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EXPANDED FUNCTIONS MEETING SUMMARY

January 27, 2012
Conference Room
400 S.W. 8th St., Suite D
Des Moines, Iowa

Board Members

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Gary D. Roth, D.D.S., Chairperson	Present
Michael J. Rovner, D.D.S., Vice Chairperson	Present
Lynn D. Curry, D.D.S.	Present
Mary C. Kelly-Grief, R.D.H.	Present
Kimberlee Spillers, Public Member (by telephone)	Present

Staff Members

Melanie Johnson, Christel Braness, Phil McCollum, Janet Arjes.

Other Attendees

Eileen Cacioppo, R.D.H.
Bruce Cochrane, D.D.S., Iowa Dental Association
Michael Moffitt, D.D.S.
Jeannene Veenstra, Iowa Dental Assistants Association
Mary Mariani, D.D.S.
Jane Slach, Iowa Dental Assistants Association
Deborah Bell, R.D.H.
Mike Kanellis, University of Iowa College of Dentistry
Larry Carl, Iowa Dental Association
Barb Blough, Iowa Dental Association
Shawn Leonard
Lori Brown
Terri Deal
Sara Schlievert, Iowa Department of Public Health
Carol Hooper, R.D.H.
David Davidson, D.D.S.
Tom Cope, Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association
Nancy Adrianse, R.D.H., Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association
George North, D.D.S. (by telephone)

CALL TO ORDER FOR JANUARY 27, 2012

Chairman Roth called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2012.

Dr. Roth asked the participants to introduce themselves. Dr. Roth reminded the participants that this meeting was intended to be an informal discussion on proposed changes to expanded functions.

Ms. Johnson indicated that she had provided some materials to the participants. Ms. Johnson reported that this meeting stemmed from the proposed rule changes related to adding expanded functions for dental hygienists, which came about following prior meetings of the Dental Hygiene Committee.

Dr. David Davidson thanked Ms. Johnson and Dr. Roth for hosting this meeting. Dr. Davidson stated that all of the interested parties are concerned about the quality of care provided to Iowans and it is good to see the interested parties come together to have this discussion.

Dr. Bruce Cochrane stated that there is clearly an access to care problem, particularly as it relates to Title XIX patients. Dr. Cochrane sees the proposed rules as a means to provide care at a lower cost to patients. Dr. Cochrane feels that some services can be provided to the patient at substantial savings. Dr. Cochrane reported that children are an important patient base. It is not uncommon for there to be a shortage of available pediatric dentists.

Dr. Michael Kanellis reported that the University of Iowa College of Dentistry prioritizes acceptance into the college of dentistry to those students who are likely to stay in Iowa. In spite of that, Dr. Kanellis also reported that, currently, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry is booked weeks in advance for those who are seeking dental treatment through the college of dentistry.

Dr. Mary Mariani agreed that there is an ongoing access to care issue that needs to be met. Dr. Mariani feels that the expansion of the list of allowed expanded functions would allow dental assistants and other approved auxiliary to safely perform these functions following completion of Board-approved training.

Dr. Lynn Curry expressed his concern that there may be some unintended consequences of expanding the list of allowed functions to dental assistants and dental hygienists.

*Kimberlee Spillers joined the meeting by telephone at 10:16 a.m. Dr. George North joined the meeting by telephone shortly after Ms. Spillers.

A quorum of the Board was established with five members present. Therefore, Dr. Roth formally called a meeting of the Board to order.

Roll Call:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Beasler</u>	<u>Bradley</u>	<u>Curry</u>	<u>Fuller</u>	<u>Meier</u>	<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Roth</u>	<u>Rovner</u>	<u>Spillers</u>
Present			x			x	x	x	x
Absent	x	x		x	x				

Dr. Curry reported that there was a growing need for Iowans seeking access to dental care through Title XIX and other health care programs. Dr. Curry indicated that there is no solution, currently, to address where the money will come from to treat all of the patients who need care. Dr. Curry expressed his feeling that there are a number of ways that the access to care problem could be addressed.

Dr. Curry stated that adding to the list of expanded functions allowed to be performed by dental auxiliaries would allow dentists to perform a larger number of procedures. This may provide care to patients at a lower cost.

