Lane, Supervising Investigator
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel
Gregory Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Chair's Report

Chair McCormick welcomed everyone to the Professionals Achieving Consumer Trust (PACT) Summit. She noted that the Summit has provided an excellent opportunity for the Department of Consumer Affairs' Boards and Bureaus to convene and discuss issues facing consumers in today's society. The Dental Bureau of California was represented at the California State Board of Pharmacy's E-Prescribing Forum at the PACT Summit. The forum provided an opportunity to discuss the upcoming requirements for E-Prescribing.

Discussion, Review, and Consideration of the Significance of California's Aging Population with Regards to Access to Dental Care

Dr. McCormick explained that the PACT Summit has provided an opportunity for the various Boards and Bureaus to explore the significance of California's aging population with regards to consumer protection. The percentage of the aging population that is shifting to a senior status has created issues specifically within the dental health care

workforce. Dr. McCormick introduced guest speaker Dr. Roseann Mulligan, Associate Dean at the University of Southern California, to speak about geriatric issues pertaining to the field of dentistry.

Guest Speaker - Dr. Roseann Mulligan, Associate Dean, University of Southern California Report on Dentistry Geriatric Issues

Dr. Roseann Mulligan presented to the Dental Bureau regarding the issues associated with the treatment of geriatric dental patients. She explained that the percent of the total population that will be aged 65 and older will continue to increase over the next forty years. She reported that understanding age-related changes will help understanding the geriatric needs in the dental field. There are many variables that dental health care practitioners need to recognize when treating the aging population. Factors that should be considered when treating geriatric patients include medical conditions and history, psycho-social behavior, dental/oral care, and behavioral issues. Most importantly, Dr. Mulligan pointed out that oral health of geriatric patients impacts their quality of life with respect to nutrition, communication, intimacy, and self-esteem.

Guest Speakers - Norm Hertz, Ph.D. and Roberta Chinn, Ph.D., COMIRA Report on the Status of the Alternative Exam Study for the Portfolio Pathway to Qualify for a California Dental License

Dr. McCormick reported that the Dental Bureau was currently putting together a structure for a potential pathway to licensure and in order to provide a structure and examination study needed to be conducted. Dr. Casagrande welcomed Norm Hertz, Ph.D., and Roberta Chinn, Ph.D., from COMIRA to report on the status of the Alternative Exam Study for the Portfolio Pathway. Dr. Casagrande also thanked the Department of Consumer Affairs with their assistance and support of the project.

Roberta Chin, Ph.D, reported that the examination study is being conducted in all five dental schools. They had been to the University of Pacific Dental School and to UCLA School of Dentistry and had the opportunity to meet the administration and staff and given complete exposure to all aspects of the dental programs. They were able to speak with staff and gain knowledge of how the evaluation process works within the dental programs.

Norm Hertz, Ph.D., reported that they were still in the data collection process and still needed to visit the other dental schools. The schools used the terms “calibration” and “standardization” which all coincide with the examination study for the Portfolio Pathway to licensure. He concluded that they will finish the data collection process and will provide a final report to the Dental Bureau.

Cathleen Poncabare, Executive Officer, thanked Roberta Chin, Ph.D. and Norm Hertz, Ph. D. for their work with the Dental Bureau and their excellence in conducting the examination study.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.