



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 28, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lyle McClellan, DDS, Chair
Aaron Stevens, DMD
David Carsten, DDS
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member
Bryan Swanson, DDS
Miryam Nossa, EFDA
Joy McDaniel, DMD
Mac Rainey, Public Member
Sarah Khan, DMD
Caroline Spice, Public Member
Karen Clements, DDS
Nisha Sharoff, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ronald Marsh, DDS, Vice- Chair
Sonia Pal, DMD
Kathleen Elling, EFDA
Samantha Kofler

STAFF PRESENT

James Chaney, Executive Director
Amber Freeberg, Program Manager
Manager
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program
Manager
Heather Carter, AAG

OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Lyle McClellan, D.D.S., Chairperson

1.1. Introduction of commission members and staff.

- Ms. Freeberg introduces commission members who are present.
- Newly appointed public member, Carolin Spice, is introduced.
- Ms. Spice provides the Commission with her career experience.

1.2. Public Comment - The public will have an opportunity to provide comments. If you would like to comment during this time, please limit your comments to two minutes. Please identify yourself and who you represent, if applicable, when the Chair opens the floor for public comment.

- There are no comments at this time.

1.3. Approval of agenda.

- Ms. Freeberg requests two amendments.
 - 6.2 includes a letter received from WSDA and 7.2 which includes correspondence from Columbia Basin College.
 - There is a motion to accept the amended April 28 business meeting agenda.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
- 1.4. Approval of the March 10, 2023, Business Meeting Minutes.
- There is a motion to approve the March 10, 2023, business meeting minutes.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.

2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Ms. Freeberg provides legislative update.
- 2SHSB 1009 Military Spouse Employment – Signed by Governor. Alters temporary practice permit requirements (TPP) to expedite the issuance of professional license for military spouses.
- SB 5113 Concerning Faculty in Dental Schools – Signed by Governor. Effective date 7/23/2023. DOH sponsored legislation which includes any institution of higher education in Washington state accredited by the commission on dental accreditation (CODA) for faculty licensure.
- There is a motion to open CR 101 on SB 5113.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- The commission takes a vote, and the motion is adopted.
- HB 1503 Collecting Health Care Professionals’ Information at the Time of License Application and License Renewal – delivered to governor’s office. Request applicants who submit applications for licensure after January 1, 2025, to provide following information on their application: race, ethnicity, gender, language spoken, provider specialty where applicable, practice locations.
- HB 1287 Concerning Dental Hygienists – Signed by Governor. This bill removes the active practice hour requirement for dental hygiene initial limited license (ILL) applications under RCW 18.29.190 making it easier for dental hygienists to get a license in Washington. An ILL allows out of state dental hygienists to practice with a limited scope in Washington state while they complete any education or exams that didn’t transfer from their previous state.
- HB 1466 Concerning Currently Credentialed Dental Auxiliaries – delivered to governor’s office. The term for dental hygiene initial temporary license is extended to five years.
- HB 1576 Concerning the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact – delivered to governor’s office. Intended to facilitate the interstate practice of dentistry and dental hygiene by providing a pathway for dentists and dental hygienists licensed in a participating state to obtain a compact practice privilege that authorizes them to practice in another participating state where they are not already licensed. The compact cannot be enacted until 7 states participate. The compact was only introduced into 7 state legislatures this year. AADA stated Idaho legislature did not pass compact this year.
- HB 1678 Establishing and Authorizing the Profession of Dental Therapy – delivered to governor’s office. Creates dental therapists as a new profession under Title 18 RCW. A

dental therapist could only work in a federally qualified center (FQHC) or a FQHC look-a-like. supervision and a practice plan contract with a supervising dentist.

- Ms. Freeberg shares if the bill is signed, information regarding how to move forward in implementing the bill needs to be discussed internally. Ms. Freeberg requests further discussion on HB 1678 take place in June meeting.

3. EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on March 14, 2023 – Dr. Stevens

- Dr. Stevens thanks Commissioners who attended the training retreat the day prior.
- Dr. Stevens shares the committee will be losing the chairperson and Dr. McClellan as their terms will be ending.
- Dr. Stevens encourages commission members to join and participate in the committee.
- The committee has accepted the invitation to WSDA’s Pacific Northwest Dental Conference (PNDC) and has coordinated three commission members to attend in June on behalf of the Commission.

4. CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE - Committee meeting held on March 22, 2023. – Dr. Marsh

- Dr. McClellan reports the committee has decided not to further pursue any modifications for non-accredited dental schools and continuing competency programs.
- The committee determined these modifications are not feasible at this time.

5. DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on April 11, 2023 – Dr. McClellan

- Dr. McClellan shares the committee has been discussing vaccinations and sleep apnea.
- The committee has been discussing vaccination challenges and current barriers which includes insurance billing, and safety protocols.
- The committee has invited a panel of experts to the next meeting which include the Healthcare Authority, Dr. David Carsten, and correspondence from the Pharmacy Commission.
- The Commission discussed the ability to provide vaccines and the ability to bill for vaccines.
- The Commission discussed the integration of Electronic Medical records.
- Dr. Carsten and Dr. McDaniel are in favor of opening a CR 101 for rule writing.
- Ms. Carter advises the committee to place CR 101 opening for the June meeting to provide notice to the public.
- Dr. Carsten rescinds his motion as the topic will be brought forward in the June meeting.
- The committee has also included experts from the University of Washington to speak regarding sleep apnea.
- Experts have spoken about collaborative work with dentists and physicians regarding treatment of sleep apnea.

- The commission has discussion of sleep apnea and evidence-based treatments.
- Ms. Freeberg shares no questions have been forwarded to program regarding sleep apnea in the last year.
- The commission agrees to not move forward with further examination and discussion of sleep apnea in committee.

6. DENTAL INCLUSION COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on March 29, 2023 – Dr. McDaniel

6.1. Review changes made to WAC 246-817-440 and WAC 246-817-445 – Commission may vote.

- Dr. McDaniel introduces Dental Inclusion as the Commission’s newest committee and shares the recommended changes for WAC 246-817-440 and WAC 246-817-445 that was determined by the committee.
- Dr. McDaniel shares the committee has been tasked to work on rules to comply with RCW 43.70.613. This law requires each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 to adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years.
- By legislative mandate -any rules developed by the dental quality assurance commission must meet or exceed the minimum standards of the model rules which state health care professionals must complete a minimum of two hours in health equity continuing education training every four years.
- The committee determined a licensed dentist must complete a minimum of 2 hours of commission approved health equity training every three years. The hours of continuing education will be granted towards the sixty-three hour requirement. An approved program providing health equity continuing education training must meet the requirements listed in WAC 246-12-830. For the purpose of this rule health equity has the same meaning as defined in WAC 246-12-810.
- There is a motion to approve amended draft language as presented for WAC 246-817-440.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and the motion is adopted.
- This rule will be moved forward to CR 102.
- A certified dental anesthesia assistant must complete a minimum of 2 hours of approved health equity training every three years. Two hours of continuing education will be granted towards the fourteen-hour requirement. An approved program providing health equity continuing education training must meet the requirements listed in WAC 246-12-830. For purposes of this rule health equity has the same meaning as defined in WAC 246.12.810.
- There is a motion to approve amended draft language as presented of WAC 246-817-445.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken, and the motion is adopted.
- This rule will be moved forward to CR 102.
- Dr. McDaniel shares possible topics the committee should discuss in upcoming meeting. Topics include developing policies that address unique needs of

- underrepresented communities, and reviewing processes in how the Commission is reflecting dental providers in various populations.
- Dr. Edgar recommends the commission communicate reason and rationale for inclusion in Washington State Law.

6.2. WSDA Health Equity Continuing Education Rulemaking letter

- The commission acknowledges this letter and has discussion.
- Dr. Bryan Edgar with WSDA notes the committee's recommendation of 2 hours instead of 1.5 hours of health equity CE every 3 years is not a substantive difference.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1. Commission will discuss correspondence dated March 23, 2023, from Dr. Victor Barry regarding a rebuttal to the March dental quality assurance commission newsletter.

- The commission acknowledges Dr. Barry's letter.

7.2. Columbia Basin College

- Dr. McClellan notifies the Commission's EFDA committee they may be reconvening as Columbia Basin College is in the process of opening both a Dental Assisting and an EFDA program.

8. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

8.1. American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) mid-year meeting report – Dr. McClellan

- Dr. McClellan provides the commission with the meeting report.
- Dr. McClellan shares topics including violence in the workplace for dental providers, marijuana effects, ADEA updates, impaired practitioner programs, dental compact, and medical health care regulators.
- Dr. McClellan shares he has been the Commission representative at annual conferences and as his term is ending the Commission will need to find a new representative to attend.

9. OTHER

9.1. Review delegation agreements

- Ms. Carter explains to the Commission what the Delegation of Signature Authority means.
- The current document is expired and needs to be updated annually.
- There is a motion to keep the document checked as it has been in the past, making no changes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- Dr. McClellan will sign the agreements on behalf of the Commission.
- Ms. Carter explains to the Commission what the Delegation of Decision-Making document means.
- There is a motion to keep the document checked as it has been in the past, making no changes.

- The motion is moved and seconded.
- 9.2. Update on commission member recruitment
- Ms. Freeberg announces to the Commission that Dr. McClellan, Dr. Stevens, Dr. Clements, and Kathleen Elling, EFDA will be ending their term in June.
 - Ms. Freeberg confirms there have been thirteen DQAC applicants, three of which are from Eastern Washington; 2 EFDA applications and Ms. Fulton who has renewed her term.
 - Program will be working on applicant interview in the next few weeks.

10. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 11:31am.

Submitted by:

Amber Freeberg, Program Manager
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Approved by:

Lyle McClellan, DDS, Chair
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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