

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: January 10, 2014

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, January 8th, 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: December 4, 2013

Approved by the Board.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Applications:

1. Amanda Schoth - Dental Hygiene application by credentials. No details given on this case.

2. Dr. Jay Khorsandi - Application for a dental license. Question about if the WREB exam he passed in 2001 was comparable with the NERB exam.

Both applications were held as Shirley Birenz and Peter DeScisio (the members normally tasked with reviewing applications) were absent.

Continuing Education:

No report.

III. PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES:

1. SUBCHAPTER 1A. DENTAL HYGIENISTS

This was to review the "general supervision" reg changes the Board made at its last meeting. This had to be tabled as the regulatory analyst assigned to the Board could not attend do to a scheduling conflict.

IV. LEGISLATION:

1. A-4393 - Establishes Statewide Opioid Law Enforcement Coordinating Task Force.

The Board could not see the benefit of such a task force that would include the Board's executive director. Any information generated by such a task force should already be directed to the appropriate boards for action.

A motion was adopted to table this "indefinitely".

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

1. Dr. Yoshitomo Sunagawa – 63 year old male aspirated their crown while under care. The dentist was successful in "fishing it out". Board accepted this as informational.

2. Dr. Mary L. Voyus – patient under general anesthesia for an extraction began to complain of pain and have some kind of reaction. Board accepted the report as informational.

3. Dr. Brian S. Krost – 63 year old female with a compromised medical history and under sedation became "catatonic" during care. Board accepted as informational.

VI. FORMAL COMPLAINT:

1. Dr. Genevieve Fernandes - Formal Complaint & Answer. This complaint alleges violation of the standards of care and billing issues with multiple patients. With the receipt of Dr. Fernandes's answer the Board must decide if they wish to hold a hearing themselves or to refer the matter to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The Board voted to refer the matter to the ALJ.

VII. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD'S ORDER:

1. Dr. Young Kim - Additional information requested. The Board found that Dr. Kim had met all of the requirements that were established by the Board and voted to remove the restrictions that had been placed on his license.

VIII. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Suzan Ghattas - Consent Order filed on December 17, 2013
2. Dr. Jack F. Altomonte - Consent Order Granting Unrestricted License filed on December 17, 2013.
3. Dr. Melinda Wagner - Order Removing Restrictions on License filed on December 17, 2013.
4. Dr. Usha V. Desai - Settlement Letter filed on December 13, 2013.
5. Dr. Ralph Famiglietti - Final Order of Discipline filed on December 10, 2013.
6. Dr. Subina Anand - Consent Order filed on December 4, 2013.

The Board accepted this as informational.

IX. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Francene Zangara, D.H. - Request for extension to complete the continuing education credits for licensure renewal. The Board voted to grant her the extension she was asking for.

2. Additional information from Dr. Suffiyah Webb concerning a new business where the mission is to provide in home oral exams, dental prophylaxis and fluoride application to young patients. The Board will respond that such in home care as explained by Dr. Webb would not be permissible under current regulations as equipment required per regulation would not be present. Further, the Board was concerned about the safety of the patient.

3. Inquiry from Dr. Matthew Bickel concerning an "in-house plan" he would like to offer for uninsured patients. The Board will respond that "in-house" discount plans for patients are permissible so long as they comply with Board regulations (a copy of which will be sent) including the requirement that such plan be made available to all patients no matter what insurance, if any, they have.

Additional Matters:

The Board appoints a representative to ADEX for a three year term which is currently being served by Dr. Rich and is now up. The Board as the option of reappointing Dr. Rich or making another appointment. The Board voted to table this matter.

An RDH has contacted the Board asking for a 60 day extension to complete the required CE. Board voted to grant her this extension.

An RDA whose license expired in 2002 is seeking to have her license reinstated and is asking if she needs to get her CDA (which she allowed to lapse) in order to take the RDA exam. The Board will respond that she can take the RDA exam without the need to get her CDA to reinstate her license.

Public Comment:

Arthur Meisel (NJDA) indicated that he had received a question asking if a Dentist can use Zanex as a way to control patient anxiety. The Board responded yes so long as the dentist can demonstrate it was clinically appropriate to do so.

Paul Bent (NJDHA) shared the associations condolences on the passing of Dr. Sheila Dashkow. The Board expressed its thanks and indicated they had taken a moment of silence as a Board before the public session.

X. ADJOURNMENT: