



Licensing, Certification and Permits Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
South San Francisco, CA

Members Present:

Bruce Witcher, DDS, Chair
Luis Dominicis, DDS, Vice Chair
Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Judith Forsythe, RDA
Rebecca Downing, Public Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer
Nancy Butler, Supervising Investigator 1, Northern California
Teri Lane, Acting Enforcement Chief
Dawn Dill, Dental Assisting Unit Manager
Donna Kantner, Licensing & Examination Unit Manager
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Fischer, Licensing Analyst
Sarah Wallace, Legislation and Regulations Analyst
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Witcher, Chair, called the committee meeting to order at 4:20 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

LCP 1 – Approval of the February 25, 2010 Licensing, Certification, and Permits Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Dominicis/Forsythe) to approve the February 25, 2010 Licensing, Certification, and Permits Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

LCP 2 – Dental and Dental Assistant Licensure & Permit Statistics

Committee members reviewed and discussed the licensure and permit statistics. Dr. Witcher, Chair pointed out that the delinquency rate for RDAs is still high. He said he is not clear why this is happening and suggested that the Committee watch this trend. Dr. Witcher went on to summarize Dental licenses issued via pathway: WREB is the dominant pathway to licensure. There were no California licensing examinations held this year. Approximately 300 licensees per year obtain a license by credential (LBC). Dr. Dominicis, Board member asked if there was a way to track whether or not these licensees are actually practicing in the state. Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer said that they reviewed the statistics many years ago and found that many entering by LBC did not come to California to practice. Dr. Witcher asked that the licensing statistics be given to the Committee from year to year so that trends could be identified. He believes that trends are more revealing than looking at statistics that give a snapshot in time. There was no public comment on this informational item.

LCP 3 – General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Evaluation Statistics

The Committee reviewed and discussed the statistics provided. Dr. Whitcher calculated that 250 evaluations needed to be conducted per year in order to get caught up in the program. He feels that the program is viable and on track. Jessica Olney, GA/CS Coordinator was recognized and thanked for her hard work. There was no public comment on this informational item.

LCP 4 – Update Regarding 2010 Evaluator Calibration Courses

Dr. Whitcher reported that two Evaluator Calibration Courses were given in March. Fifty-one (51) people attended the course in Oakland on March 24; and eighty-six (86) attended the course in Garden Grove on March 31. Feedback from the participants was favorable. Dr. Whitcher will try to integrate into the program the suggestion that a video of calibration be shown so that mock examinations could be graded. Dates for two courses for next year will be set soon.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no additional public comment.

Adjournment

The committee meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.