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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION
DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 30, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Mac Rainey, Public Member
Miryam Nossa, EFDA
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Sarah Khan, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Samantha Kofler, DDS

STAFF PRESENT

Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program
Administrator
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Kitty Slater-Einert, Program Manager
Adriana Barcena, Program Manager
Tracie Drake, Executive Director
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Jane Zepp, Credentialing Supervisor
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative Assistant

OPEN SESSION

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Bryan Swanson, DDS – Chair
 - 1.1. Introduction of committee members and staff
 - Ms. Einert introduces committee members and staff.
 - 1.2. Approval of agenda
 - There is a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - 1.3. Approval of June 11, 2024 meeting minutes
 - There is a motion to approve the June 11, 2024 meeting minutes.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.

- 2. CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICE (CRDTS) DENTAL THERAPY CLINICAL EXAM** – CRDTS provides psychometric and exam data from their recent clinical exam.

- Dr. Edwards, Director of Dental Examinations and Kelly Mandella, Director of Dental Hygiene Examinations present the CRDTS dental therapy clinical exam.
- The CRDTS dental therapy exam was developed in 2009 and first administered in 2011.
- Dr. Edwards explains a committee consisting of CRDTS members that have state board experience or educational experience determine the critical elements of the exam.
- Dr. Edwards describes the simulated patient (Manikin) procedures and written exam. He explains the different versions of the exams and how they are assessed.
- Dr. Edwards provides the pass rates and median scores gathered from 2011 to 2022.
- Ms. Mandella explains how the dental hygiene and dental periodontal exam are alike.
- Ms. Mandella shares the content and the criteria to pass the exams.
- Dr. Edwards and Ms. Mandella answer questions from the committee members and audience.

3. CDCA/WREB/CITA DENTAL THERAPY CLINICAL EXAM – CDCA/WREB/CITA provides psychometric and exam data from their recent clinical exam.

- Dr. Wall and Dr. Osborn Popp present CDCA/WREB/CITA exam data from 2018-2024.
- CDCA/WREB/CITA began administering the exam in 2018.
- Dr. Osborn Popp describes the six required sections of the exam and other versions the candidates will take depending on their licensure needs.
- Dr. Osborn Popp reviews the criteria, content, and scoring of the exams.
- Dr. Osborn Popp shares the passing percentages of the exams by category.
- Dr. Wall reviews the errors contributing to failure of the exam. Dental therapy and dental hygiene candidates are held to the same standard for patient safety.
- Dr. Wall explains CDCA/WREB/CITA has a committee consisting of members from different states that reviews the exam questions.
- CDCA/WREB/CITA invites a committee member to join their dental therapy subcommittee as a representative from Washington State.
- Dr. Wall and Dr. Osborn Popp answer questions from the committee members and audience on the content and optional components of the exam.
- The committee discusses both exams and considers a recommendation to the Dental Quality Assurance Commission.
- Dr. Hogan and Dr. Warren comment that the components of this exam seem like an excessive amount since they moved to a competency-based education system that is CODA accredited. They express concerns for students that will graduate soon and their ability to meet the requirements for licensure in a timely manner.
- Ms. Flaig from Washington State Dental Association encourages the Commission to be deliberate when looking at these exams to make sure they meet the needs of Washington patients without sacrificing any patient safety.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. suggests the committee considers consistency among other states when deciding the components of the exam to help determine license requirements in the future.

- Dr. Edgar with the Washington State Dental Association shares his opinion that both exam agencies are acceptable and suggests giving the exams to the candidates as presented.
- Dr. Swanson suggests presenting both exams to the Commission as acceptable and discussing the clinical local anesthesia and periodontal components at the next business meeting.
- Dr. Warren asks the Commission to consider the provider and students that have already graduated from a CODA accredited program and passed their clinical exam when determining the periodontal exam component.
- A motion is made to send both exams for review, approval, and determination of components by the Commission.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

4. DENTAL THERAPY RULES WORKSHOP – The committee and department will work on draft rules for dental therapy.

- No draft rules for dental therapy were discussed.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence received at this time.

6. FUTURE BUSINESS

- No future business discussed.

7. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 1:08PM.

Submitted by:

Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chairperson
Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Signature

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Date

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