



# STATE OF IOWA

## IOWA DENTAL BOARD

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR  
KIM REYNOLDS, LT. GOVERNOR

JILL STUECKER  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### ANESTHESIA CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

**January 15, 2015**  
**Conference Room**  
**400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite D**  
**Des Moines, Iowa**

#### **Committee Members**

**January 15, 2015**

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

#### **Staff Member**

Jill Stuecker, Christel Braness

#### **Other Attendees**

Judd Larson, D.D.S.

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – JANUARY 15, 2015**

Ms. Braness called the meeting of the Anesthesia Credentials Committee to order at 12:05 p.m. on Thursday, January 15, 2015. This meeting was held by conference call to review meeting minutes, applications for moderate sedation permits, and other committee business. It was impractical for the committee to meet in person with such a short agenda. A quorum was established with four members present.

#### Roll Call:

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

➤ Dr. Larson joined the call 12:07 p.m.

### **II. COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

- *October 2, 2014 – Teleconference Meeting*

❖ MOVED by ROTH, SECONDED by FRANK, to APPROVE the minutes as submitted.

Dr. Horton asked to comment. Dr. Horton stated that he was aware that Dr. Burton who had asked about the person who requested the survey of permit holders. Dr. Horton stated that the request came from an oral surgeon in Iowa. Dr. Horton stated that anyone with questions could be in contact with him.

❖ Vote taken. Motion approved unanimously.

### **III. APPLICATION FOR MODERATE SEDATION PERMIT**

- *Ashley Sunstrum, D.D.S.*

Ms. Braness provided an overview of this application. It appears that Dr. Sunstrum did not complete a residency program at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Rather, it appears that the University of Iowa College of Dentistry put together a continuing education program for her. To date, a formal request for review by the University of Iowa College of Dentistry for review of a continuing education program in moderate sedation program has not been received.

➤ Dr. Westlund joined the call 12:08 p.m.

Dr. Westlund asked where Dr. Sunstrum would be practicing. Ms. Braness indicated that Dr. Sunstrum is at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

Dr. Vargas stated that she would like to see the curriculum, and information about how the course was constructed.

Ms. Braness stated that she would request additional information. Ms. Braness stated that the committee may need to schedule a brief meeting in the near future to address this application to avoid further delays.

Dr. Westlund asked where she was working in the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Ms. Braness was not certain where Dr. Sunstrum is practicing specifically. Ms. Braness believed that Dr. Sunstrum was a general practitioner. Dr. Westlund was in favor of requesting additional information. Dr. Westlund was reluctant to set a precedent of approving a course without sufficient information.

➤ Dr. Clark joined the call at 12:11 p.m.

Dr. Frank agreed with the request for additional information. Dr. Frank wanted to be sure that all applicants are treated the same.

Ms. Braness asked Dr. Clark if he had some information about Dr. Sunstrum's role at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Dr. Clark stated that she is interning in oral surgery. Dr.

Clark reported that she applied for the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency; however, she is currently completing an internship in advance of that residency. The internship includes teaching responsibilities. Dr. Sunstrum will likely enter the oral and maxillofacial surgery upon completion of the internship.

❖ MOVED by Horton to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Dr. Vargas stated that she would prefer to have more detailed information since an intern status is not sufficient. Dr. Vargas stated that if there is not a precedent, Dr. Vargas would like to see additional information. Ms. Braness was not aware of a precedent.

Dr. Westlund asked if a permit was necessary. Ms. Braness stated that Dr. Sunstrum is also teaching; therefore, she is not strictly in student status. For that reason, it would appear that a permit is necessary. Dr. Clark stated that he was not certain of the specifics of Dr. Sunstrum's internship, and was not able to comment further.

❖ Dr. HORTON withdrew his motion.

❖ MOVED by ROTH, SECONDED by WESTLUND to request additional information. Motion approved unanimously.

▪ *Mitch Driscoll, D.D.S.*

Ms. Braness provided an overview of this application. Dr. Driscoll completed a continuing education program through Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Frank asked about the course content. Ms. Braness stated that the only information available was that which was submitted as part of the application.

Dr. Frank asked about the historical basis for approving courses. Dr. Frank believed that other courses required additional information prior to approving.

Ms. Braness stated that in most cases, these applications have been submitted on the basis of training completed in an accredited residency program, which would have established standards; whereas, continuing education programs may not be required to adhere to the same standards.

Dr. Roth recommended asking for additional information regarding the curriculum. Dr. Roth recommended documenting compliance with the rule.

❖ MOVED by ROTH, SECONDED by WESTLUND, to APPROVE the application for moderate sedation permit. Motion approved unanimously.

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

▪ *2015 Committee Meeting Dates*

Ms. Braness stated that the 2015 meeting dates were established. Additional dates may be added as necessary.

- *Request for Consideration of Prior Training and Experience*
  - *Judd Larson, D.D.S.*

Ms. Braness provided an overview of the request. Dr. Larson requested that his previous training and experience be considered when determining whether he would be eligible for a moderate sedation permit in Iowa.

Dr. Horton stated that the DOCS program does not meet the requirements to get a permit in Iowa. Dr. Horton and Dr. Clark attended a DOCS course in the past and did not feel that the training was adequate.

Dr. Roth believed that the training was inadequate, and encouraged Dr. Larson to attend an approved course. Other states may have differing requirements; however, Iowa requires training to meet the ADA guidelines. Dr. Roth did not consider video as adequate training.

- ❖ MOVED by ROTH, SECONDED by HORTON, to deny the request and remain consistent with the determination that DOCS training is insufficient. Motion approved unanimously.

## **V. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Larson asked to speak. Dr. Larson was the past president Oregon Dental Association. Dr. Larson reported having completed approximately 400 cases with positive outcomes. Dr. Larson asked why past experience is not sufficient.

Dr. Roth asked what a negative outcome would be. Dr. Larson stated that hospital visits and things of that nature would be a negative outcome. Dr. Larson stated that he has not had to use a reversal drug.

Dr. Frank asked if the approved moderate sedation courses are worthwhile to attend. Dr. Larson did not intend to suggest that they were not worthwhile; however, he felt that it was impacting his ability to practice dentistry. When the requirements in Oregon changed, he was grandfathered in. Dr. Larson believed that there was an effect on his livelihood and ability to practice.

## **VI. ADJOURN**

- ❖ MOVED by ROTH, SECONDED by WESTLUND, to adjourn. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

The Anesthesia Credentials Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:28 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE**

The next meeting of the Anesthesia Credentials Committee is scheduled for April 16, 2015. 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.