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Infection Control Committee
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Minutes

Chair, La Donna Drury-Klein called the Infection Control Committee meeting to order at approximately 10:15 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

Members Present

LaDonna Drury-Klein, RDA - Chair
Lawrence Hundley, DDS
Eve Cuny, RDA
Alan Felsenfeld, DDS
Mr. Van Cheny

Member Absent

Kristy Menage-Bernie, RDH

Staff Present

Errol Chisom, Regulation Coordinator
La Rita Abdul-Rahman, Executive Secretary
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel

Committee Chair, Ms. LaDonna Drury-Klein, asked Legal Counsel, Ms. Norine Marks, to clarify the authority of the Infection Control Committee. Ms. Marks briefly explained the Rulemaking Process and how the committee would go about requesting changes to the current regulations. Ms. Marks recommended that the committee focus on what they are trying to accomplish as a committee rather than the actual rewording of the regulation. Once the committee determines its goal, they can then direct staff, with the assistance of Legal Counsel to draft regulatory language and start the process.

Ms. Lynn Thornton, Chief of Enforcement, along with the Dental Board Inspectors were in attendance as observers and to provide input to the committee. Ms. Thornton also provided some suggested changes to the Infection Control Regulations that was gathered from a prior meeting with the Dental Board Inspectors. (See Attached). She also informed the committee that the inspectors were working together to update their procedures manual, as well as developing an inspection booklet for all licensees.

Ms. Drury-Klein provided each committee member with a booklet pertaining:

- The current Infection Control Regulations
- Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Prevention Guidelines for Bloodborne Pathogens
- CDC's Infection Control Guidelines
- CCR Title 8, Section 5193 – Bloodborne Pathogens
- Cal OSHA's Frequently Asked Questions About The Bloodborne Pathogens Standards and Title 8 CCR
- Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee's (HICPAC) Draft Guideline for Environmental Infection Control in Healthcare Facilities - 2001
- CDC Frequently Asked Questions regarding Sterilization – Packaging and Storage
- CDC Frequently Asked Questions regarding Sterilization – Cleaning

The Committee reviewed the Reg Hearing Notice and Proposed Regulatory Language of the November 30, 2001 meeting. Ms. Drury-Klein gave a brief history of the previous work done by the committee. Because the current regulations are not considered user friendly and hard to follow, as part of the previous committee, Dr. Alan Felsenfeld went through and reorganized them in a more user friendly arrangement by grouping them into specific categories. In reviewing the current regs, the committee went through and redefined each definition. Legal Counsel advised the committee not to spend a lot of time changing wording without getting input from the other boards involved.