

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: March 13, 2013

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, March 6th, 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: February 20, 2013 – Approved with minor corrections.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Applications:

- Dr. James B. Salman - Application for a New Jersey dental license.

Dr. Salman, who has not practiced in the past five years in any one location and had taken WREB, was seeking licensure by credential. Based on the above the Board voted to deny him licensure by credential and has asked staff to advise him of his licensing options.

No other applications, including auxiliaries, were reviewed.

2. Continuing Education:

- 2012/13 Medical Dental Legal Update - Additional information requested.

The information provided on the above course revealed that it is a DVD based program shown at a location where participants come to watch it. While role is taken there is no instructor and no opportunity to ask question or interact with the "instructor". The program provider was asking for the course to be accepted as a "live" program. The Board voted to accept this course as "distance learning".

A list of courses reviewed by Board Member Shirley Birenz was approved but no details were given about the courses.

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

1. UMDNJ - New Jersey Dental School – 50 year old male patient present for an extraction under LA reported a headache and head pain following the procedure. Board accepted as informational.

2. Dr. Elan Schwarz – 24 year old male patient who received LA for an unspecified dental procedure complained of severe oral pain and was taken to the ER. He was later referred to an oral surgeon. Board has asked for more information on this case.

3. Dr. Judah E. Malka – A male patient presenting for an extraction suffered a “panic attack” during care. Board accepted as informational.

4. Dr. Stephen B. Kahn – 80 year old female presenting for an extraction. Board staff went through this so quickly it was unclear what the problem was. Board accepted as informational.

5. Dr. Elliot Baron – 38 year old female was “nervous” and no treatment was rendered. Board accepted as informational, however, they noted there was no need to file a report when care is not rendered.

IV. ORDERS/SETTLEMENT LETTERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Larry Berman - Consent Order filed on February 1, 2013
2. Dr. Steven D. Yatrofsky - Consent Order Reinstating License filed February 1, 2013
3. Dr. Sheldon H. Greenspan - Consent Order filed February 1, 2013

All three accepted as informational. No further information was provided.

V. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Letter from Arthur Meisel, Esq. counsel for the New Jersey Dental Association concerning Beach Bum Tanning.

Mr. Meisel was seeking to learn the status of this case and to encourage the Board to take action. The Board responded that it is working with the Division of Consumer Affairs and expects to give more details at its April meeting.

2. Inquiry from Joseph A. Massood, Esq. questioning whether a dentist can perform P Stim auriculotherapy to alleviate pain.

I missed this portion of the meeting.

3. Request from UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey - Notice of Name Change and Request to Reissue Permits.

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4. Inquiry from Valerie Scalley concerning the “new general supervision law for dental hygienists.”

Wanted to know if the requirement for the patient to have seen a dentist in the past year applied if she was just performing a “prophy”.

I missed this portion of the meeting, but received the following report from Jonathan Eisenmenger on what response was provided by the Board.

Inquiry from Valerie Scalley concerning the “new general supervision law for dental hygienists.” Specifically, Ms. Scalley requests clarification concerning whether a patient must have had a dental exam within the past 365 days, in order for a dental hygienist to perform a “prophy”; can that patient have just a “prophy” if they sign a waiver refusing examination by the dentist? The Board will refer the hygienist to the statutory language. NJSA 45:6-69.2 refers to hygienists providing preventative measures in a school setting and requires that the hygienist has a reasonable belief that the recipient of the service has been examined by a dentist within the past 365 days. When practicing in a dental office, clinic or institution, the hygienist may treat existing patients of record provided she holds a current certification in Basic or Advanced Cardiac Life Support and the office has emergency equipment NJSA 45:6-62.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: