

Memo

To: Lauren Jaccodine, Jodie Heimbach, Becky Pugh, Susan Singer, Gail Woller, Natale Carmela, Carolyn Breen, Rhoda Gladstone, Winnie Furnari, Sandra Berger and Tina Modi

From: Paul J. Bent

CC: Becky Pugh / Russell F. Bent

Date: September 19, 2014

Re: NJ State Board of Dentistry Public Session

On Wednesday, September 3rd, 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: August 6, 2014 – Approved with minor changes. It was noted that the requirement for the use of the new prescription pads has been extended by 30 days by the Division. Several Board members noted that dentists getting their new pads is a problem.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Applications:

1. Melissa Giovannello, RDH – Reinstatement of her dental hygiene license. Request for extension to complete the continuing education credits. Ms. Giovannello's license is currently lapsed and she has not taken any CE at this time. Board voted to reinstate her license after she completes 10 credits and require her to complete the remaining 10 before the end of the year.

2. Dr. Yuhui Hu – Application for a dental license by credentials. Do to the change in statute allowing for five years in multiple jurisdictions (instead of one), this application was approved.
3. Dr. Adriana Creanga – Application for a Limited Teaching Certificate. Licensed in Romania and has some US school work in Texas, the Dean of the Dental School says she meets all of the requirements for the Limited Teaching Certificate. Board approved with the reminder that Dr. Creanga may not participate in faculty practice.
4. Dr. Gildo Corradi – Application for a dental license. Request for waiver of clinical exam. Has been practicing the last 12 years in New York and did one year of GPR. Unclear if he took the PGY-1. Staff to check and report back.

B. Continuing Education:

Several course applications still under review. Will be reported on later.

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

1. Dr. Elliot P. Baron – 29 year old female patient under sedation for a tooth extraction began experiencing chest pain. Board moved this to Executive Session.
2. Dr. Shawn Kelly – 53 year old male reported chest pain prior to care. Board moved this to Executive Session.
3. Dr. Roger M. Kriete – 84 year old female patient having a crown placed reported having abdominal pain. Board moved this to Executive Session.
4. Dr. Alexa Previti – 25 year old male reporting with an infection prior to care. Board moved this to Executive Session.
5. Dr. Niles R. Patel – 79 year old male reporting with slurred speech prior to care. Board moved this to Executive Session.

Note: The transfer of all five reports to Executive Session was made at the request of Dr. Richard Riva.

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

1. Dr. Alan Schwartz – Seeking relief from his requirement to have other dentists cosign his prescriptions and asking that the frequency of his submitting to a urine test be reduced to twice a month. Said restrictions were placed on Dr. Schwartz as a result of a substance abuse issue. Board voted to grant relief to both the cosign requirement and the urine testing.

V. ORDERS FILED BY THE BOARD:

1. Dr. Paresh R. Patel – Case dealing with fraud.
2. Dr. Syed F. Hussain – No details given.

Board accepted as informational.

VI. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Correspondence from Carolyn Breen, Ed.D, RDH, Chair, Department of Allied Dental Education Rutgers School concerning a draft curriculum for the education and credentialing of dental assistants in infection control. Dr. Breen would like to see this course required for credentialing of dental assistants. Dr. Riva had a concern for how this may “play” with OSHA requirements and Dr. Battaglia was concerned that making this a requirement was “inappropriate” at this time and felt this, or something like it, should already be part of the curriculum. Board staff indicated that a rule change would be needed to make this requirement. The Board tabled this for further discussion.
2. Correspondence from Dr. Mitchell H. Davich asking the Board to recommend exemption of the CS 9000 3D from the Quality Assurance program regulation (N.J.A.C. 7:28-22.3(g)). Dr. Davich is looking to get this device (which is a cone beam type) exempt from the above Department of Environmental Protection

regulations. The Board voted to table this matter so that they could get additional information.

VII. APPEARANCES:

1. 11:00 AM – Anup Muduli, DMD – Application for reinstatement of license. Dr. Muduli's license was voluntarily surrendered by Board Order filed on March 5, 2014.

Handouts:

1. A dentist has written the Board asking if he could administer flu shots to patients. The Board will reply "no" as it is outside the scope of dentistry.
2. Acting Consumer Affairs Director Steve Lee sent a memo to 11 licensing boards advising them that, pursuant to the budget enacted on June 30, 2014, \$50 million of unexpended funds would be taken from these boards to fund other divisions within the Department of Law and Public Safety. A copy of the memo is attached. Staff was not sure how much will be taken from the Board of Dentistry.
3. AADB sent a letter asking who the Board will be appointing as "liaison" for the upcoming San Antonio convention. It was unclear if any Board members were planning on attending this convention.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: