



DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Full Board Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2008

Sacramento, CA

President Turchi called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and established a quorum.

Members Present:

Lewis Turchi, DDS, President
Ronald S. Mito, DDS, Vice President
William A. Baker, Public Member
John Bettinger, DDS
Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Luis Dominicus, DDS
Michael Lew, DDS
Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Harriet Seldin, DDS
Larry Sheingold, Public Member

Members Absent:

Joyce Yale, RDH

Staff Present:

Richard J. Wallinder, Jr., Executive Officer
Lori Hubble, Administrative Analyst
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel

Agenda Item 1 – Approval of November Minutes

M/S/C (Seldin, Dominicus) to approve the minutes as corrected.

Agenda Item 2 – President's Report

President Turchi informed the Board members of the AADE meeting in Chicago in March, Board members may be interested in the topics of ethics and 5th year programs.

Agenda Item 3 – Executive Officer's Report

Executive Officer Wallinder reported that he had spoken (through the Board's interpreter) with a representative of the dental program at DeLaSalle University to build a staff link to process applicants from that program. He announced that Enforcement Chief Shirley Moody, Southern California Supervising Investigator Teri Lane, and Administrative Assistant Lori Hubble are all moving on to new opportunities, and we wish them the best. He added that Lori Hubble will still be attending meetings as the new Executive Officer of the Committee on Dental Auxiliaries.

Wallinder reported that the new date for the relocation of the board's office is March 21, and two student assistants have recently been hired to assist with the Board's website.

Agenda Item 4 – Budget Report

Mr. Wallinder outlined the budget report provided by budget analyst Tony Lum. There were no questions or comments.

Agenda Item 5 – presentation by the Academy of General Dentistry’s Program Approval Continuing Education (PACE) and the American Dental Association’s Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) regarding continuing education

Member Lew reported that California is one of few states who does not utilize the CERP certifying process. He noted that PACE has also been invited to provide information on that certification process. PACE reported that their program identifies 13 standards for a comprehensive application, and it grants either state or national approval. Providers are monitored. Rebecca Murray, PACE, stated that PACE can designate courses as Category I or Category II. Enforcement Chief asked if course content is approved. Ms. Murray noted that the provider is evaluated, and the method of program development is evaluated by the standards. Member Lew noted that California also registers providers, not individual courses.

President Turchi asked how CERP proceeds. Mary Savage, CERP, noted that CERP also certifies providers, not courses. She added that PACE recognizes CERP-recognized providers, but CERP does not currently recognize PACE-approved providers, although this may change. She reported that providers must file any change that would affect courses, and CERP recognizes 372 national providers. Turchi asked if each of the 32 California dental societies would have to apply for its own approval. Murray explained that each organization must have its own approval with PACE. Savage said that if the dental societies are a part of an organization that is approved by the ADA, all subsidiary organizations would fall under that approval for CERP. Member Seldin favored keeping the current system and adding CERP and PACE certification. She asked if courses are offered to all categories of licensees. Murray stated that PACE courses are offered to all. Savage noted that CERP credits are available, but did not know if they would be applicable to all licensees. CERP does not recognize individuals as providers, PACE does. PACE has more stringent requirements. Both PACE and CERP give credit to graduate students. Category I and II definition cannot be provided by CERP at this time. In response to a question from Member Seldin, Savage noted that approximately 8% of providers are commercial vendors, CERP is reviewing how to separate training in methods or devices from commercialism. Murray noted that PACE also allows commercial speakers to be approved, but they must provide a disclaimer.

Member Lew asked that the item be agendaized for further discussion at the Board’s next meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Report on Dental Board’s Sunset Date and Possible Legislation

Scott Reid, DCA representative, stated that the Department fully appreciates the issue and is committed to working with the Board on a smooth transition. President Turchi noted that the Board has received no communication from the Department on this issue since October. Member Seldin asked how an Advisory Committee would be structured. Mr. Reid said that it could potentially be some of the current board members who would give their recommendations to the Director. Vice President Mito said that the Board wants to ensure that the Board’s work and functions continue. Reid hoped that the work would continue seamlessly as far as licensees and the public are concerned. Mito asked when the Bureau Chief position would be filled, noting that 3 key highly-placed personnel have already been lost, adding this needs to be taken care of. Mito felt that staff would be looking at alternatives if this decision is put off until the 11th hour. Member Baker felt that an Advisory Board is a toothless tiger, asking what can be legally

established to handle enforcement and disciplinary actions. Reid stated that when the Athletic Commission dissolved, the Director delegated those duties to the Advisory Committee. He noted that in the context of the Board's sunset, the Director has the legal authority to do those things or to delegate them to people who are conversant with the issues. Member Casagrande suggested meeting on the established dates. Member McCormick was encouraged by the possibility of an Advisory Committee and more opportunity for public comment.

Agenda Item 7 – Report on January 24th meeting re draft regulatory language to implement provisions of SB1546, 1541 and related bills and discussion of proposed hearing date

Executive Officer Rick Wallinder reported that there were two motions yesterday, one to agendize this item for the March meeting for a full discussion of the issues involved in implementing the specialty categories and to table the current discussion of the draft regulations based upon the previous motion.

Agenda Item 8 – Committee on Dental Auxiliaries Report

COMDA Chair Judith Forsythe reported that Lori Hubble has been selected as the new Executive Officer and thanked Rick Wallinder for his assistance in the transition and Denise Johnson for her work as Interim Executive Officer.

Ms Forsythe reported that COMDA recommends that the Board grant full approval of the Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) program of Maric College in Sacramento. She also reported that COMDA requests that the Board adopt the language presented in the board's packet as recommended by COMDA at its November 14, 2007 meeting and move forward with this regulatory language governing the approval of courses for dental hygienists to administer local anesthetic agents. Member Seldin spoke in support of the regulation. M/S/C (Seldin/Mito) to approve the COMDA report. Ms. Johnson commended Mr. Wallinder and the Board's staff for their assistance in the transition.

Agenda Item 9 – Exam Appeals Committee Report

President Turchi reported that the Appeals Committee considered six appeals, denied two and granted four to retake a portion of the exam. M/S/C (McCormick/Mito) to adopt the report.

Agenda Item 10 – Licensure Certification and Permits Committee Report

Chair Casagrande reported that the Committee approved the November minutes, received a report on SB 683, reviewed LBC statistics and a report to the Legislature on Licensure by credential. Casagrande asked that this report be discussed more fully at the March meeting. He noted that the Committee reviewed licensure statistics and issued one new license to replace a cancelled license. M/S/C (Mito/McCormick) to adopt the report of the Committee.

Agenda Item 11 – Examination Committee Report

Chair Casagrande reported that the Committee approved the November minutes, reviewed examination statistics, and established 2008 exam dates. He noted that only 25 people have applied for the February RT exam, reaching the end of this, it is scheduled to sunset in 2008. He reported that the board has worked very hard on the portfolio concept, asked staff to develop legislative language and staff has created language to request a psychometric study be done and if legally defensible, develop an examination process. The Committee voted that staff find an author to carry the bill. M/S/C(Bettinger/McCormick) that the Board accept the language and direct staff to seek an author for the legislation. Casagrande reported that the Exam Committee appointed two new examiners. M/S/C (McCormick/Bettinger) to accept the committees report.

Agenda Item 12 – Diversion Committee Report

Chair Bettinger stated that the Diversion Committee approved August and November minutes, reviewed statistics and noted that 22 people who were noncompliant or a public risk were terminated from the program. He reported that proposed statutory changes were revised and adopted by the Committee, and legal counsel had made the changes. DCA Legal counsel Powell read the revised text and directed the board's attention to the changes. M/S/C (McCormick/Seldin) to adopt the language as corrected and accept the Committee's report.

Agenda Item 13 – Enforcement Committee Report

Chair Baker reported that the Committee approved the November minutes, the disciplinary guidelines are not yet completed, and the Committee reviewed Enforcement statistics. M/S/C (Bettinger/Mito) to accept the committees report.

