



**Access to Care Committee Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 9, 2009  
Los Angeles, CA**

**Members Present:**

Rebecca Downing, Public Member, Chair  
John Bettinger, DDS  
Luis Dominicis, DDS  
Huong Le, DDS  
Suzanne McCormick, DDS  
Bruce Whitcher, DDS

**Members Absent:**

None

**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. Downing, Chair, called the committee meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

**ACC 1: Approval of the July 22, 2009 Access to Care Committee Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C (Bettinger/Le) to approve the July 22, 2009 Access to Care Committee meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**ACC 2: Update regarding Loan Repayment Program Legislation**

Interim Executive Officer DeCuir reported that there was a loan repayment program which would pay up to \$104,000 toward student loan repayment to dentists who contracted to practice for at least three years in a dentally underserved area, as defined by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development. He noted that there are still funds available in the account, approximately \$1.7 million, and SB 599 would give the Board the authority to expend those funds. He reported that as an urgency bill, this bill would be effective January 1, 2010.

**ACC 3: Discussion Regarding the Need for Access to Care in Rural Communities across California**

Ms. Downing noted that this item was placed on the agenda at the request of Dr. Geis, who was concerned with the quality of care in Denti-Cal clinics. Mr. DeCuir stated that Dr. Geis was

concerned with the production aspect of care in these clinics, however this issue is complaint-driven. Dr. Le agreed that a complaint must be received before an investigation can begin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The committee meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.