



## **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**October 13, 2016**

**HQ2 – HEARING ROOM**

1747 North Market Blvd.

Sacramento, CA 95834

### **Members Present**

Steven Morrow, DDS, MS, President  
Judith Forsythe, RDA, Vice President  
Fran Burton, MSW, Public Member  
Katie Dawson, RDH  
Ross Lai, DDS  
Huong Le, DDS, MA  
Thomas Stewart, DDS  
Bruce Witcher, DDS  
Debra Woo, DDS

### **Members Absent**

Steven Afriat, Public Member, Secretary  
Yvette Chappell-Ingram, Public Member  
Kathleen King, Public Member  
Meredith McKenzie, Public Member

## **Thursday, October 13, 2016**

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

Dr. Steven Morrow, President, called the meeting to order at 8:10am. In the absence of Mr. Steve Afriat, Secretary, Vice President Judith Forsythe called the roll and a quorum was established.

The Board immediately went into Closed Session.

## **CLOSED SESSION – FULL BOARD**

### **9:00 A.M. - RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – FULL BOARD**

### **2.. Discussion Regarding the Subcommittee's Proposed Pediatric Anesthesia Study Recommendations.**

Dr. Witcher continued the discussion regarding the Pediatric Anesthesia Study. His presentation provided an overview of the comments received from various professional organizations and stakeholders, subcommittee findings, and preliminary recommendations.

Dr. Thomas Stewart inquired about office inspections and the challenges involved for general anesthesia and conscious sedation evaluations. It was mentioned that recruitment for inspectors was an issue relating to scheduling conflicts and cancellations, as well as qualification of requirements for evaluators.

Dr. Huong Le inquired about how the proposed permit system change may affect patients between the age groups that are unaccounted for in regards to minimal sedation.

Fran Burton asked how the elderly will fit in with the levels of sedation and permitting.

Dr. Debra Woo inquired whether other states require a separate anesthesia provider to be present, which was stated that no other state requires a separate anesthesia provider.

Dr. Morrow discussed the viability of the one year residency program.

Alan Felsenfeld, representing the California Dental Association (CDA), stated that CDA will submit official comments to the Board regarding their suggestions and recommendations. Felsenfeld stated that CDA held its own sessions to discuss general anesthesia issues in order to obtain data from licensees.

Leonard Tyco, representing the California Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Association (COMSA), thanked the Board for their work and stated their commitment to patient safety and embraced portions of the preliminary recommendations made by the subcommittee.

Alan Kaye, incoming President of the COMSA, read statement of American Association of Oral Surgeons and provided written testimony supporting the recommendations.

Paul Reggiardo, representing the California Society of Pediatric Dentistry, commended the Board on quality of research and work on the documents and the transparency process. He will provide written comments after the Board meeting and is in general agreement with the October 3<sup>rd</sup> draft recommendations for restructuring the practice model and updating definitions and supports codification of support

Dr. Michael Mashni, representing the California Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists commented that there should be a separate anesthesia provider requirement and supports the finding of the Blue Ribbon Committee recommendation from 2006.

Dr. Guy Acheson discussed the need for periodic completion of advanced airway management course and discussed the differences between capnography and pericardial stethoscope.

Dr. Larry Trapp stated that the Board should stop providing permits to dentists who will perform both the dental procedure and administration of general anesthesia or conscious sedation to a patient.

Dr. Diana Belli, Dental Anesthesiologist, suggested that the Commission on Dental Accreditation should take on the educational issues relating to general anesthesia and conscious sedation training. She stated that training is an issue because of the time frame of training received and the type of training received.

Dr. Jeff Poage, representing the California Society of Anesthesiologists, stated he submitted a letter on August 17, 2016 and he still stands with the letter submitted there should be the continuous presence of a second provider in addition to the operating

dentist or oral surgeon for moderate sedation, deep sedation, general anesthesia for children.

Paula Whiteman, Representative of the American Academy of Pediatrics, California (AAPCA), thanked the Board for their work and stated the mission of the AAPCA. She also stated that a letter was submitted to the Board and made a point of clarification regarding courses offered for airway training. She requested a moratorium be placed on the administration of general anesthesia and conscious sedation by the single dentist anesthesiologist model until the report is finalized.

3. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda.**

None.

4. **Board Member Comments on Items Not on the Agenda.**

None.

5. **Adjournment.**

Adjourned at 11:52 a.m.