Agenda Item 14 – Continuing Education Committee Report

Chair Lew reported that the Committee approved the August and November minutes, PACE and CERP provided information at the full board meeting and requested that an agenda item for discussion of continuing education credits for Board members' attendance at meetings, which resulted in one negative public comment. M/S/C (Baker/Mito) to accept the committee's report.

Agenda Item 15 – General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Committee Report

Chair Mito reported that the Committee approved the November minutes, item GA/CS 2 was tabled, there was a status report on the contract and a request from the DOCS organization for an agenda item to address retroactivity for the DOCS course. Dr. Whitcher said he looked forward to working with staff on a calibration course. M/S/C (Dominicis/McCormick) to accept the report.

Agenda Item 16 – Report on January 8, 2008 Meeting of Elective Facial Surgery Permit, and appointment of Credentialing Committee Member(s)

Mr. Wallinder reported that the Chair canceled the committee meeting, as there were no applications to consider. He noted that CALAOMS was advised of the cancellation and four permits have been issued to date. Dr. Whitcher said he enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Committee and more applicants will be coming forward as new courses are available.

Agenda Item 17 – Discussion of proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations (CCR) Sections 1016 and 1017 relating to Continuing Education

Dr. Reggiardo, California Society of Periodontists, stated that the request to eliminate the requirement that providers list the attendee's name and license number is problematic at convention settings, and a burden to the course provider. Legal Counsel Powell noted that it would be difficult to justify that a system in which the licensees fill in their own name and license number is secure. Ms. Drury-Klein said that when she was a member of the Enforcement Committee this was a serious problem. Teri Lane, Senior Investigator, said she has personally investigated 3 cases of fraudulent continuing education units, felt the requirement should remain. Member Baker believed the Board should have the highest standards and not compromise in this area. Member Lew felt the licensee could receive the certificates by mail or email. McCormick felt this is more of a challenge for small local meetings and study clubs. M/S/C (Dominicis/McCormick) to adopt the changes suggested by Drury-Klein. Ms. Drury-Klein asked that the current regulations not be held up, and this be part of a future action. M/S/C (Mito/Lew) to reconsider the motion. M/S/C(McCormick/ Dominicis) to adopt staff's suggested change to Section 1017(n) to modify the language to read "A licensee who applies for license renewal shall sign under penalty of perjury that he or she has completed all required continuing education or is exempt from the continuing education requirement". M/S/C (Dominicis/Mito) to add "a place for" to not require providers to list the licensee's name or license number, with Members Lew and

Seldin opposing. M/S/C (Seldin/ Dominicis) to conform the language in 1016(g)(2) to except the provider from the requirement of certifying the licensee's name and license number by adding ""with the exception of the licensee's name and license number" to the end of the first sentence. Ms. Drury-Klein suggested that new Section 1017(p) be added to read "Current and active licensees enrolled in a full-time dental school program or dental hygiene school program approved by the Board or the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation shall be granted continuing education credits for completed curriculum. In the event of audit, licensees shall be required to present school transcripts to the Board as evidence of enrollment and course completion". Member Mito questioned the specificity of this language. Katie Dawson, CDHA, noted that RDHAP programs are graduate programs. M/S/P (Seldin/McCormick) to adopt new Section 1017(p) as recommended by Legal Counsel to read "Any licensee who is enrolled in and attending a full time graduate program approved by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or a board approved dental hygiene or dental hygiene in alternative practice program for at least twelve months before his or her renewal date is exempt from the continuing education requirement for that renewal period."

Agenda Item 18 – Report and possible action re CCR Section 1079.2 relating to RDHAP licensure

Ms. Kantner reported that this item was placed on the agenda in the event of any changes requested by the Department or OAL, and no action is needed as no changes were requested.

