



**Dental Assisting Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 9, 2009
Los Angeles, CA**

Members Present:

Judith Forsythe, RDA, Chair
Luis Dominicis, DDS
Bruce Whitcher, DDS

Members Absent:

Stephen Casagrande, DDS

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, Interim Executive Officer
Nancy Butler, Acting Enforcement Chief
Lori Reis, Complaint & Compliance Unit Manager
Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Jessica Olney, Examination & Licensing Analyst
Karen Fischer, Licensing Analyst
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel

Ms. Forsythe, Chair, called the committee meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

RDA 1: Approval of the July 22, 2009 Dental Assisting Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Dominicis/Whitcher) to approve the Dental Assisting Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

RDA 2: Approval of Registered Dental Assisting Programs and Courses

M/S/C (Dominicis/Whitcher) to ratify the approval of the following pit and fissure sealant courses:

- i. College of the Redwoods – Eureka
- ii. Western Career College – Antioch
- iii. Western Career College – Citrus Heights
- iv. Western Career College – Pleasant Hill
- v. Western Career College – San Jose
- vi. Western Career College – San Leandro

The motion passed unanimously.

M/S/C (Dominicis/Whitcher) to ratify the approval of the following infection control courses:

- i. Butte County ROP – Chico
- ii. CSI Career College - Vacaville
- iii. Kaplan College – Bakersfield
- iv. Kaplan College – Clovis/Fresno

- v. Kaplan College – Modesto/Salida
 - vi. Kaplan College – Palm Springs
 - vii. Kaplan College – Riverside
 - viii. Kaplan College – Sacramento
 - ix. Kaplan College – San Diego
 - x. Kaplan College - Stockton
 - xi. Kaplan College – Vista
 - xii. Leslie Canham and Associates
 - xiii. Southern California Regional Occupational Center
 - xiv. Western Career College – Antioch
 - xv. Western Career College - Citrus Heights
 - xvi. Western Career College - Pleasant Hill
 - xvii. Western Career College – Sacramento
 - xviii. Western Career College - San Jose
 - xix. Western Career College - San Leandro
 - xx. Western Career College – Stockton
- The motion passed unanimously.

M/S/C (Dominicis/Whitcher) to ratify the approval of the following radiation safety course:

- i. Naval School of Health Sciences

The motion passed unanimously.

RDA 3: Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Initiation of a Rulemaking to Clarify the Existing Statutory Requirements Established by AB 2637 Regarding RDA Educational Programs and Courses

Donna Kantner, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst, noted that AB 2637 passed in 2008, although its provisions relative to educational criteria expire in 2011, as more appropriate to regulation rather than statute. She noted that regulations and clean up legislation are needed for the board to continue to approve educational programs and courses after 2011. Ms Powell noted that the statutory change might be to extend the date “until regulations are in place”. Ms. Schieldge suggested that simply repealing the sunset date might be considered.

Dean Chalios, California Dental Association (CDA), stated this is a monumental accomplishment for both the Alliance and CDA, believing that this is a template. He felt that this collaboration has done great things for the profession. Barbara Blade, the Alliance, noted that the proposed regulations are specific and urged the board to adopt the package as presented to go forward to hearing, and the controversial areas will be discussed at that time. Ms. Schieldge felt it best to pursue both, since either a statutory or a regulatory change could be delayed, recommended two separate motions. Dr. Whitcher suggested it may be premature to remove the 2-year experience requirement for instructors of dental sedation assistant programs. He also recommended that pulse oximeter and other equipment is very expensive and be eliminated from the regulatory requirements. Ms. Blade noted that educators have recommendations relative to the ratios to bring to the public hearing, adding that all RDA programs must teach all dental assistant duties. Tamara McNeely, San Joaquin Valley College, commented that all RDA programs were required to purchase this equipment and sign an affidavit that they had done so by July 1, 2009. Dr. Earl Johnson, California Orthodontic Association, believed that practical experience in an orthodontic office is necessary before someone can become a teacher of orthodontic duties. M/S/P (Whitcher/ Forsythe) to recommend that the board initiate a rulemaking by noticing for hearing the regulatory language presented by staff with the exception of retaining the 2-year requirement for instructors of

the dental sedation assistant program only. M/S/P (Whitcher/Dominicis) to recommend that the board pursue statutory and regulatory clean up amendments as contained in proposal B to implement the provisions of AB 2637.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no further public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.