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IOWA DENTAL BOARD
- TELEPHONIC MEETING -
MINUTES

November 2, 2010

Origination from IDB Conference Room
400 S.W. 8th St., Suite D
Des Moines, Iowa

Board Members

Gary D. Roth, D.D.S., Chairperson	Present
Perry T. Grimes, D.D.S., Vice Chairperson	Present
VaLinda J. Parsons, D.H., Secretary	Present
Lynn D. Curry, D.D.S.	Present
Michael J. Rovner, D.D.S.	Present
Marijo A. Beasler, D.H.	Present
Kimberlee Spillers, Public Member	Present
Steve Bradley, D.D.S.	Present
Diane Meier, Public Member	Present

Staff Members

Melanie Johnson, Chistel Braness, Phil McCollum, Dee Ann Argo, Jennifer Hart, Janet Arjes.

Attorney General's Office

Theresa O'Connell Weeg, Assistant Attorney General
Sara Scott, Assistant Attorney General

Others

Dr. Michael Kanellis, D.D.S., University of Iowa College of Dentistry
Larry Carl, Executive Director, Iowa Dental Association
Bill Strohman, President, Iowa Dental Association

CALL TO ORDER FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2010

Chairman Roth called the telephonic meeting of the Iowa Dental Board to order at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. A quorum was established with all nine members present.

Roll Call:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Beasler</u>	<u>Bradley</u>	<u>Curry</u>	<u>Grimes</u>	<u>Meier</u>	<u>Parsons</u>	<u>Roth</u>	<u>Rovner</u>	<u>Spillers</u>
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

Pursuant to the authority of, and in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.8(2009), the meeting was held by electronic means. This meeting was held by conference call to consider decertifying certain clinical examinations for licensure (i.e. WREB, ADEX), taking action on proposed rule amendments regarding licensure and taking action on recommendations from the Dental Hygiene Committee. It was impossible for the Board to schedule a meeting on such short notice and impractical for the Board to meet with such a short agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Roth allowed time for public comment.

Dr. Michael Kanellis, Associate Dean for Patient Care at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, spoke. He indicated that one of his functions is scheduling the clinical examination(s) at the College of Dentistry. Dr. Kannellis stated that the College of Dentistry wants to go on record as strongly objecting to the motion before the Board.

Dr. Kanellis indicated that it was the College of Dentistry's opinion that: (1) there does not seem to be a rational reason for decertifying WREB; (2) the state of Iowa is badly in need of dentists and by decertifying WREB, the Board limits the number of dentists who could practice in Iowa, potentially limiting access to dental care; (3) no one clinical examination is better than another, or better ensures protection to the public.

Dr. Kanellis stated that the College of Dentistry hopes to maintain a long-standing constructive working relationship with the Board. He said that he strongly encourages the Board members to vote against the motion and continue recognizing CRDTS and WREB for licensure in Iowa.

Dr. Bill Strohman, President of the Iowa Dental Association, asked to speak. Dr. Strohman indicated that dentists are often asked to make decisions not in their best interest. Dr. Strohman asked the Board do what is in the best interest of the public. Dr. Strohman indicated that he was fearful that decertifying WREB would be a disservice to the public. Dr. Strohman encouraged the Board members to not decertify WREB.

DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

- *Ratification of List of Iowa Dental Hygienists Submitted to CRDTS for Consideration as Examiners*

Ms. Parsons reported that the Dental Hygiene Committee met by teleconference just prior to the Board teleconference. Ms. Parsons reported that eight dental hygienists expressed interest in

serving as dental hygiene examiners for CRDTS. This list of names was submitted to CRDTS for their approval. The list of names was approved by the Dental Hygiene Committee for submission.

❖ MOVED by CURRY, SECONDED by GRIMES, to approve the recommendation of the Dental Hygiene Committee regarding the submission of the list of potential dental hygiene deputy examiners to CRDTS. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

▪ *Administrative Rules – Proposed Rule Amendments (Dental Hygiene Licensure)*

❖ MOVED by BEASLER, SECONDED by BRADLEY, to accept the Dental Hygiene Committee’s recommendation to file a Notice of Intended Action relating to clinical examinations acceptable for dental hygiene licensure by examination.

Member	Beasler	Bradley	Curry	Grimes	Meier	Parsons	Roth	Rovner	Spillers
Aye	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Nay									x
Abstain		x	x						

Motion APPROVED by ROLL CALL

RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION TO REMOVE WREB FROM LIST OF EXAMS APPROVED FOR LICENSURE

Dr. Roth stated that he would like the Board members to each express their comments on the proposed rule changes regarding application for license by examination.

Dr. Roth provided the Board with a statement about his views on the subject of decertifying WREB. He stated that it was his opinion that this is not an issue of which examination is better. The Board has a statutory responsibility for overseeing and regulating dentistry in the state. Dr. Roth reminded the Board that until a few years ago, the Iowa Dental Board was called the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners. However, the state has not examined at its own dental college for the last few years as a result of the College of Dentistry not inviting the Board to examine there.

Dr. Roth said that Dean Johnsen, at the October Board meeting, gave the impression that he understood the wishes of the Board in regards to the test that would be offered at Iowa next year.

Dr. Roth indicated that he believes that the Board needs to be involved in the decision-making process relating to the clinical examinations being offered at the College of Dentistry. Dr. Roth indicated that these rule amendments were just the first step in the process.

