



**Infection Control Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, July 22, 2009  
San Francisco, CA**

**Members Present:**

Huong Le, DDS, Chair  
Judith Forsythe, RDA  
Bruce Whitcher, DDS

**Members Absent:**

Thomas Olinger, DDS

**Staff Present:**

Cathleen Poncabare, Executive Officer  
Richard DeCuir, Assistant Executive Officer  
Dawn Dill, Licensing & Exam Unit Manager  
Sarah Wallace, Administrative Analyst  
Donna Kantner, Legislative & Regulatory Analyst  
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator  
Jessica Olney, Examination & Licensing Analyst  
LaVonne Powell, DCA Senior Staff Counsel  
Kristy Schieldge, DCA Senior Staff Counsel  
Gregory Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Huong Le, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m. and established a quorum.

**INF 1: Report and Recommendation of Subcommittee's Review of Infection Control Regulations as Required by Title 16 CCR Section 1005(d)**

Dr. Huong Le reported that she worked with Judith Forsythe, RDA, to review the infection control regulations. The subcommittee created language to have the infection control regulations become more consistent with the CDC's infection control guidelines. LaVonne Powell, DCA Legal Counsel, clarified that Board staff and legal counsel would need to review the proposed language to make technical changes before the rulemaking file could be submitted to the Office of Administrative Law.

LaDonna Drury-Klein, California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers, was concerned that there were not more advisors included in the review process as is mandated by statute. She stated that she would like to see the language pertinent to Sterilization and Disinfection return to the previous language because it is appropriate, doable, and defensible. Ms. Drury-Klein offered the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers' assistance for the future review of the infection control regulations.

Joan Greenfield, Dental Assisting Alliance, was concerned with the language concerning the disposal of needles. She stated that the majority of the injuries she has seen with needles have happened when they are being disassembled. Ms. Greenfield suggested adding language stating that a device shall be used when the needle is removed from the syringe. Ms. Greenfield offered the Dental Assisting Alliance's assistance for the future review of the infection control regulations.

The Committee took no action.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.