Dr. Curry reported that there are approximately 20 health care centers throughout Iowa. The hope is to have dentists on staff in each location. Dr. Curry thinks that there is a need for existing staff to try to provide more access to care.

Dr. Curry also expressed his concerns regarding who would provide the training.

Dr. Curry reported that there is currently a surplus of dental hygienists in Iowa. Part of the problem is that there are more dental hygienists than there are jobs available. Many dental hygienists are struggling to find jobs. There is also some concern as the students do not always live where there is a need for licensed personnel. Dr. Curry also indicated that there is no clear information about the two programs in Minnesota, which are providing training to the new mid-level practitioners.

Ms. Eileen Cacioppo asked where the new list of potential expanded functions came from. It was clarified that the Iowa Dental Association provided the list. Ms. Cacioppo asked about other states and how Iowa compares in regards to allowed expanded functions duties. Ms. Cacioppo wondered what research was completed prior to submitting the list.

Dr. Cochrane reported that there have been programs, which previously taught these functions without too much problem.

Mr. Tom Cope asked the interested parties to step back a little before getting to specific in the nature of the discussion. Mr. Cope stated that the discussion to this point has been fairly broad. While the Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association welcomes the discussion, it is important to address these and other items more fully, prior to implementation.

Dr. Kanellis indicated that he would like to verify the lists and numbers of patients expecting to be added to Title XIX. Dr. Kanellis expressed support for bolstering the list of expanded functions for all dental auxiliaries. However, Dr. Kanellis expressed caution against moving too

far in one direction and making it more difficult to entice pediatric dentists to stay in Iowa. Dr. Kanellis also has reservations about mid-level practitioners as they may not sufficiently address some of the needs of Iowa citizens.

Ms. Johnson stated that given the time constraints for this meeting, the discussion should focus on the list currently before the Board. Mr. Larry Carl agreed and indicated that he believed the list of proposed expanded functions before the Board would not require legislative action.

Dr. Roth indicated that he wanted further clarification if the Iowa Dental Association's intent was to increase the list of expanded functions for dental hygienists along with increasing the list for dental assistants. Mr. Carl did not express any disagreement. However, Mr. Carl indicated that while he does not oppose dental hygienists performing expanded functions, Mr. Carl sees this as a "package deal."

Ms. Jane Slach, with the Iowa Dental Assistants Association, stated that she was not opposed to dental hygienists doing expanded functions. However, the current list of expanded functions may not currently be taught in ADA-accredited dental hygiene programs. Ms. Slach would like to see the curriculum bridge the gap to ensure sufficient training.

Ms. Slach asked if a survey had been conducted with Iowa-licensed dentists asking how many dentists would utilize expanded functions in order to provide additional services.

Representatives for the educators agreed with Ms. Slach and indicated that comparable training and educational requirements should be set for the dental hygienists. For example, to be eligible, a dental assistant must have two years of clinical practice or be DANB certified. Ms. Slach suggested that the dental hygienists might be able to complete the DANB examination to meet training requirements.

Licensees are not allowed to hold a dental hygiene license *and* a dental assistant registration. Current Iowa law and regulations allow dental hygienists to perform the same functions as a dental assistant with the exception of expanded functions.

Dr. Kanellis stated that the implementation of the proposed expanded functions should not cost the state any money. The program could be started or stopped as appropriate. Dr. Kanellis stated that adding to this list would only serve to benefit the state of Iowa and its citizens.

Ms. Veenstra expressed concerns regarding the curriculum in dental hygiene programs. Ms. Veenstra does not think hygiene programs sufficiently address expanded functions. Ms. Veenstra indicated that schools should provide the training or the dental hygienists should complete the training required of dental assistants.

Dr. Roth stated that there should be greater requirements and documentation for training and verification for some of the newly proposed expanded functions given the higher level of work and responsibility. Dr. Roth did not propose a clinical examination; however, he feels that there needs to be some kind of independent verification of competency.

Mr. Carl expressed agreement with Dr. Roth's proposal; however, he hopes that local solutions can be found.

Dr. Roth stated that he hopes this will alleviate some of the access problems; however, he has concerns about the number of dentists who will take on more Title XIX patients if these rules were to be implemented.

