



STATE OF WASHINGTON

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 6, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Sonia Pal, DMD, Vice-Chair
Sarah Khan, DMD
Cheon Joo Yoon, DDS
Joy McDaniel, DMD
Nisha Sharoff, DDS
Marlynnne Fulton, Public Member
Carolyn Spice, Public Member
McKinley Rainey, Public Member
Miryam Nossaa, EFDA
Evelyn Harry, EFDA
Rama Oskouian, DMD
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Erich Jurges, DDS
David Carsten, DDS, Pro Tem
Member

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program
Administrator
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Adriana Barcena, Program Manager
Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative
Assistant
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff
Attorney
Heather Carter, AAG
Mikala Lord, Policy Analyst

MEMBERS ABSENT

Samantha Kofler, DDS
Seung Yu, DDS
Ji Choi, DDS

OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 10:04 a.m.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
 - 1.1. Introduction of commission members and staff.

- Ms. Gardner introduces commission members and staff.
- Ms. Gardner announces that three new commissioners have been appointed: Seung Yu, DDS, Ji Choi, DDS, and Erich Jurgens, DDS.
- Dr. Jurgens introduces himself to the Commission.
- Ms. Gardner introduces Lady Bah as the new Assistant Program Manager.
- Ms. Bah introduces herself to the Commission.

1.2. Public Comment.

- Dr. Swanson opens the floor for public comment.
- No comment received.

1.3. Approval of agenda.

- Dr. Swanson requests an amendment to the agenda schedule, changing Item 9.0 to Item 3.0.
- There is a motion to approve the agenda with the requested amendment.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

1.4. Approval of October 11, 2024, business meeting minutes.

- There is a motion to approve October 11, 2024, business meeting minutes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

2. **RULES HEARING** – The Commission will consider for public comment and adoption of proposed rules regarding adding facility types to the list of opioid prescribing exclusions for dentists for WAC 246-817-905 - Exclusions. Filed on September 20, 2024, as WSR 24-20-025.

- The hearing begins at 10:09 a.m. and is held via Zoom webinar and in person at the Department of Labor and Industries, Room S130, located at 7273 Linderson Way SW, Tumwater, WA 98501.
- Dr. Swanson shares that the Commission received a rulemaking petition on March 1, 2023, requesting Residential Habilitation Centers to be added to the list of exclusions for the opioid prescribing rules.
- The proposed amendments to WAC 246-817-905 will expand the types of patients who are exempt from opioid prescribing rules. The proposed language aligns with the Washington Medical Commission's (WMC) recently adopted rules to ensure consistency and alignment with best practices.
- Ms. Gardner shares a written comment that commends the actions of the Commission to extend opioid therapy to cancer and palliative care patients in facilities, encourages extending exemptions to patients who are receiving home health care and have medical conditions that are incurable, and asserts that opioid therapy should be allowed under the management of a qualified physician.
- The hearing is concluded at 10:15 a.m.

- No changes were recommended by the Commission.
- There is a motion to adopt the proposed rule to amend WAC 246-817-905.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes by all present commission members; the rule is passed.
- The notice of adoption will be filed with the Code Reviser and the rules will be effective 31 days from the date they are filed.

3. AESTHETICS INTERAGENCY TASKFORCE – Meeting held on November 20, 2024 – Dr. David Carsten

- Dr. Carsten provides updates from the Aesthetics Interagency Taskforce and shares that many health professions are collaborating to develop guidelines that address regulations, infection control, etc. for aesthetic medicine clinics.
- Ms. Gardner shares that individual health professions will contribute to a collaborative webpage and matrix which will address the statutes and rules from each specific health profession relating to aesthetic medicine.

4. COMMISSION/BOARD PANEL – Representatives from the Washington Medical Commission (WMC), Washington State Board of Nursing (WABON), Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission (CQAC), and Department of Health (DOH) Office of Financial Services (OFS), will present information on obtaining additional commission authority.

- Dr. Swanson asks the panel members to share about how obtaining additional authority has impacted their respective boards/commissions.
- Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director of CQAC, shares the history of the 2008 board/commission pilot project and discusses CQACs structure, level of independence, and operational and fiscal impacts.
- Kyle Karinen, Executive Director of WMC, shares about WMCs experience with the 2008 pilot project and how the WMC has evolved as an independent commission and discusses the structure, operational, and fiscal aspects of the WMC.
- Alison Bradywood, Executive Director of WABON, discusses the structure and level of authority of WABON.
- Karl Hoehn, Assistant Director of Legal Services for WABON, further discusses the historical aspects of the pilot project and the structure of WABON.
- Rachel Campbell, Health Services Quality Assurance Fee and Data Manager, provides a budgetary perspective pertaining to the various levels of independence and the corresponding potential fiscal impacts.
- The panel answers questions from the Commission.

- Bracken Killpack, Washington State Dental Association (WSDA), shares that he personally supports the Commission's efforts to explore obtaining additional authority and anticipates that WSDA will likely formally support it.
- There is a motion to establish an ad hoc committee to explore the elements of the Commission obtaining additional independence.
- The following commission members volunteer to be on the committee: Dr. McDaniel, Dr. Rama, Dr. Pal, Dr. Sharoff, Ms. Fulton, Ms. Nossa, and Dr. Swanson, and the Commission requests adding this committee to Dr. Carsten's pro tem appointment letter.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and passes unanimously.

5. CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICES (CRDTS)

5.1. Sheli Cobler, Executive Director, will present to the Commission on the CRDTS and Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA) merger.

- Ms. Cobler shares about the merger between CRDTS and SRTA, which will likely be finalized in early January 2025.

5.2. Catrice Opichka, RDH, Director of Special Programs, will present to the Commission on the CRDTS CARE program.

- Ms. Opichka presents to the Commission and shares details about CRDTS special programs, highlighting the various resources and programs offered for remediation.
- Ms. Opichka answers questions from the Commission.

6. DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE – Committee meetings held on November 4, 2024, November 13, 2024, and December 2, 2024 – Dr. Bryan Swanson, Chair

6.1. The Commission may vote to approve written and clinical dental therapy examinations.

- Dr. Pal shares that the Dental Therapy Committee is continuing to work on the Practice Plan Agreement and rule language, and that the dental therapy examination components need to be approved.
- Trish Flaig, WSDA, shares that WSDA feels like it is necessary for patient safety to have general supervision required for the extraction of permanent teeth.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. clarifies the rules are currently written to require consultation between a dental therapist and supervising dentist for ASA III patients who need extractions.
- Dr. Swanson asks the Commission to discuss the local anesthesia components of the dental therapy examinations.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. shares some of the concerns and comments that have been discussed by various stakeholders.
- Colleen Gaylord shares the history of the dental hygiene clinical local anesthesia exam and feels like the written and clinical examinations are not necessary for dental therapists due to the educational requirements dental therapists complete in their program.

- The Commission discusses the dental therapy examination components and decides to postpone voting until the Dental Therapy Committee can discuss this topic further.

7. CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on October 30, 2024

– Dr. Cheon Joo Yoon, Chair

- Dr. Yoon shares that the Continuing Competency Committee is currently working on draft rule language for WAC 246-817-135 and 246-817-160.
- The next Continuing Competency Committee meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024.

8. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE – Committee meeting held on November 18, 2024

– Marlynne Fulton, Public Member, Chair

- Ms. Gardner shares that quorum was not met at the November 18, 2024, Educational Outreach Committee meeting, so only informal discussions occurred.
- The next Educational Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024.

9. RULES UPDATE

9.1. WAC 246-817-187 Temporary practice permit – Military spouse eligibility and issuance

- Ms. Gardner shares that the Commission amended WAC 246-817-187 by removing the requirement for military spouses who hold a license in another state to first leave employment before applying for a temporary practice permit in Washington State.
- A CR 103 was filed with the Code Reviser on November 22, 2024, as WSR 24-24-027.
- A notice was sent out on GovDelivery to interested parties on November 27, 2024.
- This rule will take effect on December 23, 2024.

9.2. WAC 246-817-135 Dental licensure without examination – Eligibility and application requirements; WAC 246-817-160 Graduates of nonaccredited schools

- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 24-15-022 on July 9, 2024.
- The Continuing Competency Committee will continue working on draft rule language at the next committee meeting, which is scheduled for December 11, 2024.

