

## Ad Hoc Committee on Expanded Functions

Minutes from Friday, January 4, 2013

Present: Dr. Michael Kanellis, Lori Elmitt, Mary Kelly, Eileen Cacioppo, Dr. George North, Jane Slach, Dr. Steven Bradley, Dr. Mary Mariani, Phil McCollum, Don Kegler, Dr. Peter Damiano

### **I. Approval of minutes from November 16, 2012 meeting**

One change was suggested by Dr. George North.

### **II. Comments from Dr. Pete Damiano about access to care in Iowa**

Dr. Damiano presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Dental Safety Net in Iowa (DSNI) project and the ACA (Affordable Care Act). The DSNI project is a collaborative project between the College of Dentistry, State agency representatives and a National advisory committee.

It is estimated that there will be 150,000 additional Medicaid-eligible adults in Iowa with the proposed Medicaid expansion in the ACA. The DSNI project will look into how this will effect access to medical and dental care.

A survey to all actively practicing Iowa Dentists will be going out at the end of January 2013. This survey will cover current Medicaid participation levels and attitudes toward expanded participation, the underserved population, and attitudes toward corporate dental practices. Dr. Damiano has offered to include questions pertaining to expanded function dental auxiliaries. Dr. Kanellis will work on the questions to be included and will email the committee members prior to placing the questions in the survey.

Dr. Kanellis asked what the IDA could do to increase the participation in the survey. Dr. Mariani suggested placing the survey online. Dr. Damiano stated that all mailed surveys will have a URL to complete the survey online.

### **III. Review of key points from November 16, 2012 meeting**

### **IV. Develop action plan for moving forward**

Dr. Kanellis would like to report at the next Iowa Board meeting what the committee has discussed and what has been agreed upon and not agreed upon. Dr. Kanellis distributed a grid of issues, concerns, or questions the committee has raised with possible recommendations, rationale and action plans.

A discussion was held regarding the merits of having a discrete list of additional procedures that would be available to EFDAs vs. allowing "all reversible procedures" or coming up with a list of procedures that would be "not allowed". There was consensus among committee members that a discrete list would be advantageous and would make training criteria and requirements easier to develop.

Lori Elmitt reminded the group that education of the public is also a priority.

The question of separate modules for each certification or if procedures can be bundled was brought up as well. Initially the committee will make educated guesses as to what should be bundled together and then demand will determine the bundling. Dr. Mariani suggested contacting the military and Indian Health services to see how they train.

Dr. Kanellis charged the Dental Assistant and Dental Hygiene representatives on the committee to look at the wording of what is currently allowed and make sure it is understandable and the definitions are clear and concise. Jane Slach would like some denture related procedures added to the list.

Dr. Mariani suggested limiting the number of EFDA's that a dentist can supervise. It was also suggested to somehow tie the licensure of an EFDA to a specific dentist for patient protection.

Dr. Kanellis will format three questions for Dr. Damiano's survey and send it out to the committee for modification and approval. Dr. North asked that the current expanded function procedures not be included in the survey.

Dr. North feels the committee is on track. He has a concern regarding following what the Iowa Board wants/charged the group with. If access is the primary goal, then the group is not on track.

Dr. Mariani stated that improved access to care is the primary goal of the committee and EFDA's will improve it but it will not solve it.

Lori Elmitt stated that EFDA's will provide career advancement in the dental assisting and dental hygiene fields.

Mary Kelly reminded the group that the IDHA has sought this function.

Eileen Cacioppo seconded Mary Kelly. She reminded the committee that providers may need to take the care to the patient in order to improve access to care (Public Health)

Jane Slach stated the committee is going in the right direction.

Next committee meeting: Friday February 8, 2013 and Friday March 1, 2013.