Dr. Kanellis stated that the expansion of this program could also be of benefit to pediatric dentists.

Mr. Cope stated that if these proposed changes are a package deal that the list isn't comprehensive enough. Mr. Cope stated this topic needs to be discussed and addressed on more than one occasion prior to the implementation of any of these suggestions.

Ms. Johnson asked Mr. Cope for examples of what he would like to see added to the proposed list. Mr. Cope responded by indicating the need for further meetings on this topic.

Dr. Kanellis indicated that he would be in favor of moving forward on this for the dental assistants, even if the dental hygienists were not comfortable with the current proposals.

Dr. Cochrane expressed an interest in allowing dental auxiliaries to perform all functions, which were non-permanent and could be reversed. Dr. Cochrane feels that the current proposal is simply a starting point in this discussion.

Dr. Curry indicated a preference to see a few select locations to provide this training.

Dr. Kanellis stated that the training for all dental auxiliaries should be the same as what is required of dentists. Currently, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry is the only place that can provide that level of training. The consensus was that much of the studying and training can be done locally; however, the final review should be conducted in person.

Dr. Roth indicated that, at a minimum, the Iowa-licensed dentist should make the recommendation for personnel to complete the training for these functions.

Ms. Terri Deal stated her preference that the dental auxiliaries should be required complete DANB to be considered eligible to complete training in these areas.

Ms. Deborah Bell indicated that she is a licensed dental hygienist, who also holds certification with DANB. Ms. Bell indicated that dental hygiene education focuses on preventative issues more so than restorative matters.

Ms. Cacioppo pointed out that being certified with DANB doesn't guarantee the ability to perform expanded functions, unless the dental auxiliary in question is a dental assistant.

Ms. Kelly-Grief wants community colleges to have the ability to provide the training, in addition to the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

Dr. Roth expressed some reservations about Ms. Kelly-Grief's proposal. At this time, the community colleges are not equipped with the proper equipment. (e.g. simulators) That is not to say that they could not obtain the equipment; however, Dr. Roth is not aware of the community colleges currently having this equipment on site.

Dr. Kanellis stated that he was unsure if new students would even be asked to perform these functions. Dr. Kanellis thinks it is more likely that established dental hygienists would be more likely to be asked to perform these functions. As such, it may not be an efficient use of the schools' time to provide this training to their students.

Dr. Roth reiterated his belief that it should be up to the individual dentist to refer staff for training since the dentist will, ultimately, be held accountable for the quality of work completed under his or her supervision.

Ms. Cacioppo feels that it might be helpful to conduct a survey, as previously suggested, to get a better sense of what Iowa-licensed dentists want and need. There should be a focus on qualified candidates and establishing quality training programs.

Dr. Mariani also believes that the dentists should have the discretion to recommend staff for training. The dentist will better understand which of his or her staff is prepared to complete the training and perform these procedures.

Ms. Kelly-Grief inquired if there were data available from other states with expanded functions.

Dr. Kanellis responded by indicating that this kind of information can be difficult to quantify in real terms. The culture in other states may be different. Other states may not encourage as many dentists to take Title XIX patients. Based on his prior experience Dr. Kanellis also indicated that surveys are not always useful.

Ms. Johnson asked if there was any way to establish a current benchmark in Iowa concerning current Title XIX patients and services being provided. If so, this could provide information for a future comparison as to whether the level and quantity of services changed at all after implementation of the additional expanded functions.

It was pointed out that access to care is not always a workforce problem. Some populations aren't motivated to seek dental examinations and/or treatment. The reasons are numerous from socio-economic problems to cultural reasons.

Ms. Johnson indicated that she will report back to the Board and try to schedule more meetings to discuss this matter further.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

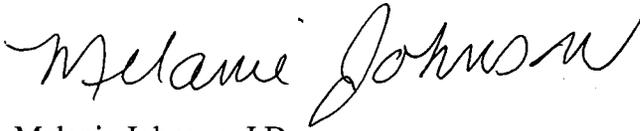
The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for January 31-February 1, 2012, in Des Moines, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT

❖ MOVED by SPILLERS, SECONDED by CURRY, to adjourn the meeting. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on January 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melanie Johnson".

Melanie Johnson, J.D.
Executive Director

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