

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: August 15, 2012

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, August 8th, 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: July 25, 2012 – Approved with minor corrections.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Applications:

- Sukhjeet Grewal - Dental hygiene application. There was a question regarding her California license which was resolved prior to the Board meeting. Her license has been issued.

- Dr. Steven Trager - Application for Reinstatement of dental license. Has a medical condition (depth perception) that was the reason for his going inactive in the first place. He would like to reinstate his license and do non-invasive procedures like consulting and prosthesis fabrication. Board moved this to Executive Session.

2. Continuing Education:

- Delta Dental course entitled "Sleep-Disordered Breathing - A Medical Problem with a Dental Solution." Some Board members were concerned about giving CE for this program (which had already occurred) because they felt that some attendees may be confused by what is allowed in New Jersey. This is a big issue which the Board has not yet definitively ruled on.

The Board voted to grant CE to program participants on condition that Delta Dental notify attendees that this matter is still being discussed by the Board and that their ability to treat sleep disorders may be affected in some way.

III. ELECTIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD:

Dr. DeScisio was elected President of the Board. Dr. Dashkow was elected Vice President.

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

1. Dr. Thomas L. Butler – 37 year old female patient was given general anesthesia for a tooth extraction. Several days later she passed away. At this time there does not appear to be a link between the patients' dental care and her death.

2. Dr. Carlos A. Molina – 71 year old female patient having a tooth extracted became dizzy and nauseas. Board accepted as informational.

3. Dr. Claudine Carbone – 57 year old female patient receiving local anesthesia for a bonding procedure "felt strange". Board accepted as informational.

4. Dr. Neetha Ravindra – 58 year old male became "clammy" after receiving local anesthesia. Board accepted as informational.

5. Dr. Frederick A. Lubit – 84 year old female reported pain after receiving a local injection. Board accepted as informational.

V. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Richard J. Mercurio
2. Dr. Larry Berman
3. Dr. Kenneth Avery
4. Corey Bett (Unlicensed)
5. Daniel Campian (Unlicensed)
6. Dr. Patrick Bamgboye
7. Dr. Young J. Kim

All sever were accepted by the Board as informational.

VI. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Dr. Anup Muduli - Request for clarification of the Board's regulations. Dr. Muduli is asking if he needs to be physically present in the recovery room with the patient. The Board will respond yes, until such time as the patient is completely responsive.

2. Inquiry from Stephanie McGrath questioning whether a dentist is permitted to add tax to dental services. Patient wrote to the Board asking about a separate charge for tax she received for dental care. The Board noted that cosmetic dental procedure are taxable, however, they are not charged through the sales tax system. Board will contact the consumer to ask if she is willing to provide additional information.

3. Information from Stacie Sabatino, MA, LCADC Director of Addiction Services, Jewish Family & Children's Service concerning their comprehensive addiction treatment program. Currently offering substance abuse services to some other licensing boards, would like to offer same to licensees of the Board of Dentistry. Board has directed staff to research what other boards are served by them and what their thoughts are. The Board feels that this will be a nice alternative to offer licensees.

4. Dr. Patrick Bamgboye - Appellate Division decision. Incident involved a 2004 patient death. Board found Dr. Bamgboye had committed "repeated acts of negligence". Dr. Bamgboye challenged the Board's findings and appealed to the Appellate Court. The Appellate Court upheld the original decision by the Board.

Hand Outs:

Saint Christopher's Children's Hospital in Philadelphia is asking about becoming a Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Site. The Board is going to ask Saint Christopher's for additional information such as where are patients being treated and who will be supervising patient care.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: