

**IOWA DENTAL BOARD DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES – OPEN SESSION
JANUARY 15, 2009**

The Dental Hygiene Committee of the Iowa Dental Board met on Thursday, January 15, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Iowa Dental Board Conference Room, 400 SW 8th Street, Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the board website and sent electronically to interested parties prior to the meeting.

Members present and participating were as follows.

Eileen Cacioppo, R.D.H., Chairperson
Valinda Parsons, R.D.H., Vice Chairperson
Deena R. Kuempel, D.D.S., Secretary

The following staff were also present.

Constance L. Price, Executive Director
Theresa Weeg, Assistant Attorney General
Jennifer Hart, Executive Officer

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Kuempel, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2008, committee meeting.

VOTE: Unanimous.
Motion carried.

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

The committee reviewed a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association. The petition was originally submitted in October and withdrawn to allow the board to rule on the request in a timely manner. The board copied the petition and supporting information for interested parties and asked for written feedback that could be considered as part of the board's review. Comments have been copied for the board and committee.

The petition requests that subrule 10.5(3), paragraph "a"(3) be amended by eliminating the requirement that a public health supervision agreement must, "specify a period of time, no more than 12 months, in which an examination by a dentist must occur prior to providing further hygiene services. However, this examination requirement does not apply to educational services, assessments, screenings, and fluoride if specified in the supervision agreement."

After reviewing the petition and written comments, the committee was concerned that eliminating the paragraph in its entirety may be detrimental and make it appear as though an examination was not necessary. The committee felt there may be other options that would

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increase flexibility for the dentists, hygienists, and patients served. The committee liked the idea of deleting the five words in paragraph 10.5(3)“a”(3) that read, “no more than 12 months.” This would allow the individual dentist and dental hygienist in a public health supervision agreement the flexibility to determine the appropriate interval for a dental exam based on their unique circumstances. It would put the responsibility on the licensees who have signed these agreements. It could mean no changes for the hygienist, if the dentist wants to continue to require a 12-month exam interval or it could allow for a longer period of time, if specified in the agreement.

Motion by Ms. Parsons, seconded by Dr. Kuempel to suggest that the board deny the petition for rulemaking as submitted. Rather, the Dental Hygiene Committee suggests the board amend the rules to allow the dentist and dental hygienist in a public health supervision agreement the flexibility to determine the appropriate interval for an exam by striking the words “no more than 12 months” in subrule 10.5(3)“a”(3).

VOTE: Unanimous.
Motion carried.

RULES – EXAMS ACCEPTED FOR HYGIENE LICENSURE

The committee reviewed a draft Notice of Intended Action to amend 650 chapters 11 and 12 to eliminate the exam administered by the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) from the list of examinations accepted for dental hygiene licensure. The ADEX exam has not been administered to any dental hygiene candidates. Changes in the proposed format of the exam have raised many concerns. Due, in part, to these changes the CRDTS organization has voted to withdraw from ADEX during the 2009 exam season. Since CRDTS will no longer be a part of ADEX and there are significant concerns about the plans for the dental hygiene ADEX exam, the committee felt this exam should be removed from the list of exams accepted for dental hygiene licensure.

Motion by Dr. Kuempel, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to recommend the board file Notice of Intended Action to amend 650 chapters 11 and 12 by eliminating ADEX from the list of exams accepted for dental hygiene licensure.

VOTE: Unanimous.
Motion carried.

CONE BEAM CT USE

The committee considered a request that they clarify whether licensed dental hygienists are permitted to make cone beam CT (CBCT) dental images under the supervision of a dentist and with appropriate training on the specific unit.

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Motion by Dr. Kuempel, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to recommend to the board that dental hygienists are authorized to make cone beam dental CT images by virtue of their dental hygiene education and additional training as necessary.

VOTE: Unanimous.
Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Dr. Kuempel, seconded by Ms. Parsons, for the committee to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d) to discuss and review examination information, complaints, and investigative reports that are required by state law to be kept confidential.

VOTE: Ms. Cacioppo, aye; Ms. Parsons, aye; Dr. Kuempel, aye.
Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Dr. Kuempel, seconded by Ms. Parsons, to return to open session.

Vote: Unanimous.
Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Constance L. Price
Executive Director

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