

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY

Friday, September 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Hostos Community College

500 Grand Concourse

Bronx NY 10451

Meeting: B - building room 115

ATTENDANCE: Ronald Kosinski, Chairperson, Suzanne Cassata, Vice Chairperson, , Eleanor Coney, Charles Grannum, Patricia Haberman Lorraine Carhart, Tera Jenkins, Wayne Kye, Aristotle Lyssikatos, Kerry McEntee, Michael McGarvey, Salim Rayman, Ernest Robertson, Evelyn Salgado, Stanley Smith, Karl Dixon

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Michael Puspurs

ABSENT: Julie Varney, Paul Chu, Karen Palleschi, Payam Goudarzi

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Audra Haynes

GUESTS: Betsy Bray (NYSDA); Donna Hickey (NYDHA); Denice Brown (NYDHA);

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 9:25 AM. Welcome and introductions were made.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kosinski thanked Dr. Roberson, Dr. Kye and Mr. Rayman for their 10 years of service on the Dentistry Board. Dr. Kosinski reported that he has worked on many OPD cases the past few months.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Cassata began by saying she participated in the Webex meeting for the Tele-dentistry committee. Dr. Cassata informed members that she is monitoring the dental compact in other states. Dr. Cassata ended saying she participated in the Dental Assisting committee meeting to investigate ways to get more RDA's licensed in NYS.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Cottrell began her report by stating Dr. Chu, Dr. Goudarzi, Ms. Varney and Ms. Palleschi cannot make it to the meeting today.

Dr. Cottrell informed members that there is a multidisciplinary clinical care conference for patients with developmental and intellectual disabilities on November 3rd in Saratoga.

Dr. Cottrell stated that DANB is now offering the RHS exam in Spanish.

Dr. Cottrell stated that the NYS Oral Health Coalition meeting is on October 27th-28th in Troy, NY.

Dr. Cottrell ended her report by giving plaques and certificates to Dr. Kye, Dr. Robertson and Mr. Rayman for their 10 years on the Board for their exemplary service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM June 16, 2023

A motion was made for approval of the June 16, 2023, draft board meeting minutes as amended (Carhart/Kye).

A motion was made to move the items on the agenda (Carhart/Kye).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage: Dr. Kye, Chair; thanked Ms. Newman for putting all the committee reports in one place on SharePoint.

Legislative: Mr. Rayman, Co-Chair stated that the Block Anesthesia bill passed the NYS Senate. Dr. Cottrell informed members that she needs to submit comments on the Dental Therapy Bill. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the Dental Therapy Bill. The Board discussed expanding duties of the scope of practice for dental hygienists, instead of having a new profession of a dental therapist. The Board had a lengthy discussion about expanding the duties of dental hygienists with further education. Dr. Cottrell will send Ms. DeFeo's proposal for the dental hygiene collaborative agreement to the Board to review to see if it would achieve the goals of the Dental Therapy Bill with modification. The Scope of practice committee will look at the collaborative practice proposal from Ms. DeFeo's committee and make recommendations. Mr. Rayman ended by stating there is a Loan Forgiveness Bill for dental faculty.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Carhart, Chair: stated that there are two bills out: S 7355 for Vaccine HPV and S 7356 for Influenza, COVID and Public Health vaccines and testing in the dental offices and they haven't moved forward yet.

Corporate Practice - Dr. Robertson Chair; stated there are dental products coming from different companies for patients to do things themselves at home. The Board agreed to make changes to the "Do It Yourself Dental/Orthodontic on the Consumer information for Dentistry webpage to add prosthodontics, taking impressions and at home tooth replacement kits; including crowns and veneers.

Anesthesia – Dr. Kosinski, Chair; stated that many dentists are seeking anesthesia courses to get their anesthesia certificates, that are not CODA accredited residency programs. Dr. Cottrell stated that she is going for a site visit to the DOCS course in Kentucky to see if their course satisfies the NYS anesthesia certificate requirements. The Board had a lengthy discussion about having anesthesia course programs that are not residencies to get the anesthesia certificates, specifically for general dentists.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Cassata, Chair; stated the committee has continued to discuss the dental compact between dentists and dental hygienists. The Board had a lengthy discussion about how the compact doesn't fit the way we license dentists and dental hygienists in NYS.

Licensure – Dr. Kye; stated that CDEL will be meeting this week to discuss licensure issues.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Carhart, Chair; stated that the committee is focusing on ways to make an RDA pathway more attractive to those unlicensed dental assistants already working. One consideration is to give the unlicensed dental assistants credit for on-the-job training and experience, and they would still be required to pass a exam. The Board had a lengthy discussion about not having specialty dental assistants to take the general chairside exam.

Tele-Dentistry –Dr. Salgado, Chair; stated the committee met and went over the guidelines from the Legal. Dr. Cottrell asked the board members to give comments submitted by November.

Special Needs –Dr. Kosinski; stated that CMS created a new code for hospitals to promote dental services for anesthesia. Dr. Kosinski informed members that the Interdisciplinary Medical group are meeting in Saratoga in November. Dr. Kosinski stated that dental schools can get reimbursed for parenteral anesthesia for treating the special needs population.

AADB- Dr. Haberman, Chair; stated that there is nothing on the AADB website about the new compact. Dr. Cottrell stated that she will be attending the meeting in October virtually.

CDCA – Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated the Steering committee is the only CDCA committee that met. Ms. Haynes stated that she and Ms. Carhart attended the meeting on Tuesday July 25th virtually. The approval of the CDCA consultant examiners will all be approved, and the new jurisdictions are Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Tennessee, and other states. Ms. Haynes stated that there was a comparison of dental ADEX exam vs simulated patient vs patient exam and the pass-fail rate is just about the same. Dr. Cottrell stated that the Education Department will permanently accept the manikin exam for dental hygiene. Ms. Haynes stated there is a CDCA Virtual meeting on January 12, 2024 and then in September 2024 there is a meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

ADEX – Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated this was covered in the CDCA report.

Wellness – Dr. Cassata, Chair informed Board Members of the fund balance and informed members on what all funding was used for.

OLD BUSINESS:

Licensure Compact update The Council of State Governments (CGS) is having a national meeting in Washington D.C for the Dental and Dental Hygiene compacts. This was covered in the Practical Review of Dental Regulations committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

Career Profiles- Dr. Cottrell said that the Department is looking to update our career profiles. The Board made suggestions for the dental hygiene, dentistry and registered dental assisting career profiles.

Tissue Banking Protocol and Licensure Requirements- Per a letter from the Dept. of Health, the Board had a lengthy discussion about tissue banking as a result of reporting of TB infections in recipients of a “viable bone matrix” that had not been terminally sterilized. All allogeneic tissue donors are screened and tested for infectious diseases however, neither screening nor testing for tuberculosis in donors is required by NYS or FDA. DOH wanted to inform dentists of the regulatory requirements for tissue banking.

Dental Hygienists using Curodont- The Board had a lengthy discussion on if dental hygienists can use sodium chloride or not. The Board agreed that dental hygienists under direct supervision can use Curodont, because of the bleach.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

January 19th, 2024 in NYC at 1411 Broadway

ADJOURN: Motion for adjournment 12: 44 p.m. (Grannum/Coney).
Motion to go into Executive Session 12:46 p.m. (Carhart / Salgado)
Discipline Cases were discussed.
Motion to move out of Executive Session at 1:10 p.m. (Smith/ Dixon)