Agenda Item 19– Discussion and possible action re letter requesting a change to CCR Section 1041(b)(2) relating to Restorative Technique Exam Equipment

Legal Counsel Powell noted that anyone can raise an issue for regulatory action, suggesting that if the Board needs additional information, this item may be agendized for the March meeting for staff to bring back more information for the discussion. M/S/C (Dominicis/Bettinger) to direct staff to bring back more background information for discussion at the board's March meeting.

Public Comment

Ron Mead, CDA past president, noted that CDA is holding its spring Scientific Session May 1-4, would be delighted for members to attend. Ms. Drury-Klein noted that CDA is in the process of becoming approved as a national continuing education provider, with all 32 associated dental societies sharing that approval. She said that the direction that this board has taken and the regulatory changes are very consistent.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



**DIVERSION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

**January 24, 2008
Sacramento, CA 95834**

Chair Bettinger called the meeting to order at approximately 11:30a.m. and established a quorum.

Members Present:

John Bettinger, DDS, Chair
Michael Lew, DDS
Ronald Mito, DDS
Harriet Seldin, DMD
Joyce Yale, DDS

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Richard L. Wallinder Jr., Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Shirley Moody, Enforcement Chief
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel
Teri Lane, Supervising Investigator, So. California

DIV 1 – Approval of August 23, 2007 and November 15, 2007 minutes

Member Seldin noted that page 3, at the end of paragraph 2, the August 23, 2007 minutes should read “Dr. Seldin asked Ms. Meadows about Diversion programs addressing mental health issues. Ms. Meadows said that Maximus’ contract with the Dental Board is only for alcohol and drug abuse, but that Maximus has contracts with other boards that include mental health.” M/S/C (Lew/Mito) to adopt the August minutes as corrected. M/S/C (Mito/Lew) to adopt the November minutes as presented. Dr. Bettinger thanked staff for the work on the minutes.

DIV 2 – Diversion Committee Chair Report

Dr. Bettinger felt it is important to have a good statute that allows information sharing between Diversion and Enforcement, and this language is on the agenda today. He reported that some committee members have suggested reviewing the diversion guidelines as the disciplinary guidelines are currently being reviewed. He believed that the statutory amendment should first be completed.

DIV 3 – Diversion Program Statistics

Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer reported that the statistical information is from Maximus. He noted that statistics for auxiliaries are not available from Maximus, since they have never been tracked, but staff manually tabulated data relative to auxiliaries from the last six months and included it. He believed that the Diversion Program must broaden its perspectives to assist dental auxiliaries. Dr. Bettinger questioned terminations from the program. DeCuir noted that the name is given to Enforcement Unit, not the supporting information or documents. He added that there are three types of referrals: self-referral, investigator referral or disciplinary referral. He reported that public risk is assessed on a case-by-case basis, and a determination of whether to suspend the licensee from practice. Some licensees simply cannot afford the program and therefore are terminated. DeCuir explained that worksite definitions are given by Maximus, several entities use the program. Dr. Lew asked if someone could be removed from both programs. DeCuir said no, if removed from the Diversion Program they would be returned to Enforcement Unit.

DIV 4 – Report and Discussion of December 6, 2007 Disciplinary Guidelines Meeting

Dr. Bettinger reported that the Disciplinary Guidelines committee met on December 6th, and the committee recommended several changes, including that the guideline for probationary referrals to contact the Diversion program manager be shortened from 30 days to 7. He noted that staff is working on the requested changes to move the guidelines forward.

DIV 5 – Report and Discussion of December 7, 2007 Combined North and South Diversion Evaluation Committee Meeting

Dr. Bettinger reported on the meeting of the north and south Diversion Committees, noting that 18 people attended the meeting: Shirley Moody and Teri Lane from Enforcement, Dr. Lew and Dr. Bettinger from this committee, Richard DeCuir as program manager, Executive Officer Wallinder, 2 members of the Nursing Board's Diversion program, and Sandra Meadows from Maximus were in attendance along with the members of both the northern and southern Diversion Evaluation committees.

