

Dental Board of California  
January 24-25, 2008  
Los Angeles, CA

DBC Committee Meetings  
January 24

- 1) Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee
  - a) Approved November 15, 2007 meeting minutes.
  - b) Discussed what legislative vehicles exist, if any, to sunrise the Board. Noted that AB 1545 is not viable legislation and at this point in time, there is no sunrise legislation.
  - c) SB 683 implementation: The Board has completed the regulatory package and submitted it to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). The Board has made a strong argument for approval of emergency implementation, and OAL has 10 days to approve or disapprove. Staff is preparing for a standard regulatory process in case OAL disapproves. Staff estimates it will be a couple of months until implementation if approved and approximately 6 months if implementation must follow a standard path. Dr. Mito requested SB 683 status be posted on the DBC web site.
  - d) Licensure by credential statistics were provided for both dentists and hygienists. Total licenses granted since January 2003: dentists – 1705; hygienists – 271
  - e) Licensure statistics were presented:
    - i) Dentists: active – 34,142; inactive – 3,588
    - ii) RDA: active – 32,786; inactive – 9,925
    - iii) RDAEF: active 1,197; inactive - 112
    - iv) RDH: active – 16,705; inactive – 3,556
    - v) RDHAP: active 192; inactive – 5
  - f) Dental Assisting (SB 1546 and SB1541) regulations: Board members expressed concern that the process of implementing this legislation had inadvertently created a structure that would be overly burdensome to general dentists, and difficult to navigate for people wishing to enter dental assisting. A motion was made to table approval of the regulatory package until a thorough discussion of the issues could take place. After comments by Board members in favor of continuing work on the package, and public comments that concurred with both halting and continuing progress, the committee voted to table discussion and agendaize the item for the March meeting.
- 2) Examination Committee
  - a) Approved November 15, 2007 meeting minutes
  - b) Reported that ½ of RDAs fail the written exam. Board members expressed concern and suggested that the methodology for the exam be reviewed to ensure it is an appropriate exam.
  - c) Portfolio licensure: The committee approved legislative language that directs the board to conduct a study of the portfolio examination as an alternative licensing examination, and another study to determine how the examination should be developed, validated and implemented.
  - d) Staff requested the appointment of two new examiners: Alan Golshanara and Callin Lee
- 3) Diversion Committee
  - a) November 15, 2007 minutes were approved as amended
  - b) Chair reported that 22 people who did not comply with the program were terminated.
  - c) Presented a statistical summary of the program as of 12/21/2007
  - d) Approved legislative language that had been referred back to committee at the November 2007 meeting regarding communication between Diversion and Enforcement.
- 4) Enforcement Committee

- a) Approved November 15, 2007 minutes
- b) Enforcement staff presented summary of enforcement data for November 1, 2007 to January 1, 2008. There are 104 investigations assigned, 57 closed and 725 pending.
- 5) Continuing Education Committee
  - a) Approved November 15, 2007 minutes
  - b) Announced presentation by ADA CERP and AGD PACE will take place at full board meeting
  - c) Briefly discussed proposal for Dental Board members to receive CE credit for Board meetings. Proposal was tabled.
- 6) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Committee
  - a) Approved November 15, 2007 meeting minutes
  - b) New ADA guidelines are still being reviewed. No action yet recommended.
  - c) Update on General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Contract: Dr. Witcher reported that CalAOMS has scheduled a calibration course in Pleasanton and plans to offer courses alternately in So. and No. California

Dental Board Meeting  
Friday, January 25, 2008

- 1) President's Report
  - a) Thanked staff
  - b) Announced CDA Scientific Sessions dates, May 1-4
- 2) Executive Officer's Report
  - a) Announced DCA staff is moving March 21 to a building near the Dental Board on Howe Ave.
  - b) Thanked departing staff, Lori Hubble, Shirley Moody and Terri Lane for their service
  - c) Announced hiring 2 student assistants who will post disciplinary actions on the web site
  - d) Announced there were no applications for SB 438 permits since the last meeting
- 3) Board Actions
  - a) Approved November 15, 2007 minutes as amended
  - b) Heard presentation on PACE and CERP programs. Chair of the Pace Committee, Assistant Director of Education and the Manager of ADA CERP presented. Programs have comprehensive system of CE provider approval. Though there are some differences at this time, the programs are working toward mutual recognition. California is the only state that does not currently recognize PACE and CERP provider approval.
  - c) Scott Reid, Dept. of Consumer Affairs Chief Deputy Director, spoke to the process of the Board becoming a bureau under DCA. He expressed the desire of DCA to work with Board members in an advisory capacity and provided a written response to a set of questions submitted by Dr. Turchi and Dr. Mito. Board members expressed concern at the lack of specifics provided and concern that current staff does not have assurances about their positions. Public commentary concurred with Board members' comments.
  - d) SB 1546 and SB 1541 regulations: The board accepted the subcommittee recommendation to table these regulations and discuss an alternate structure for dental assisting at their March meeting.
  - e) COMDA report: Announced a new Executive Office, Lori Hubble; approved Maric College RDA program; reviewed and adopted regulation packet for RDH course approval.
  - f) Other Board actions:
    - i) Exam Appeals Committee – accepted the committee report: There were 6 appeals - 1 denied and 5 granted permission to retake a portion of the exam
    - ii) Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee – accepted the committee report

- iii) Examination Committee – law and ethics exam is still being given 2x/month and the statistics look good. Hoped to have an online exam, though that has been temporarily put on hold. In 2008, 4 clinical exams and 4 RT exams are scheduled. 2 new examiners have been appointed and language for legislation to study portfolio examination was approved.
- iv) Diversion Committee – accepted committee report
- v) Enforcement Committee – accepted the committee report
- vi) CE committee – accepted committee report. Agendized acceptance of PACE and CERP for March meeting.
- vii) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedations Committee – accepted committee report
- viii) Elective Facial Cosmetic Permits – cancelled committee meeting; no new applications
- ix) Code amendments to CCR Sections 1016 and 1017 (CE regulation packet) – CDA submitted clarifying language regarding:
  - (1) Name and license number on a CE certificate, allowing licentiates to fill this in at the completion of the course, rather than requiring this of the CE provider;
  - (2) CE credits for full-time students in dental education to receive CE credit for that education.

The Board adopted the amended regulatory package. Additionally, the Board appointed a subcommittee to explore accepting PACE and CERP providers for California.

- x) Code amendments to CCR Section 1079.2 relating to RDHAP licensure – approved