



DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 16, 2013

Waterfront Hotel
10 Washington Street, Oakland, CA 94607

Members Present:

Huong Le, DDS, President
Fran Burton, Vice President
Steven Morrow, DDS, Secretary
Steve Afriat, Public Member
Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Yvette Chappell-Ingram, Public Member
Katie Dawson, RDH
Luis Dominicus, DDS
Judith Forsythe, RDA
Kathleen King, Public Member
Ross Lai, DDS
Meredith McKenzie, Public Member
Thomas Stewart, DDS
Bruce Witcher, DDS

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Karen Fischer, Executive Officer
Kim Trefry, Enforcement Chief
Dawn Dill, Licensing Unit Manager
Lori Reis, Complaint and Compliance Unit Manager
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Linda Byers, Executive Assistant
Spencer Walker, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General

Dr. Le and Executive Officer Karen Fischer gave the Oath of Office to new Board Members; Yvette Chappell-Ingram, Katie Dawson and Meredith McKenzie.

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Huong Le, President, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Dr. Steven Morrow, Secretary, called the roll and a quorum was established.

AGENDA ITEM 1: Approval of the February 28 – March 1, 2013 Full Board Meeting Minutes and the April 4, 2013 Full Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Afriat asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that Fran Burton, the Vice-Chair not Secretary called the roll. Motioned/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) (Afriat/Burton) to accept the February 28 – March 1, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Afriat asked that the minutes be corrected to reflect that Fran Burton, the Vice-Chair not Secretary called the roll. M/S/C (Afriat/King) to accept the April 4, 2013 meeting minutes as corrected. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 2: President's Report

Dr. Huong Le, President introduced the guests in the audience; Dr. Charles Broadbent from Western Regional Examiners Board (WREB), Dr. Guy Acheson representing the California Academy of General Dentists (CAGD), Dr. Paul Glassman from the University of the Pacific (UOP), Dr. Norman Hertz of Progeny Systems Corporation, Ms. Michele Hurlbutt, President of the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC), Ms. Lori Hubble, Executive Officer of the DHCC and Bill Lewis of the California Dental Association (CDA). She thanked Dr. McCormick, in absentia, for her many years of service to the Dental Board. Dr. Le reported on her activities over the past few months.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Update by Dr. Paul Glassman on the Virtual Dental Home Project

Dr. Paul Glassman gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the progress of the Virtual Dental Home Project which began with the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) Pilot Project (Health Workforce Pilot Project (HWPP) #172) relating to training current allied dental personnel for new duties in community settings. Dr. Glassman explained the two duties being tested by the project are; allowing Registered Dental Assistants (RDA), Registered Dental Assistants in Extended Functions (RDAEF), Registered Dental Hygienists (RDH), and Registered Dental Hygienists in Alternative Practice (RDHAP) to decide which radiographs to take to facilitate an evaluation by a dentist and; for those same licensees to place Interim Therapeutic Restorations (ITR).

Dr. Glassman reported that there are nine Pilot Project sites that have been operating for the past two and a half years, located from the northern California border to San Diego, in rural as well as urban settings and include preschools to nursing homes. He stated that approximately 1,500 patients have been seen with the largest number being in preschools due to funding from the First Five California program. The project statistics have shown that approximately 50% of these patients can be kept healthy through this program. He related several more statistics. Sun Costigan, CAGD commented that there is very little data to support the 100% success rate that is being reported.

Dr. Glassman explained that Legislation is needed to continue the funding that is currently being funded by a grant. Catherine Scott, Children's Partnership, commented that they are a key supporter of AB 1174 which authorizes the new procedures and teledentistry. Dr. Stewart commented that he has been proud to be part of this project and fully supports Dr. Glassman's project. Dr. Morrow stated that has also been a participant in this project. Dr. Casagrande commented that the Board is in favor of access to care but their biggest priority is public protection. His concern is that the cardinal rule of dentistry has been to not leave any decay in a tooth. What studies have been done and is this to be the new standard? Dr. Glassman stated that systematic review studies have been done and within the clinical trials, the scientific evidence shows that leaving some decay is acceptable. Dr. Lai commented that since these are temporary fillings, are the children being referred to a dentist for a permanent filling? Dr. Glassman stated that parents are told that the restoration is temporary and should be followed up with a visit to a dentist. Catherine Scott commented that the allied dental professionals participating in the project work very hard to get the patients to see a regular dentist. Dr. Glassman stated that a dentist is involved with all aspects of the care. Through teledentistry the dentist reviews the radiographs to decide what care should be given, reviews the completed care and follows up with each patient including providing referrals and continued care. Dr. Lai asked who shoulders the liability, the doctor making the diagnosis or the allied dental professional performing the duties. Dr. Glassman responded that all parties involved are liable. Dr. Lai further asked if the studies that were done were funded by the restoration companies. Dr. Glassman stated that all studies were done by systematic review of blind studies which are of the highest standard and completely unbiased.

