

Dental Board of California
May 15-16, 2008
Los Angeles, CA

DBC Committee Meetings
May 15, 2008

- 1) Enforcement Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Dr. Turchi reported he attended CDA sessions and reported to the CDA sessions staff that the instructor for the Dental Practice Act course he attended provided incorrect information to the attendees.
 - c) Katie Dawson, RDH made the request that the DBC web site provide a method for staff to report improper conduct by dentist employers
- 2) Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Reviewed proposed legislation. Recommended the following positions:
 - i) SB 1545 (Eng) offenders – support
 - ii) AB 2210 (Price)– support
 - iii) AB 2637 (Eng) Dental Assisting – support
 - iv) AB 2734 (Krekorian) – oppose unless amended
 - v) SB 797 (Ridley-Thomas) – support
 - vi) SB 963 (Ridley-Thomas) – support
 - vii) SB 1178 (Aanestad) – support
 - viii) SB 1454 (Ridley-Thomas) – watch
 - ix) SB 1633 (Kuehl) – oppose
 - x) SB 853 (Perata) – oppose
 - c) SB 683 implementation: To date more than 30 applications have been received. The regulatory process is proceeding. Public hearing is scheduled for May 30 if needed. Emergency regulations will expire July 1, 2008.
 - d) Licensure statistics were provided
- 3) Examination Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Examination statistics for dentists, registered dental hygienists and registered dental assistants were provided.
 - c) Committee recommended appointment of a new dental examiner, Vincent Hu.
- 4) Diversion Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Diversion statistics were provided.
 - c) Diversion Evaluation Committee Members, Alan M. Schroeder, MD, Mark Grecco, DMD and Kathleen Shanel-Hogan, DDS will be reviewed at the June Board meeting.
- 5) Continuing Education Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Staff did not have time prior to this meeting to draft language to allow PACE and CERP courses to meet California CE requirements.
- 6) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Dr. Bruce Whitcher reported that CalAOMS held calibration courses April 30 in Anaheim and May 7 in San Ramon. The course was an improvement over past courses. Dr. Whitcher also expressed a desire that the board develop a revised GA/CS evaluation form that would reflect the

changes in the regulations that were made in 2006. Further, Dr. Whitcher inquired about the fee increase for the evaluation from \$250 to \$350. Staff indicated that would have to wait until the contract was awarded and that this would be a regulatory change.

- 7) Foreign Dental Programs Committee
 - a) Approved March 6 meeting minutes
 - b) Manipal College of Dental Sciences review – Rick Wallinder reported on his meeting with Dr. Tandon from Manipal Dental College and her colleague from Southern California. They requested the site team's report and materials, which staff provided. He also reported that the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has not been able to complete their review, as it needs one more member, and that he is working with Dr. Tandon to re-establish the TAG and possibly arrange for a follow-up site visit by one member of the original site evaluation team.

Dental Board Meeting

Friday, March 7, 2008

- 1) President's Report
 - a) Dr. Turchi attended the ADA Education and Licensure meeting in Chicago. He spoke on portfolio examination. Marcia Boyd reported on examination in Canada. Brian Kennedy spoke on the evolution of licensure by residency in New York.
 - b) Dr. Turchi attended the CDA Scientific Sessions in Anaheim. He attended a California Dental Practice Act course where the instructor disseminated incorrect information and has reported this to CDA Scientific Sessions staff.
- 2) Executive Officer's Report
 - a) Apologized for the phones being down during the move. He said there are still some phone issues to be resolved, though it is much better.
 - b) They have added more staff to handle the large volume of calls they are receiving.
 - c) He attended CDA Scientific Sessions and met with component executives
 - d) Staff attended Festival de La Familia. Thanked CDA for donation of toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss.
- 3) Dental Board Sunset Update: Spencer Walker, DCA Deputy Director, reported that all is proceeding as planned and it should appear to the public as though nothing has changed. Invitations have gone out to board members at the request of DCA Director, Carrie Lopez, to serve in advisory capacity to her in several key subject areas.
- 4) Board Actions
 - a) Approved March 7, 2008 meeting minutes
 - b) Budget report: 62% of the budget has been spent so far. Reported that the budget is in good shape.
 - c) SB 1546 and SB 1541 regulations: Board has decided to take no action on these regulations. CDA reported on the status of AB 2637. Board voted unanimous support for this legislation. Lori Hubble reported that she requested \$200,000 appropriation to develop required examination.
 - d) COMDA - accepted the COMDA report; approved the following:
 - i) Pit and fissure sealant courses at College of San Mateo; Shasta Trinity ROP; Concord Career College in San Bernardino, North Hollywood and Garden Grove; California Dental Certifications; San Joaquin Valley College in Rancho Cordova, Fresno, Visalia and Bakersfield
 - ii) Radiation Safety courses at Orange County Dental Careers; High-Tech Institute and Centinella Valley Adult School

- iii) Ultrasonic course at California Dental Certifications
- e) Exam Appeals Committee – accepted the committee report
- f) Enforcement Committee - accepted the committee report
- g) Licensure, Certification and Permits Committee – accepted the committee report and voted to support and oppose legislation per the committee’s recommendation with the exception of SB 853. The Board voted to watch this legislation, noting that they support COMDA’s concerns.
- h) Examination Committee – accepted the committee report; voted to approve new examiner, Vincent Hu.
- i) Diversion Committee – accepted committee report; staff is working with Senator Aanestad’s office to identify an author for diversion program legislation previously approved by the Board
- j) General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedations Committee – accepted committee report; Board members who attended the recent calibration course noted an improvement over the previous course; staff estimated that the GACS contract will be approved in the fall.
- k) Foreign Dental Programs Committee - accepted committee report
- l) Elective Cosmetic Surgery Permit Credentialing Committee – approved committee recommendations with regard to permit issuance. Permits were approved, in some cases with category restrictions, for the following 5 licensees: Cortland Caldemeyer, Robert Gramins, John Lytle, Alexei Mizin and Lester Machado.
- m) CE committee – accepted committee report; staff informed the Board that a negative comment was received during the public comment period on the regulation packet. There was not adequate time to reply and the regulation packet expired. There is now a need to begin once again, which provides an opportunity to make further desired changes, including acceptance of PACE and CERP. Board members, Harriet Seldin and Joyce Yale, were appointed to a subcommittee to pursue a new CE regulation packet.
- n) Code amendments to CCR Section 1079.2 relating to RDHAP licensure – this was approved at the January meeting and is continuing to move through the regulatory process
- o) Tissue Bank - Representatives from the California Department of Public Health presented background on this 1992 law regulating tissue banks and responded to questions related to why/how this applies to dentists. Kit Neacy, DDS testified on the negative impact this requirement has on dentists. The Board appointed Board members, Luis Dominicis and Suzanne McCormick, to a subcommittee to study the issue further and work with CDA on possible clarification or correction of this law with regard to it’s impact on dentists.
- p) Dental Implant Centers – it was brought to the Board’s attention that implant centers that market services directly to consumers are opening all over the U.S. One is scheduled to open soon in San Diego, the first in California. Dr. McCormick expressed concern that once an implant is put into a person’s body, there is an ethical responsibility to monitor it and maintain it over time. These centers do the surgery and send the patient back to their regular dentist. Board members expressed concern that the public be protected and laws are followed. Staff was directed to research this further and confer with legal counsel.