

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 5, 2013

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, June 5th, 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 19, 2013 – Approved with no changes.

II. APPEARANCES:

1. 10:00 A.M. - Darlene Kane, Budget Officer - Update about Board budget and renewal fees. Ms. Kane reported that finances are strong for the Board and, in fact, they are carrying an excess surplus. As a result, they will be giving a credit on the renewal of licenses. New licenses will pay the full amount.

Dental Hygienists will see their full fee of \$120 go to \$70.
Dental Assistants will see their full fee of \$90 go to \$50.

A copy of a “fee review” performed by Ms. Kane is attached.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Dr. Ramin Kashani - Application for a dental license by credentials. Tabled from last meeting. Took WREB exam in 2005. Board is looking for a breakdown of his scores to confirm that he passed all sections.

Board voted to approve his application pending confirmation.

2. Dr. Anzela Lee - Application for a dental license by credentials. Does not appear that Dr. Lee took a regional exam. Was licensed in New York through their exam mechanism. Board found he was not eligible for licensure by credential.

A third dental application was reviewed but are waiting on the criminal history report. It was noted that this application had gone directly to a Board member through a mail box they had at UMDNJ. Staff will make sure it follows the normal process of an application.

There was no CE report.

IV. NOMINATIONS:

Nomination for President and Vice-President of the Board.

Nominated for President: Dr. Sheila Dashkow

Nominated for Vice President: Shirley Birenz and Beverly Kupiec

Elections will be held next month.

V. PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

1. S-2875 - Requires prescribers and pharmacists to check prescription monitoring Program prior to prescribing and dispensing Schedule II drugs. Board understand the problems with prescription drug abuse but has concerns about mandating participation. Staff will review the status of the bill and bring this back at the next meeting.

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

1. New Jersey Dental School – 29 year old male complained of numbness in the hands and began to hyperventilate following treatment that included the use of local anesthesia. Taken to the ER and reported to be doing fine. Board accepted as informational.

2. Dr. Gary Gersht – 81 year old male reported labored breathing following an extraction that included local anesthesia. Taken to the ER and reported to be doing fine. Board accepted as informational.

3. Dr. Kimberly Goldenbaum – 28 year old female became unresponsive during treatment which included topical anesthesia. Taken to the ER and later released. Board accepted as informational

VII. INQUIRY CONCERNING CONSENT ORDER REQUIREMENTS:

1. Dr. Richard Bradway - Additional information requested at the May 1, 2013 meeting. Seeking relief from consent order. Board moved this to Executive Session.

VIII. ORDERS/SETTLEMENT LETTERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Richard P. Russell - Offer of Settlement filed on July 1, 2013.
2. Dr. Veselin Shumantov - Settlement Letter filed on June 21, 2013.
3. Dr. Ewa Marcinkiewicz-O'Brien - Order of Temporary Suspension of License filed on May 30, 2013.

All three accepted as informational with no further details given.

IX. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Information from Laura Taylor, PhD, NJ Department of Health concerning "awareness among health care providers and consumers about unsafe injection practices that can lead to disease transmission."

Dr. Taylor from the NJ Department of Health is looking to disseminate information to practitioners and makes note of the events in Oklahoma and 7,000 patients needing to be tested following care by a dentist who did not follow proper infection control procedures.

A copy of an e-mail she sent to the Board is attached. It should be noted that, in addition to be a resource, they are willing to speak to gatherings.

2. Inquiry from Richard Espinosa, President of Precision Consulting Associates, Inc., questioning whether discount dental plans can limit coverage to patients without insurance.

Board will respond NO, regulations require any discounts or the like must be offered to all comers no matter their insurance status.

3. Inquiry from Donna Vagnozzi-Bucci, DMD questioning whether she can hire a licensed Dermatologist in Pennsylvania to do injectable dermal fillers in her practice.

The Board will respond in the negative and advise Dr. Vagnozzi-Bucci that the regulations for physicians prohibit them from being employees of another provider (who is not a physician). They advise she consult her attorney for guidance.

Handouts:

UMDNJ – Question about clinic permits and if they need them. The Board had previously informed UMDNJ that clinic permits were not needed for their main teaching facility on campus.

The Board is concerned that faculty practice will occur and could cause problems as some faculty have only limited teaching certificates. An ad

hoc committee was formed to review the matter and report back to the board.

Potential meeting dates for 2014 – Board members were asked to review the dates and get back with any potential conflicts.

Public Comment:

Paul Bent, ADHA-NJ:

I addressed the Board regarding A-2882 which requires licensure boards to accept military training of veterans so long as it substantially equivalent. The Board agreed that the standards of a CODA approved program must be kept and is willing to work with us over the coming year as this is discussed in greater detail.

Art Meisel, NJDA:

- Introduced the new Vice President of the NJDA, Dr. Greg LaMorte.
- Asked about the status of group-on and living social type programs that the Board is reviewing. Told that staff is reviewing a recent court ruling regarding restaurant.com and how it applies to these other programs.
- Asked about status of Beach Bum tans lawsuit. Board responded they continue to work with the Division of Consumer Affairs on it. Art responded that the NJDA will go back to the Appellate Court if significant movement has not occurred by the end of September calling on the court to compel the Board to take action.

X. ADJOURNMENT: