



**LICENSING, CERTIFICATION AND PERMITS COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, May 17, 2012**

Embassy Suites SFO Airport Waterfront  
150 Anza Blvd., Burlingame, CA 94010

**Members Present**

Chair – Thomas Olinger, DDS  
Vice Chair – Suzanne McCormick, DDS  
John Bettinger, DDS  
Luis Dominicus, DDS

**Members Absent**

Steve Afriat, Public Member  
Judith Forsythe, RDA

**Staff Present**

Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer  
Denise Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer  
Kim Trefry, Enforcement Chief  
Sarah Wallace, Legislative and Regulatory Analyst  
Karen Fischer, Associate Analyst  
Linda Byers, Executive Assistant  
Kristy Shellans, DCA Senior Staff Counsel  
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General

**ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Dr. Olinger, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:40 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum established.

**LCP 1 – Approval of the February 23, 2012 Licensing, Certification and Permits Committee Meeting Minutes**

M/S/C (McCormick/Dominicus) to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2012 Licensing, Certification and Permits Committee Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**LCP 2 – Dental and Dental Assisting Program Licensure and Permit Statistics**

Dr. Olinger gave an overview of the statistics. Dr. Bettinger pointed out that the statistics show a loss of 397 Registered Dental Assistants. He also noted that there has been a 46% increase in Dental Licenses. Dr. Bettinger thought it might be useful to publish a trend of the last 5 years so that the public policy makers could see a trend of Dental and Dental Assisting licensures. Mr. DeCuir stated that we can do that trend analysis but what would be the purpose or utilization of those facts; there would be no way to explain why the trends are what they are. Dr. Bettinger commented that he still thought the facts would be useful to policy makers when trying to establish if we have an adequate workforce. Mr. DeCuir agreed to have staff plot a 10 year trend analysis.

### **LCP 3 – General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Permit Evaluation Statistics**

Dr. Olinger gave an overview of the GA/CS Permit Evaluation Statistics.

### **LCP 4 – Update Regarding the General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation (GA/CS) Calibration Courses**

Mr. DeCuir introduced Jessica Olney, Licensing Analyst for the General Anesthesia, Conscious Sedation, IV and Special Permits. He stated that the Dental Board took over this program from CALOAMS in January 2009. Ms. Olney reported that the General Anesthesia Evaluations program is up to date. She stated that 10 new evaluators were recently recruited, 2 Conscious Sedation Evaluators and 8 General Anesthesia Evaluators; 4 of whom will be doing Conscious Sedation as well.

### **LCP 5 – Overview of the General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Permit Programs**

Ms. Olney reported that when the Board took over this program, the Executive Officer at the time decided that new permit holders were to be tested within 3 months of receiving their permit. When the Board took over the program the testing was already behind and this new deadline made it worse. It was recently decided that the Dental Board would go back to the old method of testing within 1 year. This deadline gives these new permit holders time to establish a practice and patients so that they have a place to have their evaluation done. She stated that they are hoping that with this new deadline they can get everyone current.

There was no public comment.

The committee meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.