

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY

Friday, May 31, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

**Turning Stone Resort
Seneca/Onondaga Room
5218 Patrick Rd.
Verona, NY 13478**

ATTENDANCE:, Chairperson, Suzanne Cassata, Vice Chairperson; Lorraine Carhart, Paul Chu, Eleanor Coney, Karl Dixon, Charles Grannum, Payam Goudarzi, Patricia Haberman, Aristotle Lyssikatos, Kerry McEntee, Michael McGarvey, Roya Mohajer, Evelyn Salgado, Stanley Smith, and Julie Varney.

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Michael Puspurs

ABSENT: Ronald Kosinski, Tera Jenkins, Karen Palleschi

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Eugene Pantera, Julie Ruggiero

GUESTS: Kathleen Kennedy (Former Board Member), Briana McNamee (NYSDA) Besty Bray (NYSDA), Jacqueline Donnelly (NYSDA); Beth Krueger (NYDHA); Donna Hickey (NYDHA), Harold Jennings (NYDHA), Janet Bean, RDH, Dianne Ryan, RDH & Judith Dember-Paige, RDH

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

The meeting was called to order at 9: 03 AM. Welcome and introductions were made.

CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

No report due to Dr. Kosinski’s absence. Dr. Cassata, Acting Chair requested for the agenda to be moved forward.

VICE CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT:

Dr. Cassata began by stating that she provided the Board with the most recent revisions made to the practice alert on DIY dental and orthodontic treatment. Dr. Cassata stated that she emailed the March 4th AADB newsletter about dental assisting professional model framework to the board members. Dr. Cassata noted that she attended a CARE Quest zoom presentation on shielding on March 28th. Dr. Cassata reported that she participated in a corporate practice committee meeting, where Dr. Goudarzi proposed a collaborative practice agreement.

Dr. Cassata ended her report stating that she led a group discussion with the practical review committee on May 5th.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY’S REPORT:

Dr. Cottrell began her report by saying how busy the Board Office has been and thanked the board members for their dedicated service. She acknowledged absences for today’s meeting.

Dr. Cottrell informed members that David Hamilton is the new Deputy Commissioner and Owen Donovan is the new Assistant Deputy Commissioner.

Dr. Cottrell reported briefly on her participation in the following meetings and events:

- January 31-: spoke at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine to students about the Board for Dentistry and what the Board does.
- February 2: attended the CODA winter session,
- February 9: had a meeting with NYC DOH about tobacco cessation, oral cancer and license requirements. Informed the board members that there is a new child abuse course, and it has to be completed by April 1, 2025.
- February 28: participated in the CDCA/WREB/CITA seminar.
- March 1: attended the CDEL meeting at NYSDA.
- April 25: attended the American Association of Dental Administrators meeting remotely.

Dr. Cottrell ended her report by sharing that the practice alert is on the OP Dentistry page for myofunctional therapy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 19, 2024:

A motion was made for approval of the January 19, 2024, draft board meeting minutes (Carhart/Chu). Minutes approved unanimously.

A motion was made to move the items on the agenda (Lyssikatos/Mohajer).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage – Dr. McEntee, Chair; reported that the committee is working on revising the dental assisting examination requirements to clearly clarify the two pathways and include links to the DANB webpage. Dr. McEntee ended saying they will have a draft for the next meeting.

Legislative – Dr. Lyssikatos (on behalf of Ms. Palleschi) summarized the current dentistry and dental hygiene related bills: new Child abuse training course, dental hygiene collaborative practice, administration of flu, COVID and HPV vaccines, block anesthesia RDH, cultural awareness and competency training, dental therapy, dental laboratory, dental faculty loan forgiveness and fluoride varnish change of scope for dental assistants, The Board and guests had a lengthy discussion pertaining to the proposed bills and the impacts to oral health and access to care for underserved populations.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Carhart, Chair; The committee met with Dr. Cottrell and discussed a more immediate approach to the access to care/workforce shortage is to expand the scope of dental hygienists as opposed to introducing an additional profession, the dental therapist, to the dental team. Ms. Carhart informed members of 8 tasks from the dental therapy bill that her committee proposed moving to the RDH scope of practice. The Board had a lengthy discussion about how it could expand the workforce and allow dental hygienists to do more tasks and be better equipped to service the public more efficiently. The Board discussed that it could take at least 9 to 12 months to create the certificate course. The Board discussed that the RDH would have to have two years' experience before they would qualify to take such a certificate course.