9.3. WAC 246-817-190 Dental assistant registration

- Ms. Gardner shares that the CR -102 rule package is currently in the internal review process.
- Ms. Gardner shares non-substantive rule language changes that the Department's Regulatory Affairs Manager is proposing to create consistencies with the Department's rulemaking standards.
- Ms. Gardner asks the Commission to approve the non-substantive rule language changes.
- There is a motion to approve the non-substantive rule language changes as proposed.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and passes unanimously.

- 9.4. WAC 246-817-773 Continuing education for dentists administering sedation
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 24-21-038 on October 8, 2024.
 - A notification was sent out on GovDelivery to interested parties on October 18, 2024.
 - The Dental Anesthesia Committee will begin working on draft rule language at the December 18, 2024, committee meeting.
- 9.5. WAC 246-814 Access to dental care for children
- Ms. Einert shares that a CR-101 rule package is currently in the internal review process for WAC 246-814-020 and 246-814-030.
 - Once the CR-101 is completed and filed with the Code Reviser, the Dental Collaboration Committee will begin working on rule language.
- 9.6. Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 24-21-097 on October 17, 2024.
 - A notification was sent out on GovDelivery to interested parties on October 22, 2024.
- 9.7. WAC 246-817-195 Licensure requirements for Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDAs)
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 has been completed and is currently in the internal review process.
 - Once completed and published with the Code Reviser, rule language work will begin.

10. UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON (UW) – Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) site visit on November 19-21, 2024 – Dr. Sarah Khan

- Dr. Khan shares her experience with the UW CODA site visit.

11. REGIONAL/NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 11.1. The Commission may vote to approve a representative for the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) mid-year meeting.
- Ms. Gardner shares that the AADB mid-year meeting will be held on April 11-12, 2025, in Rosemont, Illinois.
 - Ms. Gardner asks the Commission to approve Catharine Roner-Reiter as the Commission's representative at the April 2025 AADB mid-year meeting and to approve travel.
 - This is a tentative decision due to the current budget/travel freeze.
 - There is a motion to approve Ms. Roner-Reiter as the Commission's representative at the AADB mid-year meeting.
 - The motion is moved and seconded.
 - A vote is taken and passes unanimously.
- 11.2. The Commission may vote to approve representatives for the 2025 Swedish Medical Center – Dental Department CODA site visit.

- Ms. Gardner shares that CODA has invited the Commission to participate in the General Practice Residency Education Accreditation Site Visit at Swedish Medical Center's Dental Department in September 2025.
- The Commission was asked to submit two names as potential representatives.
- Dr. McDaniel, Dr. Oskouian, and Dr. Sharoff volunteer as representatives, pending their availability.
- There is a motion to approve all three volunteers and program will determine whose names will be submitted based on their availability.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and passes unanimously.

12. PROGRAM REPORT

12.1. The Commission may vote to approve a legislative liaison and meet-me-call participant for the 2025 legislative session.

- Ms. Gardner shares that a volunteer is needed to be the legislative liaison for the 2025 legislative session; a meet-me-call participant is no longer needed.
- Dr. Yoon and Dr. Oskouian volunteer to be the Commission's legislative liaison for the 2025 legislative session.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Yoon and Dr. Oskouian as the Commission's legislative liaisons for the 2025 legislative session.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and passes unanimously.

12.2. The Commission may vote to approve FAQs.

- Dr. Swanson asks Ms. Gardner to move Item 12.2 to the January 17, 2025, business meeting agenda.

12.3. Pediatric Sedation Endorsement.

- Ms. Gardner shares that the Pediatric Sedation Endorsement paper application is now available on the Commission's webpage.
- The online version will be available when HELMS is fully effective sometime in 2025.
- Dr. Julia Richman and Dr. Megan Miller have been appointed as pro tems to assist Dr. Swanson with the Pediatric Sedation Endorsement applications.

13. FUTURE BUSINESS

- No future business is discussed.

14. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Washington Dental Commission

on file

Signature

Date

Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Washington Dental Commission

on file

Signature

Date