DIV 6 – Discussion and possible action on Legislation relating to Diversion Program

Dr. Bettinger directed the Committee's attention to the changes made from the language that was brought to the Committee in November. Staff Analyst Donna Kantner noted that the changes appear in red. Dr. Bettinger reported that the DEC suggested Section 1698(c)(1) read "The diversion program shall report to the Dental Board's enforcement branch for all licentiates who are participating in the program as a result of his or her license being placed on probation, acts of substantial noncompliance, as determined by DEC on a case by case basis within 48 hours of such determination." AEO DeCuir felt that the proposed language is good as written. Dr. Seldin felt that information sharing should be by law, not by understanding, public protection issue. Enforcement Chief Moody noted that information sharing is routinely done from the enforcement unit to the DEC through the program manager. Legal Counsel Powell noted that every determination by the DEC is on a case by case basis, does not need to be stated. Dr. Bettinger believed that substantial noncompliance in the diversion program should be reported to Enforcement, adding that an "investigative referral" would be a referral by the board. Moody clarified that an investigative referral means that a complaint has been received, and the next step would be to check with the Diversion Program liaison (DeCuir) to see if the licensee would agree to enter the program. Dr. Seldin moved that this be made clear in the language by adding "under investigation" or "investigative referral" to Section 1695.5(d). DeCuir felt that 72 hours is a very short timeframe for Maximus to accommodate. Moody believed that 48 hours is a reasonable time period for notification to the Enforcement unit of acts of substantial noncompliance. M/S/C (Lew/Mito) to recommend that the full Board adopt the proposed language tomorrow as revised by staff per today's discussion. E.O. Wallinder noted that language has been submitted to DCA's Legislative and Regulations unit for a spot bill, this language can be inserted.

Public Comment

There was no additional public comment and the Diversion Committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



**EXAM COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2008
Sacramento, CA 95834**

Chair Casagrande called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00am and established a quorum.

Members Present:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS, Chair
John Bettinger, DDS
Luis Dominicus, DDS
Michael Lew, DMD
Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Ronald S. Mito, DDS
Lewis Turchi, DDS

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Richard L. Wallinder Jr., Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Shirley Moody, Enforcement Chief
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel
Teri Lane, Supervising Investigator, Southern California

Agenda Item EX 1 – Approval of August 23, 2007 Exam Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C(McCormick/Mito) to approve the minutes as presented.

Agenda Item EX 2 – Law and Ethics Examination Update

Executive Officer Wallinder reported that staff continues to administer the exam twice monthly, in both northern and southern California. He noted that the department is pursuing a contract to computerize the exam sometime within the next year.

Agenda Item EX 3 – Examination Statistics

Member Bettinger asked why the pass rate for the UCLA exam is so much lower. Jessica Olney, Exam Analyst reported that there may have been several factors, noting that only three candidates were graduates of U.S. dental schools and several candidates failed the written portions. She added that exam staff scrutinized this exam carefully and found that the examiners graded consistently, there was no single reason for candidates' exam failure. E.O. Wallinder noted that occasionally there will be an anomaly in the pass rate for an exam, another factor is a smaller candidate pool which can affect the statistics. Committee members requested that staff provide a breakdown of the pass rates for candidates completing the WREB exam, candidates who graduate from a traditional U.S. dental school and candidates who are foreign graduates and have successfully completed the restorative technique exam. Member Lew requested a breakdown of the WREB pass rate by California graduates.

Chair Casagrande questioned the low pass rate for the RDA Written Exam, adding that something must be done to eliminate this barrier to licensure. Judith Forsythe, COMDA Chair, reported that dental assistants tend to be "hands on" learners as a group, and that there may be a language problem for some. Dr. Earl Johnson, DDS, believed that the test should be re-examined. Staff noted that an occupational analysis is required regularly for all exams by statute.