Dr. Le, President, called for a ten minute break.

The meeting resumed at 3:08 p.m. Dr. Le recognized Lisa Okamoto, past President of the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) now representing the California Dental Hygienists Association (CDHA) and Dr. Thomas Baker, representing the California Society of Periodontists (CSP).

AGENDA ITEM 4: Presentation of Final Portfolio Pathway to Licensure Report by Norman Hertz, Ph.D., Applied Psychologist at Progeny Systems Corporation

(a) Discussion Regarding the Portfolio Pathway to Licensure Report

Dr. Norman Hertz reported that he is presenting the Psychometric Principles of the Portfolio Pathway to Licensure. He was charged with the task of insuring that the portfolio pathway is psychometrically sound and legally defensible. Dr. Hertz reported that a feasibility study was done with all six of the California dental schools. Consensus was obtained from all six of the Board approved schools. Dr. Hertz gave an overview of his background and the process of developing the portfolio pathway. An electronic copy of his final report can be found on the Board's website: http://www.dbc.ca.gov/about_us/materials/meeting_materials.shtml

Katie Dawson asked if all approved dental schools in California are required to participate. Dr. Casagrande answered it is strictly volunteer. Dr. Dominicis asked where the examiners were coming from. Dr. Casagrande explained that the examiners are the school faculty that currently administer competency exams. Katie Dawson asked if there would be two different standards between the Portfolio Pathway and the Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) which is the only recognized examination for California licensure at this time. Dr. Casagrande stated that in his opinion only the top candidates would withstand the rigors of Portfolio and pass.

(b) Update on Portfolio Regulations and Handbook Review

Dr. Steven Morrow gave a presentation outlining the updates to the Portfolio Regulations, the Candidate Handbook and the Examiner Training Manual. Electronic copies of the handbooks can be found on the Board's website:

http://www.dbc.ca.gov/about_us/materials/meeting_materials.shtml

Spencer Walker, Senior Legal Counsel, commented that he has finished his review of the drafts and sent them back to staff to begin formulating regulations. Dr. Stewart asked when during the students' academic career would the competency testing begin in order to fulfill all the requirements. Dr. Morrow stated that they will begin accumulating their clinical experiences as soon as they begin their clinical studies, generally in the spring quarter of their second year. As soon as they start seeing patients they will start accumulating those minimum clinical experiences. The competency examinations dates are determined by the faculty and will probably take place during their third and fourth years. Mr. Afriat asked about the possible conflict of interest when a teacher is the examiner. Dr. Morrow pointed out that each student is tested multiple times on each competency so multiple scoring by different instructors would preclude any bias. Dr. Morrow also commented that all six schools participate in the exchange of instructors for competency examinations. Dr. Dominicis commented that in order for the Board to be able to determine the success of the Portfolio Pathway to Licensure, he would like to see regulations requiring the schools to report the pass/fail rate to the Board. Dr. Whitcher commented that he thought there should also be an auditor handbook. Dr. Morrow stated that the auditor handbook was still in rough draft form and not ready for the Board to view yet. Dr. Ariane Terlet, former Board member, commented that her main concern is patient safety. The Board's first priority is protecting the public and that mission should be kept in mind throughout the development of this process. She asked what the cost for this exam would be. Dr. Casagrande answered that the Board does not govern what the schools can charge. The Board charges every applicant \$350 for initial licensure. Dr. Terlet inquired about the calibration process. Dr. Le stated that all of the calibrators will have to go through a Board approved training program. Dr. Morrow commented that there are specified intervals when the calibration must be conducted so it's an ongoing calibration process. Michele Hurlbutt, President of DHCC, asked if the students can request a competency exam at any time during their clinical

experience. Dr. Morrow stated that competency exams must be approved by the schools. There was no further public comment.

The presentations given by Drs. Hertz and Morrow can be found on the Dental Board's webcast archive site: http://www.dca.ca.gov/publications/multimedia/webcast_archive.shtml

AGENDA ITEM 5: Legislative Process Overview and Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Legislation:

Due to time constraints Agenda Item 5 was held over to be addressed on Friday, May 17, 2013.

M/S/C (Afriat/King) to recess until 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 17, 2013. There was no public comment. The motion passed unanimously.