



DENTAL ASSISTING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 25, 2014

Courtyard by Marriott Cal Expo

1782 Tribute Road

Sacramento, CA 95815

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair - Teresa Lua, RDAEF
Vice Chair - Anne Contreras, RDA
Pamela Davis-Washington, RDA
Judith Forsythe, RDA
Tamara McNealy, RDA
Emma Ramos, RDA
Bruce Whitcher, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum**
Teresa Lua, Chair, called the Dental Assisting Council meeting to order at 4:10 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established. Ms. Lua introduced the newest member of the Council Tamara McNealy, RDA.
2. **Approval of the May 29, 2014 Dental Assisting Council Meeting Minutes**
Dr. Lori Gagliardi, California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers (CADAT) asked that the May 29, 2014 minutes be reviewed for content in agenda item three. The minutes were tabled until the November meeting.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Status of Dental Assisting Program and Course Applications**
Sarah Wallace, Assistant Executive Officer and Manager of the Dental Assisting Unit, gave an overview of the statistics provided. Dr. Gagliardi asked why there were no Ultrasonic Scaler courses approved yet there were 13 Orthodontic Assistant courses approved which require ultrasonic scaling. Dr. Whitcher stated that many offices loan the ultrasonic scaling equipment for use during the coursework and some of the programs require ultrasonic scaling as a prerequisite.
4. **Dental Assisting Program Licensure and Permit Statistics**
Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the statistics provided.
5. **Dental Assisting Program Examination Statistics**
Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the statistics provided. Ms. Contreras asked why there was a 50% fail rate for the orthodontic assistant exam. Dr. Whitcher commented that there were study guide problems that have since been rectified. Dr. Gagliardi commented that her research and experience shows that students

who have worked in an orthodontic office for 6 months or more have a much higher pass rate than those with no experience in an orthodontic setting.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Priority Dental Assisting Issues as Proposed by the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers (CADAT)**

Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the information provided. Dr. Lori Gagliardi asked if the Board was ever going to accept the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) approval of Dental Assisting Programs and Courses. Karen Fischer, Executive Officer stated that staff will research that issue. Ms. Wallace commented that the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) will be giving a presentation in the future.

7. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Recommendation to the Board for Dental Assisting Regulatory Priorities for Fiscal Year 2014/15**

Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the information provided. M/S/C (Forsythe/Davis-Washington) to recommend that the Board consider including the development of one comprehensive rulemaking package relative to dental assisting, which would include requirements for: dental assisting educational programs and courses; application and examination requirements; and, duties and settings when it develops its regulatory priorities for FY 2014-15. The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Staff's Recommended Plan for the Dental Assisting Program**

Ms. Wallace reported that she is in the process of developing workshop dates. She is building relationships with the course directors. Staff will be researching CODA and DANB.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the August 2014 Registered Dental Assistant Practical Examinations**

Ms. Wallace provided information regarding the filing period and non-acceptance of some applicants. She stated that staff is looking into an additional exam site for October. She has been surveying the course directors on the graduation dates to better coordinate the examination dates and locations. Dr. Gagliardi asked staff to look into why there is a difference in the requirements for pit and fissure sealants, between those students trained on the job and those in an accredited program. Ms. Ramos suggested that examination candidates wait until they have graduated to apply to take the examinations.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Application Process to be Licensed as a Registered Dental Assistant**

Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the application process. She reported that at the May 2014 meeting the Board approved language regarding the abandonment of applications. The initial language will be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law and the proposal will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Re-Appointment of Existing Examiners Pursuant to Business & Professions Code Section 1752.3**

M/S/C (Forsythe/Contreras) to recommend that the Board reappoint the following examiners for the Registered Dental Assistant practical examination.

Tamera Anderson, RDA	William Kushner III, DDS
Allison Aspell, RDA	Jennifer Cowley-Martin, RDAEF
Beverly Darm, RDA	Shirley McFadden, RDA
Dawn Deering, RDA	Susan Porrazzo, RDA
Donna Doerksen, RDA	Fariba Rouhizadeh, RDAEF
Corinne Fernando, RDA	Cheryl Vanderhoff, RDA
Monica Harris, RDA	Sheronda Walton, RDA
Flordeliza Herrera, RDA	Diane Walters, RDAEF
	Eric Wong, DDS

The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Content of the Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Restorative Examination Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 1753.4(b)**

Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the information provided. M/S/C (Forsythe/Ramos) to recommend to the Board that a statutory change be considered to amend Business and Professions Code Section 1753.4 to permit the restorative examination procedure to be performed on a posterior composite restoration rather than a posterior amalgam restoration. The motion passed unanimously.

13. **Update on the 2015 Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions (RDAEF) Examination Dates**

Ms. Wallace gave an overview of the information provided.

14. **Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda**

There was no public comment.

15. **Future Agenda Items**

There were no future agenda item requests.

16. **Council Member Comments for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no Council member requests.

17. **Adjournment**

Ms. Lua, chair, adjourned the Council meeting at 5:22 p.m.