Dr. Roth called on each Board member to express his or her opinion.

Dr. Grimes indicated that the crux of the issue is that the College of Dentistry educates and the Board licenses and regulates. As a result, the Board should be the entity that chooses the examination for licensure.

Dr. Rovner commended the College of Dentistry and the quality of the faculty. Dr. Rovner said that he regrets that this decision is being made over the phone as opposed to in person. Dr. Rovner had no further comments.

Dr. Curry indicated that he agreed with much of what Dr. Roth stated; however, Dr. Curry believes that decertifying WREB makes no sense as there has been no significant evidence provided indicating why WREB should not be allowed for licensure. The WREB examination does not pose a threat to the public. Dr. Curry feels that this action is inappropriate for the issue at hand. Dr. Curry said he was opposed to the decertification.

Ms. Parsons indicated that she is, personally, in favor of decertifying WREB as the Iowa Dental Board should have the authority to choose the clinical examinations offered at Iowa schools.

Ms. Parsons indicated that the Dental Hygiene Committee is recommending decertification of the WREB examination.

Dr. Bradley indicated that he is uncertain as how to proceed being such a new member of the board. Dr. Bradley indicated that he is not in favor of decertifying WREB.

Ms. Beasler had no further comments.

Ms. Meier agreed with Dr. Roth's comments.

Ms. Spillers indicated that she does not have the same history as some of the other Board members. However, Ms. Spillers indicated that she agrees with Dr. Curry and feels that a balanced approach would be to offer both examinations.

Dr. Curry questioned the emergency meeting of the Board on such short notice and with such limited information. Dr. Curry asked about the adequate notice for such meetings.

Dr. Roth indicated that the Board met the notice requirements for the meeting. He explained that any action today would simply start the rules process; these rule changes would not be in effect immediately. Dr. Roth feels a bit of urgency on the matter since the WREB examination is scheduled for March at the College of Dentistry. The rules would go into effect in March, or in January, if the rules are filed on an emergency basis.

Dr. Curry inquired about the impact of this change on out of state graduates who take WREB.

Dr. Roth indicated that he intends to fix that. Dr. Roth feels like it would be reasonable to later open acceptance to other regional examinations if the legislature gives the Board the authority to dictate the clinical examinations offered at Iowa schools.

Dr. Kanellis asked if there was there was more opportunity for public comment. Dr. Roth indicated that this would just start the rulemaking process and that there would be plenty of opportunity for public comment.

Ms. Spillers asked if there would be a impact, fiscal or otherwise, for students who may have already registered for the WREB examination in March. Dr. Roth indicated that there would be no impact as the students have not yet registered. Dr. Kanellis interrupted, stating that he understood that he could not comment, but that the Board members were receiving some misinformation. Dr. Roth thought that the students had only received the manuals; but that the dental students would still be able to take CRDTS.

Ms. Spillers and Dr. Curry were of the impression that the College of Dentistry agreed to alternate the examinations. Other Board members disagreed with this impression of what was voted on at the October 14, 2010 meeting.

Dr. Curry asked that Dr. Kanellis be allowed to provide some greater clarification as to the impact of the dental students.

Dr. Kanellis indicated that the College of Dentistry feels that it would be reasonable for the Iowa Dental Board to become a member of WREB, allowing their input into the examination. The College of Dentistry is willing to host both examinations, he said. Dr. Kanellis is not certain whether students have yet registered for the examination; the College of Dentistry only had to guarantee a certain number of testing candidates.

Dr. Roth indicated that the Board needs to exercise its statutory duties in order to protect the public. Dr. Roth feels that if those duties are abdicated to another organization, the Board cannot know that the public is being protected.

❖ MOVED by GRIMES, SECONDED by PARSONS, to decertify WREB.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Beasler</u>	<u>Bradley</u>	<u>Curry</u>	<u>Grimes</u>	<u>Meier</u>	<u>Parsons</u>	<u>Roth</u>	<u>Rovner</u>	<u>Spillers</u>
Aye	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Nay		x	x						x

Motion APPROVED by ROLL CALL

Administrative Rules

▪ *Proposed Rule Amendments (Dental Licensure)*

A question was raised regarding why there was a need for another vote on the rules. Ms. Johnson clarified that on the agenda there were three action items regarding decertification: *First*, considering whether or not to decertify. If the Board had voted “no” to that question, no further action would have been needed. Because the Board voted to decertify, it needed to take action to amend the administrative rules to accomplish that change. *Second*, considering whether to amend the rules regarding dental hygiene licensure and what clinical examinations would be accepted. The Dental Hygiene Committee makes decisions about the dental hygiene licensure rules and it recommended that the rules be amended; the Board voted to accept the Dental Hygiene Committee’s recommendation regarding dental hygiene rule amendments. *Finally*, the rules regarding dental licensure would need to be amended. The Board needs to take action on the proposed amendments to the dental licensure rules.

❖ MOVED by GRIMES, SECONDED by MEIER, to approve the filing of proposed rule amendments relating to dental licensure by examination.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Beasler</u>	<u>Bradley</u>	<u>Curry</u>	<u>Grimes</u>	<u>Meier</u>	<u>Parsons</u>	<u>Roth</u>	<u>Rovner</u>	<u>Spillers</u>
Aye	x			x	x	x	x	x	
Nay			x						x
Abstain		x							

Motion APPROVED by ROLL CALL

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Roth adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melanie Johnson, J.D.
Executive Director

MJ/cb