



STATE OF IOWA

IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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TELEPHONIC MEETING

IOWA DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

December 16 2011
4:00 PM

Location: The public can participate in the public session of the teleconference by speakerphone at the Board's office, 400 SW 8th St., Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa.

Committee Members: *Gary Roth, D.D.S.; Marijo Beasler, R.D.H.; Mary Kelly, R.D.H.*

I. OPEN SESSION

Call to Order, Roll Call

I. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

1. Dental Hygiene Committee recommendation re: proposed amendments affecting dental hygiene
 - Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 1, "Administration," Chapter 10, "General Requirements," Chapter 11, "Licensure to Practice Dentistry or Dental Hygiene," Chapter 12, "Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations," Chapter 14, "Renewal," Chapter 15, "Fees," Chapter 20, "Dental Assistants," Chapter 22, "Dental Assistant Radiography Qualification," Chapter 25, "Continuing Education," and Chapter 29, "Sedation and Nitrous Oxide Inhalation Analgesia."

II. ADJOURN

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in or attend the meeting because of a disability, please call the office of the Board at 515/281-5157.

*This portion of the meeting may be conducted in closed session to discuss confidential matters that may concern examination information, peace officers' investigative reports, attorney records related to litigation, patient records and reports on the condition, diagnosis, care or treatment of a patient, or investigation reports and other investigative information which is privileged and confidential under the provisions of Sections 22.7(2), 22.7(4), 22.7(5), 22.7(9), 22.7(19), and 272C.6(4) of the 2011 Code of Iowa.

These matters constitute a sufficient basis for the committee to consider a closed session under the provisions of section 21.5(1), (a), (c), (d), (f), (g), and (h) of the 2011 Code of Iowa. These sections provide that a governmental body may hold a closed session only by affirmative public vote of either two-thirds of the members of the body or all of the members present at the meeting to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A.

REPORT TO THE DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE

ACTION

DATE OF MEETING: December 16, 2011 Telephonic Meeting
RE: **Rules – Notice of Intended Action**
SUBMITTED BY: Melanie Johnson, Executive Director
ACTION REQUESTED: Committee Recommendation re: Notice of Intended Action

The Dental Hygiene Committee's recommendation is requested concerning the attached proposed rule amendments which impact dental hygiene.

At the October 27, 2011 Board meeting the Board directed staff to proceed with drafting rule amendments in these areas:

- *Online database system.* Amend the rules to reflect changes related to the new database system scheduled to “go live” in the next five-six months. The new system will offer online filing of all applications (e.g., initial licensure, registration, renewals, reinstatements, reactivation, continuing education courses) and complaints; license verification; and other electronic services that will increase access to Board services. Streamline the application process to reflect a more paperless system.
- *Fees.* Amend the rules to increase fees to cover projected costs for FY 2013 and the costs charged by external groups for use of the online system (e.g., bank fees for using a credit card to pay application fees); and provide for a prorated initial licensure fee for new licensees so they only pay for the time remaining in the 24 month licensure period. Thereafter, a licensee pays the biennial renewal fee.
- *Dental hygienists practicing dental assisting.* Amend the rules to implement the Dental Hygiene Committee's recommendation, accepted by the Board, to authorize registered dental hygienists to practice dental assisting, provided they receive the same expanded functions training required of a registered dental assistant.
- *Implement 2011 Iowa Acts, SF 438, regarding licensure by credentials.* This recent statutory change directed the Board to establish by rule the regional clinical examinations that will be accepted for licensure by credentials. The amendments identify the following regional examinations as approved by the board for purposes of applications for licensure by credentials Central Regional Dental Testing Service, Inc.(CRDTS), the Western Regional Examining Board, Inc.(WREB), Southern Regional Testing Agency (SRTA), North East Regional Examining Board (NERB), or Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA).

****Please refer to the Board Open meeting materials for the draft Notice of Intended Action**

Excerpt from Dental Hygiene Committee minutes (October 14, 2010 meeting)

POLICY DISCUSSION: RDH AND EXPANDED FUNCTIONS

Dental assistant registration became effective in July 2001. 650 IAC 20.2(153) states that the term “dental assistant” does not include persons otherwise actively licensed in Iowa to practice dental hygiene or nursing who are engaged in the practice of said profession. Rules related to expanded functions for dental assistants became effective in 2004.

Board rules have been interpreted to mean that licensed dental hygienists can work as dental assistants under the scope of their dental hygiene license – when registration became effective, there were no “regular” duties that dental assistants perform that a license to practice dental hygiene does not also authorize. Therefore after registration was effective, board staff administratively lapsed the dental assistant registration of any person who subsequently became licensed as a dental hygienist. Exact numbers of assistants/hygienist affected by this change are impossible to determine with the existing database; staff estimate approximately 50 hygienist per year since 2002.

After expanded function rules became effective in 2004, the board office received a few inquiries as to whether dental hygienists were also eligible to take expanded function training. These persons were advised that board rules do not authorize hygienists to take expanded function training.

In the past few months, the board has received two inquiries asking again whether a hygienist can perform expanded function duties. In both of these cases the hygienist in question had previously been registered as a dental assistant, although the hygienist had not trained in expanded function duties at that time. The committee agreed that dental hygienists would be qualified to take expanded function training. The committee felt the duties would fall within the scope of the dental hygiene license if the hygienist completed training equivalent to that required of dental assistants. These

- ❖ MOVED by Roth, SECONDED by Beasler, to draft administrative rules to authorize dental hygienists to perform expanded functions under the direct supervision of a dentist. The rules should be modeled after the rules for dental assistant expanded function duties. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

October 14, 2010 minutes approved at the January 25, 2011 DHC meeting:

APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES

- *October 14, 2010 Open Session Minutes*
 - ❖ MOVED by ROTH, SECONDED by BEASLER, to approve the October 14, 2010 minutes of the Dental Hygiene Committee as submitted. Motion APPROVED unanimously.