



## **PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Thursday, November 6, 2014**

Sportsmen's Lodge Events Center, Waterfalls Room  
12833 Ventura Blvd., Studio City, CA 91604

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chair – Thomas Stewart, DDS  
Vice Chair – Fran Burton  
Huong Le, DDS, MA  
Steven Morrow, DDS  
Bruce Whitcher, DDS  
Debra Woo, DDS, MA

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

#### **1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum**

Dr. Thomas Stewart, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:54 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

#### **2. Approval of the August 25, 2014 Prescription Drug Abuse Committee Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C (Le/Whitcher) to approve the August 25, 2014 Prescription Drug Abuse Committee meeting minutes. Dr. Alan Felsenfeld commented that he would like the minutes to be amended to reflect that at the August 25, 2014 Prescription Drug Abuse Committee meeting, he commented that the California Dental Association has a variety of methods of communicating with its members regarding this subject including through the CDA updates, journal, and a presentation that will be given. There was no further public comment. Amend the motion to approve the August 25, 2014 Prescription Drug Abuse Committee meeting minutes as amended. The amended motion passed unanimously.

#### **3. Define the 2014 Mission Statement of the Prescription Drug Abuse Committee**

Dr. Stewart read the proposed mission statement. There was discussion regarding the wording. M/S/C (Burton/Morrow) to amend the proposed mission statement to read "Our mission is to respond to the rise in prescription drug overdoses by developing strategies for safe but effective prescribing methods within the practice of dentistry." There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **4. Update on the Medical Board of California Prescription Drug Taskforce Meeting and Prescription Guidelines**

Karen Fischer, Executive Officer of the Dental Board gave an overview of the information provided. There was no public comment.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Prescription Drug Misuse and Overdose Prevention Workgroup's Launch of the Medical Board of California's Prescription Drug Abuse Guidelines**

Ms. Fischer gave an overview of the information provided. There was no public comment.

6. **Update on the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Rescheduling of Hydrocodone to Schedule II**

Dr. Debra Woo gave an overview of the information provided. There was discussion about the implementation and impact of the new rescheduling. Gayle Mathe, California Dental Association (CDA) commented that they are researching emergency situation prescriptions that can be verbally authorized then followed up with a written prescription on a controlled substance prescription form relating to Health and Safety Code Sections 11167 and 11167.5. She commented that she is working with the Executive Officer of the Pharmacy Board to gain clarity regarding this issue. CDA will post their findings as soon as they verify the information. Ms. Mathe further commented that at the last Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) meeting she requested that a dentist be included to sit on the beta testing panel.

7. **Public Comment of Items Not on the Agenda**

There was no further public comment.

8. **Future Agenda Items**

Dr. Morrow commented that pending a report from the Medical and or Pharmacy Board he would like to have the Committee review the guidelines specific to dentistry.

9. **Committee Member Comments for Items Not on the Agenda**

There were no further comments.

10. **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned at 5:27 p.m.