

# Memo

**To:** NJDHA  
**From:** Paul J. Bent  
**CC:** Becky Pugh / Russell F. Bent  
**Date:** July 16, 2018  
**Re:** NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

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On Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure of attending the meeting of the NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session. The meeting was held at the Board Office in Newark and covered the following:

Notice: The August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting has been cancelled and moved to August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 20, 2018 – Approved with no changes.

## **II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Continuing Education:** All CE courses approved. No specifics given.

## **III. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

1. A-4290 – Permits certain undocumented immigrants to obtain professional and occupational licenses in State.

This is a bill to allow “Dreamers” to obtain professional licenses. The Board did not have much to say and accepted it as informational.

Staff also brought up S-2821 (Stack) which would mandate EMS transportation for overdose victims. Again, Board accepted as informational.

#### **IV. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD.**

Dr. DeRobertis was nominated for another term as President. Dr. Clemente was nominated as Vice President.

Elections will be held next month.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT & ANSWER:**

1. Dr. Nhat M. Nguyen – has denied the allegations against him making it a contested case. The Board voted to send this to the Administrative Law Judge for a hearing.

#### **VI. REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8:**

1. Dr. Mitchell L. Weiner – 59 year old female swallowed a filling and was taken to the ER. Board moved this to Executive Session.

2. Dr. Amish Patel – 59 year old female presenting for a restoration became light headed and was take to the ER. Board moved this to Executive Session.

3. Dr. Rustam Zakiyev – 86 year old male patient reporting for a crown became “dizzy” and was taken to the ER. Board accepted as informational.

4. Dr. Vito L. Modugno – Patient reported for an extraction died that evening from a possible MI. Board moved this to Executive Session.

5. Dr. Saichol Yu – 9 year old child who received NO developed a headache. Board moved to Executive Session.

6. Dr. Robert A. Shekitka – 81 year old male reporting for a restoration became “dizzy” and was taken to the ER. Board accepted as informational.

7. Dr. Carmine J. Lomonaco – 70 year old female reporting for an extraction developed anxiety and was taken to the ER. Board moved this to Executive Session.

#### **VII. ORDERS AND SETTLEMENTS FILED WITH THE BOARD:**

1. Dr. Andleeb Shabahat – Settlement letter filed on June 6, 2018. Involved a \$500 fine and CE.

2. Dr. Mohammad Rabah – Order reinstating license with restrictions filed on June 12, 2018.

3. Dr. Christopher Lillo – Consent Order filed on June 18, 2018.

All three were accepted as informational.

#### **VIII. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Correspondence from Donna F. Homenko, PhD, DARHIL ProEthics Direct Health, attaching an overview of the ethics coursework she can provide for licensees.

Board currently uses PROBE and PRIME for such coursework. It was noted that this program is tailored to the individual and does not require travel as “face to face” discussions occur of the internet.

Board voted to approve adding Dr. Homenko as a source for ethics programs

**Not on Agenda:**

Fax from Dr. Edwards asking if it was OK to draw blood from patients to test for allergies and Vitamin D deficiencies.

Board found that drawing blood is within the scope of practice of a dentist for valid dental purposes, however, the Board reserved judgment with regard to the appropriateness of the specific testing asked about by Dr. Edwards.

Board Staff received an e-mail from an ADHA "advocacy intern" named Jody who asked if laser curettage was permissible in New Jersey.

The Board instructed staff to respond in the negative.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:**