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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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**WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 7, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Sonia Pal, DMD, Vice Chair
Sarah Khan, DMD
Cheon Joo Yoon, DDS
Joy McDaniel, DMD
Nisha Sharoff, DDS
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member
McKinley Rainey, Public Member
Miryam Nossa, EFDA
Evelyn Harry, EFDA
Rama Oskouian, DMD
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Erich Jurges, DDS
Samantha Kofler, DDS
Seung Yu, DDS
Ji Choi, DDS
Dr. David Carsten, Pro Tem
Member

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program
Administrator
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Jane Zepp, Credentialing Supervisor
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative
Assistant
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager
Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff
Attorney
Heather Carter, AAG
Britni A McLucas, Quality Manager
Adriana Barcena, Program Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carolin Spice, Public Member

OPEN SESSION

OPEN SESSION – 10:02 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.

1.2. Public Comment.

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

1.3. Approval of agenda.

- Dr. Swanson requests amending the agenda to change Item 9.0 – Interagency Aesthetics Taskforce to Item 3.0.
- There is a motion to approve the amended agenda.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

1.4. Approval of January 17, 2025, business meeting minutes, and February 13, 2025, special meeting minutes.

- There is a motion to approve the January 17, 2025, business meeting minutes, and February 13, 2025, special meeting minutes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

2. CREDENTIALING PRESENTATION - Britni McLucas, Office of Health Professions Quality Manager, will present to the Commission.

- Ms. McLucas provides an overview of various dental credentials issued from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, and answers questions from the Commission and stakeholders.

3. INTERAGENCY AESTHETICS TASKFORCE – Meetings held on January 17, 2025, and February 12, 2025.

- Dr. Carsten discusses the importance of ensuring safe practices for dentists engaging in aesthetic procedures and emphasizes the need for clarification for program staff, as they receive numerous inquiries about aesthetic procedures.
- Ms. Carter discusses the collaborative health profession medical spa matrix and notes that the dental-specific version was created to better align with dentals' unique scope of practice.
- Dr. Kofler asks for clarification regarding neurotoxins and scope of practice for dentists.
- Dr. Carsten discusses the historical Commission conversations regarding neurotoxins.
- Dr. Jurges asks for clarification on whether dentists can supervise non-dental personnel in medical spas.
- Ms. Carter confirms that non-dental professionals, such as registered nurses or physician assistants, must be supervised by a physician or nurse practitioner, not a dentist.
- Colleen Gaylord asks if a dentist can supervise a dental hygienist to administer Botox.

- Mr. Bronoske Jr. clarifies that administering neurotoxins is out of scope of practice for dental hygienists.
- Dr. Carsten asks the Commission to submit any editorial suggestions regarding the dental version of the medical spa matrix.
- Ms. Carter recommends keeping the dental version of the medical spa matrix as an individual document versus collaborating with the medical health professions.
- Ms. Gardner asks the Commission to review the additional taskforce documents that were included in the meeting packet and bring feedback to the next business meeting.

4. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – The Commission will receive an update regarding the 2025 legislative session.

- Ms. Gardner shares that many of the bills program has been monitoring appear to have died, including the following bills:
 - Substitute Senate Bill 5254- Strengthening patients' rights regarding their health care information.
 - House Bill 1680- Improving access to patient care by increasing preventive dental care.
 - Substitute Senate Bill 5236- Emissions of greenhouse gases used for anesthetic purposes.
- Ms. Gardner shares that program will continue to monitor bills and bring any updates to the next business meeting.

5. RULES UPDATE

5.1. WAC 246-817-905 Exclusions

- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-103 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 25-04-091 on February 3, 2025.
- The rule became effective on March 6, 2025.

5.2. 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 met on March 5, 2025, to hold a rules workshop.

5.3. WAC 246-817-190 Dental assistant registration

- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-102 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 25-05-022 on February 10, 2025.
- A notification was sent out on GovDelivery to interested parties on February 14, 2025.
- A rules hearing is scheduled for April 25, 2025.

5.4. 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.
 - The Dental Anesthesia Committee held an informal meeting on March 5, 2025, and will continue to work on draft rule language at the next committee meeting.
- 5.5. WAC 246-814 Access to dental care for children
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. shares that a CR-101 was filed and rule work pertaining to silver diamine fluoride and participation with regional health coalitions will occur during the Dental Collaboration Committee, which will be held on April 7, 2025.
- 5.6. 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.
 - The Dental Collaboration Committee will begin rule writing at the next committee meeting.
- 5.7. WAC 246-817-195 Licensure requirements for Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDAs)
- Ms. Gardner shares that a CR-101 was filed with the Code Reviser as WSR 25-03-075 on January 14, 2025.
 - The EFDA Committee will hold a rules workshop on March 12, 2025.
- 6. DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on January 15, 2025 – Dr. Bryan Swanson, Chair
- Dr. Swanson shares that the committee is nearing the completion of the dental therapy rule recommendations for the Secretary, who will write the final rules.
 - A rules hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2025, to approve the dental therapy rules.
 - The committee will continue working on the practice plan agreement at the next Dental Therapy Committee meeting on March 19, 2025.
- 7. CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on March 5, 2025 – Dr. Cheon Joo Yoon, Chair
- Dr. Yoon shares that the committee is currently working on clarifying the clinical training requirements in WAC 246-817-160.
 - The committee appointed Dr. Carsten as vice chair.
- 8. EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on February 20, 2025 – Marlynne Fulton, Public Member, Chair
- Ms. Fulton shares that the committee discussed and approved three articles for publication in the March 2025 Dental Newsletter.
- 9. DENTAL ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE** – Committee meeting held on February 5, 2025 – Dr. Bryan Swanson, Chair

- Dr. Swanson shares that quorum was not met, so the committee had informal discussions regarding continuing education (CE) requirements for dentists administering sedation.

10. DENTIST AND DENTAL HYGIENIST (DDH) COMPACT- DDH Compact Commission meeting held on January 21, 2025 – Catharine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff Attorney

- Ms. Roner-Reiter shares that the DDH Compact Commission passed bylaws and a rule on rulemaking, held an election, and was able to fill four of the seven executive board member positions.
- The DDH Compact Commission discussed how each state defines clinical assessment.
- The DDH Compact Commission received a presentation on the compact connect software.

11. THE RESUSCITATION GROUP

11.1. Correspondence from Rod Rowan, Director of Operations, The Resuscitation Group.

- Ms. Gardner provides the Commission with an overview of the requirements listed in WAC 246-817-205, *Dental anesthesia assistant certification requirements*, and discusses the training documents applicants need to submit to credentialing.
- Michael Christie, Director of Critical Care Programs for the Resuscitation Group, states that the accrediting organization for the dental anesthesia assistant course has granted permission to revise the course certificate to meet Washington State requirements.
- The Commission discusses adding *successfully completing 10 intravenous starts* to the certificate.
- Ms. Carter advises program staff to work with the Resuscitation Group to clarify specific information to be included on the course certificate.

11.2. Commission may vote to approve dental anesthesia assistant program.

- Mr. Christie provides the Commission with updates regarding the dental anesthesia assistant course.
- The Commission discusses formally approving the updated dental anesthesia assistant course.
- There is a motion to approve the Resuscitation Group dental anesthesia assistant course as presented.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

12. PROGRAM REPORT

12.1. Recruitment update.

- Ms. Gardner shares that six commission members will reach the end of their terms on June 30, 2025.

- Four commission members are seeking reappointment, and the reappointment package has been submitted to the Department of Health (DOH) leadership for approval.
- A recruitment notice was sent out on February 14, 2025, for the two dentist member vacancies.

12.2 Active committee list.

- Ms. Gardner encourages commission members to consider joining and potentially chairing subcommittees, with the upcoming change in Commission appointments.
- Ms. Gardner shares that Dr. Yu has volunteered to chair the Infection Control Committee.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Yu as the chair of the Infection Control Committee.
- A vote is taken as unanimously passes.
- There is a motion to approve Dr. Oskouian as the chair of the Independent Commission Committee.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

13. OTHER

13.1. Correspondence from Victor Barry, DDS.

- The Commission discusses correspondence from Dr. Barry.
- There is a motion to have program staff draft an email response on behalf of the Commission as a response to Dr. Barry.
- The motion is moved and seconded.
- A vote is taken and unanimously passes.

14. FUTURE BUSINESS

- No future business is discussed.

15. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by:

Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Washington Dental Commission

Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Washington Dental Commission

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