



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, December 12, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Samantha Kofler, DDS
Mac Rainey, Public Member
Miryam Nossa, EFDA
David Carsten, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tiffany Bass, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager
Amber Freeberg, Program Manager
Adriana Barcena, Assistant Program
Manager
Heather Carter, AAG

OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION - 12:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Bryan Swanson, DDS - Chair

1.1. Introduction of committee members and staff.

- Mr. Bronoske introduces committee members and staff.

1.2. Approval of agenda.

- Mr. Bronoske requests three amendments to include items of correspondence from the Northwest Harvest, Dental Access Campaign and the Children's Alliance.
- There is a motion to approve the agenda as amended.
- The agenda is moved and seconded.

1.3. Approval of November 9, 2023, meeting minutes.

- There is a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, meeting minutes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

2. CDCA WREB CITA DENTAL THERAPY EXAM PRESENTATION – CDCA WREB CITA will present their dental therapy exam to the committee.

- Benjamin Wall, Director of Examinations and Kimber Cobb, Director of Licensure and Portability and Director of Dental Hygiene Examinations for CDCA-WREB-CITA provide examination overview.

- Dr. Wall shares the examinations are divided into 3 sections: Dental Therapy OSCE, Pediatric Patient Exam and Restorative Exam.
- The dental therapy OSCE is comprised of a 100-question multiple choice computerized examination delivered at a Prometric Test Center. Questions are related to clinical cases and scenarios requiring application of knowledge, skills, and judgment.
- The pediatric simulated patient examination is composed of three parts: endodontics, restoration, stainless steel crown. All parts must be passed with a score of 75% or better.
- The restorative examination is held to the same standards for dental candidates.
- The restorative examination includes class 2 and class 3 preparation and restoration.
- The examinations are independently evaluated by three calibrated examiners and are anonymous.
- The committee discusses the examinations.

3. DENTAL THERAPY PROGRAM UPDATE

- Mr. Bronoske clarifies the dental therapy rule language that has been presented is a starting draft and will be developed and revised in committee meetings over time.
- Mr. Bronoske shares he is currently working on tribal inclusion and will be meeting with the department's tribal liaison in the coming weeks.
- Beginning in January, Mr. Bronoske would like the committee to begin looking over the submitted comments from interested parties and working on details of rule language.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1. Washington Dental Hygiene Association
- 4.2. Northwest Harvest
- 4.3. Dental Access Campaign
- 4.4. Children's Alliance

- The committee reviews and discusses correspondence letters.
- Mr. Bronoske requests the committee begin work in January to review and compare comments for rule language referenced in correspondence letters.

5. FUTURE BUSINESS

- There is no future business.
- The committee will meet again on January 16.

6. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 12:39pm

Submitted by:
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager

Approved by:
Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chairperson

Dental Quality Assurance Commission

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Signature

Date

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