

# 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:** July 18, 2012

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

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On Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</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:** June 20, 2012 – Approved with minor changes

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Applications:

- Dr. Katia Mattos – Passed the ADEX exam. Board approved this application.
- Dr. Melissa Kyriakakis – Had passed the Florida exam in 2007, Board questioned at what point this exam was deemed equivalent to NERB. Staff to investigate and report back.
- Dr. Sameera Qadri – Successfully passed WREB, however, only has 4 years in one location as opposed to the 5 required for

reciprocity. Will need to seek alternate route for licensure in New Jersey.

2. Continuing Education:

22 courses were approved by the Board.

**III. APPEARANCES:**

1. 11:00 A.M. - Daniel Campian - Formal Hearing In The Matter of Daniel C. Campian, Unlicensed.

**IV. NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD**

Nominated for President: Peter DeSciscio  
Nominated for Vice President : Shelia Dashkow

No other nominations were made.

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

1. UMDNJ - New Jersey Dental School (2 reports)
  - 86 year old female became dizzy prior to treatment being given. Board accepted as informational.
  - Second case was not discussed.
2. Dr. Rupal Shah – Patient was a 72 year old female receiving a root canal while under local anesthesia. Moved to executive session with no further details being given.

**VI. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD’S ORDER:**

1. Dr. Jack Altomonte
2. Dr. Nicholas Breen

Both moved to Executive Session with no further details being given.

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

1. Jose Antonio Morales(Unlicensed) - Settlement Letter filed on June 18, 2012.
2. Dr. Han J. Kang - Consent Order filed on June 20, 2012.
3. Dr. Marianna M. Weiner - Final Order of Discipline filed on June 20, 2012.

Accepted as informational by the Board.

## **VIII. OTHER MATTERS:**

1. Correspondence from Dr. August D. Pellegrini, Assistant Dean, UMDNJ requesting clarification on a recently adopted change in the exam structure by ADLEX.

This letter deals with changes being made to the NERB exam to allow for the "opt out" of clinical testing of "perio". It appears that NERB is allowing states to decide if they want to require testing of perio skills. NERB will not necessarily be offering testing of perio at the same time as the other sections.

The Board was upset with NERB taking this course of action and will be submitting a letter to NERB letting them know and making it clear that they wish perio to be included in the testing of those candidates seeking licensure in New Jersey.

Note: During discussion of this matter, Dr Riva asked, in essence, if this was the result of some conspiracy with RDH independent practice efforts and "DHATs". Other members of the Board quickly responded that it was not.

2. Amy B. Matthes, RDH - Request for an additional extension to complete the required continuing education credits for licensure renewal.

Board approved an extension until September of this year.

3. Inquiry from Frank R. Recker, Esq. requesting clarification on the Board's interpretation of N.J.A.C. 13:30-6.2, (i).

Attorney, representing certain practitioners of "implant dentistry", objects to the Board's requirement that, since they are not an ADA approved specialty, they must say they are a "general dentist" in their advertisements and stationary.

The attorney's position is that the specialty designation on letterhead is just for the public's information and does not mean the dentist is practicing in that specialty. The Board did not believe this assertion and does not plan to change its regulations on the matter.

### **Public Comment:**

Dr. Dolinsky, just before opening it up to the public, mentioned that *Frontline* ran a video on June 26<sup>th</sup> called "Dollars & Dentists" focusing on the oral health care crisis in the nation. The video can be found online at:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/dollars-and-dentists/>

Art Meisel asked about the status of Botox and Sleep Apnea issues the Board has been reviewing. The Board responded that the regulations committee did meet on the issue of Botox but has not yet issued a report. They are reportedly struggling with the "limits" of what is the practice of dentistry using Botox and what is not.

As for sleep apnea, the board is still waiting for additional information it had asked for.

Dr. Dolinsky ended public comment by saying how honored he has been to serve as President of the Board.

### **IX. ADJOURNMENT:**