

Memo

To: NJDHA
From: Paul J. Bent
CC: Becky Pugh / Russell F. Bent
Date: May 8, 2015
Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, May 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: April 15, 2015 – Approved with changes.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Applications:

1. Dr. Melvyn Oppenheim - Application for a dental license. Passed the New York exam in 1964 and meets all other credentials. Board voted to issue a license by credential.

2. Dr. Cyndi T. Nguyen - Application for a dental license. Passed the Louisiana exam in 1997. It was not clear to the Board if this exam included a clinical perio exam. Board staff to ask if the clinical perio exam was included. If not, Board to require they pass the clinical perio portion of the ADEX exam before granting a license.

Dr. Francine Astrada – Application for dental license. Took WREB in 2006, however, her application showed two different sets of scores for the same date. Board found that she passed all sections of the exam and voted to issue a license. Further, Board staff was directed to find out from WREB why there were different scores listed.

Dr. Mark Burner – Application for dental license. Took the “Credits” exam on an unspecified date. The Board voted to table this to give Board members additional time to review. Board could possibly deal with it later in the day.

Dr. Rahuud Pertel (sp?) – Questions regarding application process. Had questions regarding his passage of WREB in 2012 and other aspects of the application process. Board to advise that he submit an application which the Board could then review and respond to.

B. Continuing Education:

A “reapproval” of a 20 hour IV sedation course being offered by “DOCS” was before the Board. The Board has had concerns in the past regarding courses offered by this group. The Board voted to table this for further review and to get additional information from the course sponsor.

A Dental Spas seminar for a botox course was seeking a venue change for an approved course to the NJ Health Professionals Institute. The Board voted to respond “no” as this location does not qualify as a hospital, clinical or higher education facility as required by regulation.

Additionally, one remedial course was approved by the board.

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

1. Dr. Andrew Cho – 37 year old female presenting for a root canal experienced swelling of the lips and difficulty breathing following LA. Dr. Cho felt it was an allergic reaction. Board moved this to Executive session for further discussion.

2. Dr. Navpreet Sekhon – 22 year old male with a history of IV drug use presented for a cleaning under LA following which he had seizure like activity and became combative to the point police had to be called. Board moved this to Executive session for further discussion.

3. Dr. Nilesh R. Patel – 34 year old female presented for an extraction under LA and NO became nauseous and began vomiting blood. Patient was taken to the ER and it was later determined to be anxiety related. Board moved this to Executive session for further discussion.

IV. REQUEST FOR APPEARANCE FOLLOWING DISCIPLINARY ACTION:

1. Dr. Jack M. Gelb – Pursuant to his consent order, Dr. Gelb has completed certain courses and was looking to schedule a meeting with the Board as required. Staff noted that Dr. Gelb is only in the beginning phase of his active suspension and it may be premature to meet with him at this time. Board moved this to Executive session for further discussion.

V. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE TO BE FINALIZED:

1. Dr. Michael Jefferson – Moved to Executive session with no details given.

VI. ORDERS/SETTLEMENTS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Ewa Marcinkiewicz-O'Brien – Board accepted as informational with no details given.

VII. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Additional information from Louis Malcmacher, DDS from the American Academy of Facial Esthetics concerning the course on Botox and dermal fillers. Dr. Malcmacher was seeking to offer a botox course on-line in an “on demand” format which the Board had previously responded no to. The Board reaffirmed that decision and reiterated that a clinical component was required for this kind of course.

Further, Dr. Malcmacher provided the Board with several teaching “scenarios” which he asks the Board to review. The Board referred this to the Botox Committee for their review.

2. Inquiry from Dr. August D. Pellegrini from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine concerning the dental students. Dr. Pellegrini is asking what dental activities a dental student could perform at the free clinic if under the supervision of a Physician, Physicians Assistant or Nurse Practitioner. The Board voted to respond "none" as the dental student must be under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

Hand Outs:

Letter from Dr. Malcmacher following-up with the Board regarding home sleep test monitoring. The Board accepted this information and referred it to the Sleep Apnea Committee for further review.

Letter from the AADB seeking nominations for certain officer positions on their board. This item was tabled so as to give Board President Shirley Birenz some time to think about it as she expressed some interest.

Question from Art Meisel, NJDA, asking if dentists can administer the HPV vaccine. The Board debated this for several minutes before it was decided that they ask Mr. Meisel to submit his question in writing, with any supporting documentation he would like to include, so that the Board could act upon it in a formal manner.

Question from Paul Bent, NJDHA, asking;

- For clarification on when "sunset" review would occur. Board responded that the next sunset review must be completed by January of 2018 but that staff would appreciate having a two year "head start". They suggested if we have any ideas we start getting them to staff in early 2016, however, they said that would welcome suggestions for rule changes before then.
- Status of proposed supervision regulations. The Board attorney responded that it remains under legal review with the Division of Law. Further, she said that they appreciate our offer to try to "push" things along and would take us up on it if they felt it was at that point.

Question from Jean Murray from Fine Dental in Wayne, New Jersey. Ms. Murray asked about the Board reviewing draft advertising

materials before they were put in circulation. The Board responded that they do not perform that kind of review but suggested that Ms. Murray look over the Board's advertising regulations and utilize the NJDA which offers to review its members advertising.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: