

Memo

To: Lauren Jaccodine, Vicky Fedor, Becky Pugh, Susan Singer, Debbie Myers, Gail Woller, Natale Carmela, Mia LoGiudice, Carolyn Breen, Rhoda Gladstone, Christine Casile

From: Paul J. Bent

CC: Russell F. Bent

Date: December 12, 2012

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, December 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: November 14, 2012 – Approved with no changes.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Applications:

- Dr. Rebecca Bockow - Application for a dental license. Request for a waiver. Has practiced for more than 5 years, however, was in multiple states. Statutes require that at least 5 years be in one location to be eligible for licensure by credential. Further complicating this, applicant was a former licensee of NJ that allowed license to lapse in 2003. Board voted to issue a license pending applicant shows completion of 80 hours of CE.

- Dr. Shilvi Shah - Application for a dental license. Seeking licensure by credential, however, does not have five years of practice as a dentist. Board voted to deny the application.
- Dr. Melissa Kyriakakis - Application for a dental license. Seeking licensure by credential and has the 5 year requirement. At issue is the fact she took the 2007 Florida exam and Board is unsure if that was equivalent to NERB at the time. Board to look at the 2007 Florida Exam and make a determination at a later time.

The Board is clearly frustrated by the requirement that licensure by credential requires 5 years in one location and has suggested to the NJDA that they seek legislation that would allow the 5 years to be at multiple sites so long as 5 years are obtained.

There were no RDH or RDA applications to review.

2. Continuing Education: No Report

III. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

1. A-3062 - Requires dental plans to make out-of-network payments based on assignment of benefits. Board voted to support this legislation.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT AND ANSWER:

1. Dr. Anthony J. Mancino – Contested case related to standard of care provided by Dr. Mancino. Board staff to review for Board to decide to hold a hearing or have it transferred to be heard by an Administrative Law judge.

V. REQUESTS/INFORMATION FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

1. Dr. Michael K. Jefferson – Asking for an extension to submit proof of CE completion, already had received one extension. Needs 86 credits, Board to ask for information on what he has completed thus far.

2. Dr. Adam Helfand – Entered into a consent order in March of 2012 that included the requirement of a psych evaluation. Moved to Executive Session.

3. Dr. Lawrence Gardner – Moved to Executive Session.

4. Dr. Ralph Famiglietti – Moved to Executive Session.

5. Dr. Alan Schwartz – Moved to Executive Session.

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

1. UMDNJ - New Jersey dental school (3 reports)

- 76 year old female presented for an extraction under local anesthesia. Next day it was reported patient was in the ICU for a “hemorrhagic bleed”. Board accepted as informational.
- 65 year old female fainted at reception window before care was rendered. Board accepted as informational.
- 51 year old female patient had a “syncopal episode” following extraction while under LA. Patient taken to the ER and later reported to be doing fine. Board accepted as informational.

2. Dr. Norachi Phisuthikul – 53 year old male reported have a “headache and shakes” following tooth extraction under LA. Board accepted as informational.

3. Jersey Shore University Medical Center – 44 year old female with a history of hypertension reported with facial swelling. Dentist drained the swelling under LA after which the patient became “faint and dizzy”. Patient taken to the ER and later reported to be doing fine. Board accepted as informational.

4. Dr. Srilaskshmi Angara – 39 year old female patient experienced facial swelling following root canal. Board questions whether the patient was allergic to “lidocaine”. Board accepted as informational.

5. Dr. Condra G. Gaines-Oniwinde & Dr. Benjamin Pomeranc – 12 year old male became nauseous and fainted following x-rays. Board accepted as informational

VII. ORDERS/SETTLEMENT LETTERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Robert A. Pollara - Consent Order
2. Dr. Charmen W. Douglas - Settlement Letter
3. Jairo Echavarria (Unlicensed) - Settlement Letter

All three accepted as informational.

Handouts:

Question from the UMDNJ Dental School seeking direction from the Board concerning notification of patients due to pending changes at the school as a result of the merger. Board found no action was necessary as a result of this change.

American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine submitted to the Board a policy paper on sleep apnea basically saying that only dentists that have been through their program (or other similar program) should be allowed to do it. The Board accepted this as informational.

Public Comment:

NJDA again asked what the status of the "Beach Bum Tans" tooth whitening case was. Board reported that it was still being worked on.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: