

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: May 7, 2013

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, May 1st, 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: April 17, 2013 – Approved with minor changes.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Applications:

- Dr. Pooja Mukhatyar - Application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Mukhatyar took CRDTS exam. Took the CRDTS exam in 2010. The Board was not sure if it would have been considered comparable to NERB/ADEX at that time. Staff to check and report back.

No other applications were reviewed.

Going off agenda, Dr. Dolinsky raised the continuing issue of not being able to approve applicants who have NERB and been practicing for five

years because the five years of practice has not been in a single jurisdiction. Dr. Dolinsky made a motion to have DCA staff pursue legislation to amend the law to allow for five years of consecutive practice without it being in a single jurisdiction. Motion passed.

2. Continuing Education:

1 remedial CE course for record keeping was approved. 10 CE courses were approved with no additional details given.

Art Meisel (NJDA) raised the question about the need to file every two years for CE credit for "NJDA Officer Visits" which have been granted by the Board. The Board responded that the NJDA should submit a letter every two years identifying the new officers making the visits.

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

1. Dr. Thomas K. Shin – 86 year old female reported being "dizzy and disoriented" while being treated for a tooth extraction. She was taken to the ER and reported to be doing fine. Board accepted as informational.

2. Dr. John R. Kukucka – 18 year old female fainted in the waiting room before treatment could begin (bone graft). Board accepted as informational.

3. Dr. Robert A. Hersh – 82 year old female complained of "chest pressure" while being treated for a crown. Patient taken to ER and reported to be doing fine. Board accepted as informational.

IV. RESPONSE TO UNIFORM PENALTY LETTER:

1. Dr. Joseph Reed – Having to do with an advertising violation, the Board moved this to executive session.

V. REPORTS FROM THE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

1. Dr. Jonathan M. Friedman – Moved to Executive Session

2. Dr. Melinda Wagner – Moved to Executive Session

VI. INQUIRY CONCERNING CONSENT ORDER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Daniel Campian (Unlicensed) – Apparently had his own lab doing denture repair, he is asking for a reduction to his payment schedule (\$7,000 fine) because of employment issues. Staff noted payments have not been made in some time. Board instructed staff to contact Mr. Campian to see what he feels would be a fair payment schedule.
2. Dr. Richard Bradway – Fined for practicing without a license for 7 years, he has paid \$7,525 of the \$15,000 he owes. He is asking the Board to vacate the balance. The Board, after some discussion, voted to have staff contact Dr. Bradway to see what he feels he can pay.

VII. ORDERS/SETTLEMENT LETTERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Mehmet S. Dikengil - Settlement letter filed March 11, 2013.
2. Dr. Jonathan Abenaim - Settlement letter filed on April 2, 2013.

Accepted as informational by the Board.

VIII. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Inquiry from Dr. John Amato questioning whether an Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist with a license in a different state read a Cone Beam CT scan. The Board felt that it had dealt with a similar issue in the past few years. Staff was instructed to review Board minutes before the Board would make a response to Dr. Amato.
2. Correspondence from Nicole Cunha, Executive Director for the Raven Maria Blanco Foundation, Inc., concerning the importance of emergency medical preparedness in dental offices. The Board is aware of this organization and its mission and will respond back that the Board is looking to do regulations at some point in the future establishing minimum standards.
3. Correspondence from Maria Elena Garcia, dental hygienist, indicating that she is in a military base in Germany and is requesting to be allowed to complete all the required continuing education credits for licensure renewal online. The Board is going to ask Ms. Garcia to look for live CE at the military base and have indicated that, should

she not be able to find anything, they will revisit the issue of allowing her to do all of her credits on-line.

4. Inquiry from Beth Oconnor questioning the proper procedure in providing a dental mobile service to those institution bound. Board to respond that there are no regulations regarding "mobile services", however, the Board would have the same expectations for patient care at a facility as they would at a dental office.

Handouts:

Material from Illinois Dental Board regarding "Group-on". Staff to review as the NJ Board has been looking at this issue as well.

Press release from the ADAA regarding high licensing standards. The Boards regulations committee will look at this.

A group called "Affiliated Monitors" would like to meet with the Board. The Board will provide them with the dates of their public meetings.

Letter from the ADHA-NJ regarding what activities an RDH can perform at a "health fair". The Board will respond that an RDH can continue to perform all of the functions they could previously do, without a dentist being present, at a health fair (general education, etc.). The adoption of "general supervision" does not change this.

The Board ratified two temporary license suspensions which were negotiated by staff and signed off on by the Board President. They were:

- Dr. Jupiter who has been accused of CDS violations / writing prescriptions for CDS without examinations.
- Dr. Meltzer who has been accused of having a camera in his office's restroom.

Public Comment:

I asked a question regarding when an RDH student should submit their application for licensure (a question which was posed to me by an RDH

student in Burlington County). Jonathan Eisenmenger responded with the following:

- The earlier the better, however, they need to be complete.
- The criminal background checks are “good” for only six months so don’t do the background check until you know you can make that six month window.
- The top 4 reasons why licensure is delayed are:
 - Incomplete Application
 - Time of year – Can vary but typical busy times are during licensure renewal periods and RDH program graduations.
 - Out-of-State Applicant – These applicants have to use “hard copy” finger printing cards instead of the digital scanner. This can add 6 to 8 weeks to the process.
 - Questionable address – It is not uncommon for the Board to have mail returned because of a bad address or for an applicant to not know the Board has contacted them through the mail because a family member didn’t know what to look for.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: