

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: June 26, 2012

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, June 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: May 16, 2012 – Approved with minor changes.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Applications:

- Jennifer Siok, D.H. - Request for licensure reinstatement. Went inactive in 2009. Needs to complete 80 hours of CE and get a criminal background check.

- Dental Clinic -Boys and Girls Club of Newark Dental Center. Approved pending inspection by the Board and clarification by the applicant on how follow-up care will be handled as well as any billing of services (ie. billing of insurance / Medicare, etc.).

2. Continuing Education:

Global Dental Institute
- Implant Camp in Lima-Peru
- AIC Basic Implant Course

Seeking approval for CE for the above two programs. Board's position is it does not approve international courses for CE, instead it looks for ADA or AGD approval for such courses.

As the implant camp in Lima-Peru has no such certification this request has been denied. The AIC Basic Implant Course, which has been approved for 24 credits by the AGD, is approved pending confirmation.

The Board also noted that it was inappropriate to use "institute" in the title of the company as it is a regulated term used by Institutions of Higher Education.

2 remedial CE courses were also approved.

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

1. Dr. Brian DePetris – Consent order from 2010. Moved to executive session.

IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN FOLLOW-UP TO THE BOARD'S ORDER:

1. Dr. Edward Levy – Moved to executive session.

V. PROVISIONAL ORDERS OF DISCIPLINE TO BE FINALIZED:

1. Dr. George Szalavetz – Response filed with the Board. Moved to executive session.

2. Dr. Marianna Weiner – No response filed. Moved to executive session.

VI. RESPONSE TO UNIFORM PENALTY LETTER:

1. Dr. Eric J. Forte – Advertising violation in which he failed to list regular prices. Moved to executive session.

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

Additional information requested:

1. Dr. Ignatius Scalia – Board has asked for a copy of the medical examiners report. Dr. Scalia responded that no such report was generated for the patient in question. Board accepted his response as informational.

Note: Arthur Meisel of the NJDA raised a concern with the Board about how this item appears in the Boards minutes. He has asked that instead of referring to the “medical examiners report” the minutes should reflect that “additional information” was requested. Board responded that they will attempt to do so in the future.

New reports:

1. UMDNJ - New Jersey Dental School. 51 year old male became “dizzy” during care. Taken to the ER and later released as being “OK”. Board accepted as informational.

2. Cronin Dental Center - Dr. Michael Kay. 72 year old female had a dislocation of her mandible during treatment. Taken to the ER where she was sedated and the dislocation was reduced. Board accepted as informational.

VIII. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Marc Weber - Final Order filed on May 4, 2012.
2. Dr. Helena Devaris - Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of License filed on May 2, 2012.

Accepted as informational by the Board.

IX. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Correspondence from Gary Heir, DMD, Clinical Professor, Clinical Director, Center for Temporomandibular Disorders and Orofacial Pain at UMDNJ concerning the "Core Curriculum in Orofacial Pain at UMDNJ-NJDS". Dr. Heir has asked if program participants can use botox for the treatment of pain. Board to respond yes so long as its use is therapeutic and part of a treatment plan.

Handouts:

Division staff has asked the Board to review S-1902 (Provides for issuance of certificate of rehabilitation to certain offenders with substance abuse disorders) and comment. Board has decided to take a neutral position regarding this bill.

An inquire was made by a dentist asking if dentists can draw blood for "micro nutrient testing". Board to ask for additional information with regard to why the dentist would like to perform such testing.

Public Comment:

Art Meisel of the NJDA asked the Board for the status of the "tooth whitening matter" which has been referred to them by the Appellate Court. Board Attorney responded that the Board is pursuing its investigatory powers.

Mr. Meisel also asked for the status of the Boards review of issues surrounding Botox and sleep apnea. The Board is continuing its review of these matters.

X. APPEARANCE:

1. 11:30 A.M. - Alaa Mohsen, BDS, MS, MPH - Request for Limited Teaching Certificate in a dental hygiene program.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: