

Memo

To: NJDHA
From: Paul J. Bent
CC: Becky Pugh / Russell F. Bent
Date: November 8, 2018
Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, November 5th, 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:

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 17, 2018 – Approved with minor changes.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Continuing Education:

1. Being all that we can be: Changing Perspective to Change Reality sponsored by Journey for Excellence.

Some members of the Board are concerned with the quality of courses which are asking for credit under “practice management”. By rule, the Board allows up to 7 credits of CE for practice management related courses.

As example of one course pushing the limits was regarding “aroma therapy” in the office.

While the Board approved the above course for 5 credits (under practice management) the Board may at a future point revisit was qualifies under this class of CE.

III. PROPOSED REGULATION:

1. N.J.A.C 13:30-1A.4 – Scope of practice of licensed dental hygienist under general supervision in school setting.

The Board, with no discussion, approved the following language which will allow an RDH to take x-rays in the school setting:

13 :30-IA.4 Scope of practice of licensed dental hygienist under general supervision

(a)- (b) (No change.)

(c) School setting. A licensed dental hygienist practicing under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in a school setting may:

I. -4. (No change.)

5. Make radiographic exposures as permitted by the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to N.J.S.A. 26:20-24 et seq.

(d) - (e) (No change.)

Staff informed the Board that they would include this change with the other changes to be made from last year's "sunset review" that were never moved.

Per staff, those rules have been under "internal review" ever since within the Division of Consumer Affairs.

At this time the Board went into the Formal Hearing of Dr. Amy Rojas as found in item VII below. This hearing was expected to take the remainder of the Boards time.

IV. REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8:

1. Dr. Thomas W. Schneider

2. Dr. Kenneth Banasiak

3. Dr. Nitish Gangoli

4. Dr. Peter J. Benisch

5. Dr. Tripinder Dhaliwal

V. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Eva Marcinkiewicz-O'Brien – Order Removing Restrictions on License filed on October 3, 2018.

2. Dr. Kohan Yee – Settlement Letter filed on October 3, 2018.

3. Dr. Richard Goldberg – Interim Consent Order filed on October 11, 2018.

VI. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Nhat M. Nguyen, D.D.S. – Notice of motion for order compelling respondent to answer interrogatories, to pay costs, and to impose sanctions in the event of further noncompliance.

2. Inquiry as to whether a dentist must be the one actually administering the triazolam physically or can an assistant place it under the tongue after the dentist has done the initial assessment.

VII. FORMAL HEARING:

1. 10:00 A.M. – In the matter of the suspension or revocation of the license of Amy Rojas, D.M.D. to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey. Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing and Notice to File Answer.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: