



# STATE OF IOWA

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### **DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE - TELEPHONIC MEETING -**

#### **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**March 28, 2013  
Conference Room  
400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite D  
Des Moines, Iowa**

#### **Committee Members**

Mary C. Kelly, R.D.H.  
Nancy A. Slach, R.D.H.  
Steven P. Bradley, D.D.S.

#### **March 28, 2013**

Present  
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#### **Staff Members**

Melanie Johnson, Christel Braness, Brian Sedars, Phil McCollum, Janet Arjes, Dee Ann Argo

#### **Attorney General's Office**

Theresa Weeg, Assistant Attorney General

#### **Other Attendees**

Larry Carl, Iowa Dental Association  
Eileen Cacioppo, R.D.H.  
Briana Boswell, R.D.H.  
Jackie Zwack, R.D.H.  
Gayla Moore, R.D.H.  
Sheila Temple, R.D.H.  
Kim Howard, R.D.H.  
Rachel Patterson-Rahn, R.D.H.  
Denise Janssen, R.D.H.  
Katie McBurney, R.D.H.  
Sara Schlievert, R.D.H.  
Lori Brown, R.D.H.  
Tom Cope, Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association  
Nancy Adriense, R.D.H.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER FOR MARCH 28, 2013**

Ms. Kelly called the meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee to order at 12:03 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2013. A quorum was established with all members present.

Roll Call:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Kelly</u>	<u>Slach</u>	<u>Bradley</u>
Present	x	x	x
Absent			

## **II. 1<sup>st</sup> OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kelly allowed the opportunity for public comment.

Ms. Kelly reported that a comment was received in writing this morning regarding the proposed changes concerning public health supervision.

Tom Cope, IDHA, commented on the proposal to change the regulation of public health supervision agreements. Mr. Cope expressed his hope that any changes would be supported by real-life data. Mr. Cope requested that a review of the regulations be completed within the constraints of the information available.

Mr. Cope stated that he hoped that any concerns with public health supervision agreements would be discussed during the public portions of the meetings. Mr. Cope hoped that changes would be supported by data, and not by anecdotes.

Ms. Lori Brown, Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association (IDHA), supported and agreed with Mr. Cope's comments. Ms. Brown expressed hope that the Dental Hygiene Committee and the Board would look at workable solutions, which would not be cumbersome, while remaining within the privacy and confidentiality laws. Ms. Brown stated the Dental Hygiene Committee and the Board is meant to serve the public.

Ms. Temple expressed her agreement with Ms. Brown's and Mr. Cope's statements. Ms. Temple feels that the public health supervision program works as currently established. Ms. Temple expressed some concern about potential downfalls or problems, which may be result due to changes to the regulations.

Ms. Patterson-Rahn, I-SMILE coordinator, shared her agreement with the previous comments. Ms. Patterson-Rahn stated that she has seen the program work in her work within public health. Ms. Patterson-Rahn is concerned about some of the proposed changes to the public health supervision regulations, and expressed her hope that Iowa can remain a leader in the access to dental public health.

Ms. McBurney agreed with the comments made previously. The public health supervision program allows practitioners to fill in some of the gaps in the treatment provided to the public at large. In particular, the public health supervision program provides service to Title XIX that may otherwise have difficulty getting access to care.

Ms. Kelly stated that she was going to take some agenda items out of order to make it easier for the members of the public who were connected to the meeting by telephone. She announced that the closed portion of the Dental Hygiene Committee will be held after the open portion of the Board meeting to better facilitate participation with the public.

Ms. Kelly reviewed some of the portions of Iowa Administrative Code 650 which address the priorities and purposes of the Board and Dental Hygiene Committee. Ms. Kelly stated that the Board and Dental Hygiene Committee need to focus on the need to serve public safety.

### **III. FOR DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

#### **a. Review of Public Health Supervision**

Ms. Kelly reported that at the last teleconference meeting, a motion was approved, which recommended that the Board solicit input from interested parties concerning public health supervision for discussion at future meetings

❖ **MOVED** by SLACH, **SECONDED** by KELLY, to have Board staff solicit information from interested parties for public health supervision and future oversight of the program. Motion **APPROVED** unanimously.

#### **b. Registered Dental Hygienists with Prior Expanded Functions Training While Registered as a Dental Assistant**

Ms. Kelly reported that there is a proposal to amend the rules to allow dental hygienists to perform the same expanded functions as dental hygienists so long as the dental hygienists performing those services completed Board-approved training pursuant to IAC 650—20.15. Ms. Kelly read the proposed language:

Add paragraph “f” to rule 650--10.3:

f. Expanded functions duties performed by dental hygienist. A dentist may delegate an expanded function duty to a licensed dental hygienist if the dental hygienist has completed board-approved training pursuant to rule 650—20.15 in the specific expanded function that will be delegated. The supervising dentist and registered dental hygienist shall be responsible for maintaining in the office of practice documentation of board-approved training. A dentist may delegate to a dental hygienist with expanded functions training the expanded function duties listed in 650—20.3(3).

Ms. Kelly stated that what this is doing is taking the current language in the dental assistant part of the rules and putting it in the dental hygienist section of the rules as well.

Ms. Slach expressed her agreement with the proposed changes, and indicated that it is a good time to pursue this change.

❖ **MOVED** by SLACH, **SECONDED** by KELLY, to file a Notice of Intended Action for the proposed changes as requested. Motion **APPROVED** unanimously.

c. Proposed Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Re: Dental Hygiene for the IDB Website

Ms. Kelly reported that this information very recently came to the Dental Hygiene Committee for review. Ms. Kelly expressed a preference for more time to review the proposed FAQs.

Ms. Slach feels that the proposed FAQs are a good start; however, she has some concerns about the editing and proposed responses.

Ms. Kelly agreed and recommended that this discussion be tabled to the next meeting the Dental Hygiene Committee.

❖ MOVED by BRADLEY, SECONDED by SLACH, to table the discussion on the proposed FAQs regarding dental hygiene to the next meeting. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

**VIII. 2<sup>nd</sup> OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Kelly allowed a second opportunity for public comment.

Ms. Brown expressed her support for allowing more time to review for the FAQs.

Ms. Temple asked that the Board and Dental Hygiene Committee consider allowing public input in reference to the proposed FAQs. Ms. Kelly stated that public comments are always allowed.

- The Dental Hygiene Committee recessed at 12:22 p.m.
- Due to time constraints, the Dental Hygiene Committee finished the discussion of closed session agenda items during the closed meeting of the full Board.
- The Dental Hygiene Committee adjourned after the discussion of the Committee-related items concluded at 1:37 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Dental Hygiene Committee is scheduled for May 9, 2013, in Des Moines, Iowa.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Christel Braness, Program Planner 2, Iowa Dental Board.