

# 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:** September 21, 2012

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

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On Wednesday, September 5<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:

Prior to the beginning of the regular agenda the Board recognized Dr. Dolinsky for his service as President of the Board and gave him a plaque in commoration.

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** August 8, 2012 – Approved with no changes.

**II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Applications:

Sandra Nigro, RDA – Was asking to retake the exam in lieu of taking 20 years worth of CE. She has not practiced in 20 years in NJ (she has been practicing in Colorado). Board determined that she would

not need to retake exam. Instead, she would need 20 hours of CE and pass the jurisprudence exam

Dental Clinic - New Brunswick High School Site of the Eric B. Chandler Health Center – This is an FQHC facility. Board voted to approve.

## 2. Continuing Education:

25 applications were received, 24 of which were approved. 5 remedial course applications were received with 1 being denied (did not include a course outline).

The Board discussed an application from the NJ Sleep Society for its annual education symposium which includes programming sponsored by Delta Dental. The Board was concerned that participants would be confused since the Board has not made a determination on a dentist's role in the care and treatment of sleep disorder patients. Doug Sanborn, representing Delta Dental, suggested that course participants be given a written statement from the instructors that acknowledge this issue is under review and that it may affect what dentists learn at this course. The Board agreed and voted to approve the course for CE.

### **III. LEGISLATION:**

S-298 - Revises statutes concerning dental hygienists and dentists.  
Approved August 7, 2012.

The Board discussed the details of the new law and some possible issues that will need to be clarified. The Board acknowledged the following:

- The effective date of the new law is October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- All parties must act within the limits of the new statute and, as always, the dentist will ultimately be responsible.
- They advise dentists and hygienists be judicious and have established plans to care for emergency and non-emergency situations.
- The Board's regulations committee will meet to work on clarifying regulations in the coming months.

**IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUESTED CONCERNING HER REQUEST FOR LIMITED TEACHING CERTIFICATE:**

Alaa Mohsen, BDS, MS, MPH – Attended Dental School in Iran. Board moved to Executive Session.

**V. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD'S ORDER:**

Dr. Jack Altomonte - Additional information received. Accepted as informational, no further action needed.

**VI. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE TO BE FINALIZED:**

Sherry Taranto, RDH – Has had her Pennsylvania license suspended for failing to sit for a mental health evaluation (possible substance abuse).

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

Dr. Lindsay Scoggins – 8 year old female had significant bleeding following a tooth extraction. The Board found her care of the bleeding proper but had questions regarding pre-op care. Staff to contact for additional information.

Dr. Karen E. Fenichel – 54 year old female complained of difficulty swallowing and her heart racing following local anesthesia. She was taken to the ER and later reported to be doing OK. Board accepted as informational.

Dr. Brian S. Krost – 34 year old female had a an episode of syncope following local anesthesia and was unable to stand up. Patient taken to the ER and later reported to be OK. Board accepted as informational.

Dr. Lawrence P. Hipple – 76 year old male reported feeling dizzy at home following an extraction earlier in the day. Had been prescribed Tylenol 3 by Dr. Hipple. Board accepted as informational.

New Jersey Dental School (UMDNJ) – 63 year old female fell upon leaving the office. The fall was unrelated to dental care. Board accepted as informational.

Dr. Richard J. Skjeveland – 29 year old female, who had been seen earlier in the day for a prophylaxis, returned complaining of dizziness related to her diabetes. Dr. Skjeveland provided care. Board accepted as information.

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

1. Dr. Michael Valerio
2. Dr. Dwight E. Garcia
3. Dr. Stanley Cohen
4. Dr. Liana Basceanu-Sarbu

Accepted as informational by the Board.

### **IX. OTHER MATTERS:**

Inquiry from Amber Riley-Burns, RDH questioning whether Registered Dental Hygienists can use a DIODE Laser. The Board will respond “no” as the laser in question can cut tissue.

Inquiry from Dr. Kevin M. Heaney questioning whether a hygienist can use a laser to eliminate bacteria and desensitize teeth. Dr. Heaney is asking about an “uninitiated laser” that cannot cut tissue but will kill bacteria. The Board has asked staff to contact Dr. Heaney for additional information.

Inquiry from Spencer Williams, ADHA Governmental Affairs Division, questioning whether dental hygienists are allowed to administer OraVerse to a patient. Board will respond “yes”.

Inquiry from Michael Lynch, DMD concerning their facility to do “small-scale clinical trials.” Dr. Lynch is looking to establish a “mini clinic” for the purposes of collecting data on plaque and the effectiveness of Listerine, no care will be provided. Board to seek more information on the procedures to be done and tools that will be used.

Correspondence from Gail A. Tasch, MD, President and Medical Director, Medwork Independent Review, concerning their dental peer

review services. Basically looking to do work for the Board. The Board accepted as informational.

Correspondence from the American Board of Facial Esthetics inviting two state dental board members to attend their course on Facial Esthetics. Board accepted as informational

ADEX - Information concerning the ADEX House of Representatives Meeting. Meeting being held in Chicago, Board voted to seek permission from the Division of Consumer Affairs to send their ED (Jonathan Eisenmenger) to the meeting.

**Public Comment:**

Dr. Brian, VP of the NJDA, did bring up a concern about RDH's being able to "polish" to "adjust" topical varnish's and the like to smooth out certain spots while under "general" supervision. He feels it is appropriate for them to do that and that the Board may need to make changes to its regulations as they work on regulations for "general" supervision.

**X. ADJOURNMENT:**