

# 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:** February 27, 2012

**Re:** NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

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On Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</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:

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** January 18, 2012 – Approved with minor changes.

**II. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- January 4, 2012 minutes regarding Botox – NJDA has raised concerns about confusion among dentists on what injection sites on the face are permissible. Board and staff to review.
- Board staff has been moved to a new location in their current building in Newark. Phone numbers and address remain the same.
- The late renewal period for RDH's has come to an end. Any hygienist who has not renewed will now have to seek a reinstatement of their license.

### **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Credentials: No Report
2. Continuing Education: No Report

### **IV. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:**

1. S-3121 - Clarifies the effect of abstention by a member of a public body. – Board voted to support.
2. A-4400 - Exempts individuals with certain types of military service from certain fees and continuing education or professional competency requirements. – Board voted to support.
3. A-4384 - Revises law concerning certain professional and occupational licenses. – Board has concerns that the bill may be too lenient and that the time frame is too fast which could result in databank reports not catching-up in time. The Board has tabled this to its March meeting.

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

1. Dr. Shweta Gandhi – 25 year old male presenting for a root canal fell after having received LA but before any further treatment was given. The Board did not go into detail on how the patient fell. Board accepted as informational.
2. Dr. James Kang – 75 year old female became dizzy following a tooth extraction. Taken by EMS to the hospital and later released. Board accepted as informational.
3. UMDNJ - New Jersey Dental School – 39 year old female fainted after having left the clinic and receiving care. Board accepted as informational.

### **VI. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:**

1. Dr. Sadettin Sen – No details were given by the Board.

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

1. Coreen Noguera, Dental Hygienist – Request to reduce the frequency of monitoring. Moved to Executive Session.

## **VIII. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE BEFORE THE BOARD FOLLOWING INTERIM CONSENT ORDER:**

1. Dr. Young Kim – Moved to Executive Session.

## **IX. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Dr. Aparna Chawla - Request for a waiver of the continuing education credits required for licensure renewal. – Board to request additional information such as how many credits has she taken before they make a decision.

2. Inquiry from Dr. Jeffrey Mermelstein concerning "ecommerce website offering dental advice and recommendations." – Wants to set-up a website where, for a fee, patients and dentists can download photos, x-rays and previous exams for the purpose of getting a second opinion or other consultation. The Board will respond that such activity is the practice of dentistry and, as such, must follow all of the rules associated with it.

3. Inquiry from Mary Jo Odonnell questioning whether a general dentist can use the "Pelleve" radiowave in the practice. – The Board has referred this matter to the "botox" committee for further review. The general impression of the Board was that this is some form of electrolysis used for cosmetic purposes. Botox committee to get additional information and review.

4. DANB - Executive Summary on the feedback on a proposed CDA/GC Exam Pilot Study. – Board accepted as informational.

5. Correspondence from the following dentists requesting approval of a Botox course taken in 2009 to be applied towards the regulation requirements:

- Dr. Mark M. Stanford
- Dr. Robert J. Harris

The 2009 course referred to in their letters was approved by the Board for CE credits only and may not be used to meet the botox requirement.

#### **X. APPEARANCES:**

1. 11:00 A.M. - Dr. Alexander Silman - Appearance concerning a request for modification to the Board's Order of Early Reinstatement filed on July 20, 2011.

#### **XI. ADJOURNMENT:**