Agenda Item EX 4 – Update on Portfolio Licensure concept

Executive Officer Wallinder presented draft statutory language developed by staff to go forward with a study of the concept to ensure that it is a legally defensible and psychometrically sound alternative to California's clinical board exam to establish minimum qualifications and levels of competency as required by Section 139. The language provides that if these criteria are met, that another study be conducted to determine how to develop, administer and validate such an exam, including examination components and related standards. Member Dominicis recommended striking "located in California" from the language relative to board-approved dental schools. Staff noted that the only other board-approved school is De La Salle, explaining the difficulty of arranging out-of-state travel for staff, consultants or exam personnel who would necessarily be involved. M/S/C (McCormick/Bettinger) to adopt the language as presented and directed staff to seek an author for a bill.

Agenda Item EX 5 – Appointment of New Examiner(s)

Chair Casagrande suggested tabling this item as there are currently only 28 people scheduled for the next examination. He felt that the examiner pool is adequate to serve the number of candidates. E.O. Wallinder felt that the applicants at least deserved the board's consideration. M/S/C (Turchi/McCormick) to approve the applications for Examiner of Alan Golshinara and Callin Lee.

Public Comment

There was no further public comment and the Board adjourned at 11:30 am.



GENERAL ANESTHESIA/CONSCIOUS SEDATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2008

Sacramento, CA 95834

Chair Mito called the meeting to order at approximately 2:15pm and established a quorum.

Members Present:

Ronald S. Mito, DDS, Chair
John Bettinger, DDS
Luis Dominicus, DDS
Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Harriet Seldin, DMD
Larry Sheingold, Public Member

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Richard L. Wallinder Jr., Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Shirley Moody, Enforcement Chief
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel
Teri Lane, Supervising Investigator, Southern California

Agenda Item GA/CS 1 – Approval of November 15, 2007 Minutes

M/S/C (Bettinger/Dominicus) to approve the minutes as presented.

Agenda Item GA/CS 2 – Subcommittee Report re American Dental Association's Proposed Sedation guidelines and possible action on any recommendations

Subcommittee Chair Bettinger reported that there is still some transition with the guidelines relative to a simulator replacing live patients, and no agreement has been reached in the required time for training. He recommended that this discussion be tabled. Dr. McCormick felt that all information must be reviewed before the subcommittee makes any recommendations, reporting that many studies on these issues are coming forward within the next year. Dr. Reggiardo, California Society for Pediatric Dentistry, noted that the recommendation from the report is that guidelines for children under 12 must include the publication "Guidelines for Monitoring Pediatric Patients During and After Sedation for Diagnosis and Therapeutic Procedures." M/S/C (McCormick/Bettinger) to table the discussion until more information is available.

Agenda item GA/CS 3 – Report on General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Contract

E.O. Wallinder reported that staff had met with Barbara Holt of the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) to discuss contract development. He noted that at least one more meeting is needed to gather information that is required for the request for proposal (RFP) to go to bid for a contract. Dr. Bruce Whitcher, CALAOMS, noted that a calibration course that is appropriate for anyone to attend will be held in March.

Public Comment

There was no further public comment and the meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30pm.



**LICENSING, CERTIFICATES, AND PERMITS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2008
Sacramento, CA 95834**

Chair Casagrande called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. and established a quorum.

Members Present:

Stephen Casagrande, Chair
John Bettinger, DDS
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Suzanne McCormick, DDS
Ronald S. Mito, DDS
Lewis Turchi, DDS

Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Richard L. Wallinder Jr., Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Shirley Moody, Enforcement Chief
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel
Teri Lane, Supervising Investigator, Southern California

Agenda Item LCP 1 – Approval of November 15, 2007 Minutes

M/S/C (Mito/McCormick) to approve the minutes as presented.

Agenda Item LCP 2 – Update on AB 1545 and other bills of interest

Executive Officer Wallinder reported that AB 1545 contains the same language as was in SB 534, including extension of the sunset dates for all four boards due to sunset on July 1, 2008, however noted that the author's office does not expect this bill to move forward. Gail Mathey, CDA, said that she had also spoken with the author's office and agreed that the consensus is that this is not a viable product. She noted that CDA would have the same position on this bill that it had on SB 534. She added that there is continued conversation on sunrise legislation for the Dental Board, and any possible solution is being discussed.

Agenda Item LCP 3 – Report on Emergency Regulatory Language re implementation of SB 683 – Licensure by Residency Program and possible action if necessary

Staff analyst Donna Kantner reported that this package will be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law tomorrow, after the required 5-day public notice is completed. There have been no requested corrections or changes, therefore this item does not require board action. CDA requested that updated information be added to the board's website as soon as possible.

Agenda Item LCP 4 – Licensure by Credential Program Statistics

Chair Casagrande noted that there is a statutory requirement for a report to the Legislature, noting that the bill was amended to assist dental shortage areas, however more than half of the dentists licensed through this pathway are not currently practicing in California. E.O. Wallinder suggested including the report to the Legislature in the next meeting packet. Gail Mathe, CDA, asked for clarification on the statistics. Kantner provided clarification that licensure via clinical hours plus residency program requires a minimum of 3,000 documented clinical hours plus completion of a residency program prior to licensure by credential.

Agenda Item LCP 5 – Licensure Statistics

E.O. Wallinder explained that these statistics include a breakdown of the total number of dental licenses and all permits that the board issues. Chair Casagrande noted that the number of registered dental assistants is less than the number of licensed dentists, believing that this indicates a severe shortage of dental assistants. Member Bettinger noted a similar shortage of hygienists. LaDonna Drury-Klein, CDA, asked if these statistics include all continuing education providers, staff confirmed that all continuing education providers are approved by the board and included in these statistics. Drury-Klein asked if Advanced Dental Hygiene Programs(ADHP) are included within “Extramural Facilities”. Staff will research.

Public Comment

There was no further public comment and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m., postponing closed session to the lunch break.

Agenda Item LCP 6 – *CLOSED SESSION* Replacement of a Cancelled License

The Board considered and granted one application for replacement of a cancelled RDA license that was tabled at the last meeting because it was incomplete. Additional information was received and M/S/C (Casagrande/McCormick) to accept COMDA's recommendation to issue a replacement license.



**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
January 24, 2008
Sacramento, CA 95834**

Chair Lew called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 p.m. and established a quorum.

Members Present:

Michael Lew, DMD, Chair
John Bettinger, DDS
Harriet Seldin, DMD
Larry Sheingold, Public Member

Members Absent:

Joyce Yale, RDH

Staff Present:

Richard L. Wallinder Jr., Executive Officer
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer
Shirley Moody, Enforcement Chief
Donna Kantner, Regulations Analyst
LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General
Teri Lane, Supervising Investigator, Southern California

Agenda Item CE 1 – Approval of August 23, 2007 and November 15, 2007 Minutes

M/S/C (Bettinger/Seldin) to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2007 meeting as presented.

M/S/C (Bettinger/Seldin) to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2007 meeting as presented.

Agenda Item CE 2 – Discussion relating to Approval of Continuing Education Providers

Chair Lew reported that representatives from the Academy of General Dentistry's Program Approval for Continuing Education (PACE) program and the American Dental Association's Continuing Education Recognition Program (CERP) will provide information at the full board meeting tomorrow to further the discussion of the board possibly accepting PACE or CERP approval of continuing education for its licensees.

Agenda Item CE 3 – Discussion relating to amending regulations to allow board members to obtain CE units for attending board meetings

Chair Lew noted that there had been discussion that board members should earn continuing education units for attendance at board meetings. He directed that staff research other boards for information on this subject. LaDonna Drury-Klein, California Dental Association, asked if this would delay the current regulatory amendments to Sections 1016 and 1017 in process. The board's consensus was that this not delay the current action. Dr. Earl Johnson, California Association of Orthodontists, asked how this would serve patients, adding that continuing education is for learning. Members agreed that research, meeting preparation and attendance at meetings where public testimony is given are learning experiences. Member Bettinger believed that peer review counts for CE units. Ms. Drury-Klein noted that peer review is different from public meetings.

Public Comment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.