Corporate Practice – Dr. Goudarzi, Chair; stated that the committee had been communicating by email about the amount of access that DSO's have to dental and dental hygiene schools. The

Board discussed reaching out to dental students at health fairs to make sure they understand the DSO contracts.

Anesthesia –Dr. Chu (on behalf of Dr. Kosinski) stated they were asked the question “can a dentist see a patient that was sedated by another dentist or premedicated by their MD.” Dr. Chu informed members that a dentist should not a patient that was sedated by another dentist because that patient becomes the responsibility of the treating dentist. If a second dentist is sedating a patient to a level of moderate sedation, that dentist must have the appropriate certificate and remain with the patient throughout the procedure and into the recovery period.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Cassata, Chair; stated that the committee continued to discuss the Dentist and Dental Hygiene compact. Nine states are now in the CSG compact. Dr. Cassata reported that she attended a course on the new recommendations for patient shielding. It explained the shielding recommendations and strategies on how to speak to the patients.

Licensure – Dr. Chu, Chair; stated that the committee met to talk about the pros and cons of PGY-1 versus a dental exam. Dr. Chu informed members that most program directors see the need for a second pathway for licensure. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of the PGY-1 pathway. The Board discussed methods to improve licensure by having tuition reimbursement for residents who serve in an underserved area.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Carhart, Chair; stated that DANB is in collaboration with the Dale Foundation to increase scholarships for registered dental assistant students. Ms. Carhart discussed how the committee is working to update the dental assisting examination requirements on the OP webpage. Ms. Carhart informed members that some dental offices and RDA schools are now paying for the RDA’ S to take the exam and to get licensed. The Board had a lengthy discussion about educating dentists about the value of the RDAs for their practice.

Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Salgado, Chair; stated that the Board sent the Tele- Dentistry guidelines to Legal in January. Dr. Salgado informed members that Medicaid updated their Telehealth guidelines.

Special Needs – Dr. Chu; Chair; had a zoom meeting where the committee discussed delivering anesthesia to special needs patients at the dental practice. Dr. Chu informed members that NYS academic centers have approved monies for Special Needs Fellows however, there are no current applicants for the fellowship programs. The Board discussed the ADA’s consideration of a special needs dental specialty.

AADB – Dr. Haberman, Chair; reported that there have been no changes to the AADB website, and that Dr. Cassata will keep the Board apprised of any updates.

ADEX and CDCA-WREB-CITA – Mr. Dixon, Chair; stated that he is the new Chair. Mr. Dixon stated that the national meeting will be held in September in Louisville, KY.

Wellness – Dr. Cassata, Chair; explained the purpose of the voluntary fund. She informed Board Members of expenditures and the current fund balance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Collaborative Practice/RDH-CP – In the Scope of Practice Committee section.

Compact Update – Dr. Cottrell informed members that she received an emailed from Dr. Schaeffer that The CSG compact has been enacted in 9 states and that the AADB compact has not yet been enacted. Dr. Cottrell stated that in NYS we only accept PGY-1 for licensure, so NYS does not qualify to be in a compact.

DIY Orthodontics – Dr. Cassata- stated that the DIY Orthodontics practice guideline is with Legal for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

DOH Radiology Regulations/Patient Shielding Practice Alert – Dr. Haberman stated that there was a zoom workgroup discussion where they created an advisory notice for professionals that protective shielding for dentistry is NYS law and this it is with Legal for review.

Nominating Committee- Dr. Cottrell stated that Ms. Coney will be the new Chair for the Nominating Committee. Dr. Lyssikatos, Ms. Carhart, Dr. Haberman and Julie Varney volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee, Dr. Haberman agreed to be the Chair for the Practical Review of Dental Regulations Committee. Dr. Chu agreed to be the Chair for the Anesthesia Committee.

Myofunctional Therapy- Dr. Cottrell said that DH's holding themselves out as DH or working in a dental office cannot practice myofunctional therapy, because it is not within the scope of practice. Dr. Cottrell stated that myofunctional therapy can be done if it is not in a dental office and they are not performing it as a DH.

Implants- The Board members discussed whether a dental hygienist can screw on and unscrewing a fixed prosthesis. The Board had a lengthy discussion about this and determined that a dental hygienist cannot screw on or unscrew a fixed prosthesis.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

Friday, October 18th. University of Rochester, Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

ADJOURN:

Motion for adjournment 12:17 pm. (Carhart/ Salgado).

Motion to go into Executive Session 12: 35 p.m. (Carhart/McEntee).

Discipline Cases were discussed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 1: 00p.m. (Coney/Dixon).