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### ANESTHESIA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

February 20, 2014  
Conference Room  
400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite D  
Des Moines, Iowa

#### Committee Members

Kaaren Vargas, D.D.S.  
Richard Burton, D.D.S.  
Steven Clark, D.D.S.  
John Frank, D.D.S.  
Douglas Horton, D.D.S.  
Gary Roth, D.D.S.  
Kurt Westlund, D.D.S.

#### February 20, 2014

Absent  
Absent  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Absent  
Present

#### Staff Member

Christel Braness

### I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – FEBRUARY 20, 2014

Ms. Braness called the meeting of the Anesthesia Credentials Committee to order at 12:17 p.m. on Thursday, February 20, 2014. This meeting was held by conference call to review committee minutes, applications for general anesthesia and moderate sedation permits, and other items for committee consideration. It was impossible for the committee to schedule a meeting on such short notice and impractical for the committee to meet with such a short agenda. A quorum was established with four members present.

#### Roll Call:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Vargas</u>	<u>Burton</u>	<u>Clark</u>	<u>Frank</u>	<u>Horton</u>	<u>Roth</u>	<u>Westlund</u>
Present			x	x	x		x
Absent	x	x				x	

### II. MODERATE SEDATION COURSE FOR REVIEW

- *Conscious Sedation Consulting*

Ms. Braness reported that this request for course review was brought forward from the last meeting when some of the committee members requested additional time to review the course information.

Dr. Frank reported that he spoke with Randy Pigg, B.S.N. about the course. Mr. Pigg is a nursing instructor. The course attempts to meet the ADA Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students. The sedation protocols were inclusive of starting sedation to finishing the procedure. There is no instruction for management of airways on live patients. Routinely, the training is provided using manikins.

Dr. Westlund stated that this is one of the ongoing issues with some of the proposed moderate sedation courses. He questions the use of live patients in teaching sedation, but not providing instruction in airway management on live patients. The key concern with sedating patients is the potential for complications, when managing the airway is the crucial component of managing the emergency.

Dr. Frank, being new to the committee, asked what the committee has, typically, required for airway management training in the past. Dr. Westlund remarked that the preference has always been for training in airway management to be completed on live patients. While simulated training provides some experience, it is not always a fully-accurate representation of some of the issues with managing an airway on a live patient. The ADA has always been vague in its requirements for airway management training; however, Iowa has, historically, required training on live patients. In the past, this view has been described as being obstructionist since obtaining this training can sometimes be difficult to obtain. Therefore, this has been an ongoing discussion for the committee. Dr. Horton agreed with Dr. Westlund's summary.

Dr. Westlund stated that having experience in managing an airway on a live patient can be critical in providing good care to a patient when complications arise.

Dr. Frank referenced a number of recent cases where complications arose from the use of sedation. Therefore, the concern related to maintaining a patient's airway is very relevant when determining training is adequate to prepare practitioners for these kinds of situations may arise.

Dr. Westlund inquired about courses, which have been approved in the past. If the committee has previously approved courses without live airway management training, there is not be a sufficient basis on which to deny approval for this course now. Ms. Braness replied by stating that the only course of which she was specifically aware of where airway management training was not included in the course, there was a stipulation that the this training needed to be obtained elsewhere.

Dr. Clark asked about the course through the University of Southern California. As he recalled, this course did not include airway management training on live patients. Dr. Clark and Dr. Westlund referenced the ADA guidelines for clarification. While the committee wants to ensure adequate training, the committee does not want to be obstructionist.

Dr. Frank read the ADA guidelines aloud for the committee. As was mentioned previously, the guidelines are not specific about the type of training that should be obtained in the area of airway management.

Dr. Frank asked if the committee should revisit this issue at a future meeting to discuss this further. Dr. Westlund indicated that this would require feedback from the state for clarification about where those lines can be drawn when requiring sufficient training without being deemed obstructionist. Ms. Braness reported that the Iowa Dental Board has a new assistant attorney general. Ms. Braness indicated that staff could ask Ms. Scott to weigh in on this matter at a future meeting.

- ❖ MOVED by WESTLUND, SECONDED by FRANK, to approve the course as submitted. Motion APPROVED unanimously.
- ❖ MOVED by WESTLUND, SECONDED by FRANK, to revisit this topic with the assistant attorney general to get additional input. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

### **III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Westlund asked Ms. Braness if the peer evaluations, which he had forwarded had been received by the Board office. Ms. Braness confirmed that they had been received.

### **IV. ADJOURN**

The Anesthesia Credentials Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:39 p.m.

### **NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Anesthesia Credentials Committee is scheduled for March 27, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Board offices and by teleconference.

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