



# STATE OF IOWA

## IOWA DENTAL BOARD

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### IOWA DENTAL BOARD

#### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

May 1, 2020

Teleconference

400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite D

Des Moines, Iowa

#### Board Members

William McBride, D.D.S., Chair	Present
Monica Foley, D.D.S., Vice-Chair	Present
Gregory Ceraso, D.D.S.	Present
Lisa Holst, D.D.S.	Present
Jonathan DeJong, D.D.S.	Present
Nancy Slach, R.D.H.	Present
Jill Travis, R.D.H.	Present
Lori Elmitt, Public Member	Present
Bruce Thorsen, Public Member	Present

#### Staff Members

Jill Stuecker, Christel Braness, Dee Ann Argo, David Schultz

### I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. McBride called the meeting of the Iowa Dental Board to order at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020. The meeting was held by electronic means in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.8 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct time-sensitive Board business.

Roll Call:

Member	McBride	Foley	Ceraso	Holst	DeJong	Slach	Travis	Elmitt	Thorsen
Present	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Absent									

A quorum was established with all members present.

Dr. McBride welcomed Ms. Travis and Dr. DeJong to the Board.

### II. OTHER BUSINESS

- *Discussion and Recommendation on Re-Opening of Dental Offices*

Dr. McBride reported that there has been a lot of discussion about the reopening of dental offices to non-essential treatment. The Board has drafted a document proposing standards for the return to practice. The draft has been posted on the website under meeting materials.

Dr. McBride wanted to open this up to the Board for discussion. The document draws heavily from the CDC and ADA interim guidance documents.

If approved, the Board would ask the Governor's office to grant the Board authority to mandate compliance with this guidance as offices return to practice. Rulemaking was not currently allowed; therefore, this would be a way to require compliance with key provisions to ensure the safety of practitioners and patients. The guidelines were developed in consultation with members of the Iowa Dental Association (IDA), Iowa Dental Hygienists' Association (IDHA) and members of the IDA's Task Force on Reopening Dental Offices. The IDA and the IDHA submitted a joint letter supporting the guidelines.

Dr. McBride stated that public comment will be allowed after the Board has a chance to discuss this.

Dr. Holst expressed some concern about requirements for N95 fit testing. There may be some questions as enforcement of the fit testing has been temporarily lifted. Dr. Holst believed that a user seal check can replace the annual fit test. Dr. McBride acknowledged that this was an area of concern since hospitals are sometimes struggling to meet those requirements as well.

Ms. Slach indicated that the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA) issued new guidance the evening before the meeting. Ms. Slach believed that the ADHA used clearer language about the use of high volume evacuators with aerosol-generating dental hygiene procedures. Also, the Board may need to clarify whether goggles would be accepted PPE in place of protective glasses with side shields.

Ms. Slach also indicated that the ADHA recommended designated areas for the donning and doffing of PPE with clearly marked areas for clean and soiled items. Mr. Thorsen agreed with Ms. Slach's comments. Dr. McBride thought that this could be updated for clarity.

Ms. Slach asked whether shoe and head coverings would be required. Dr. McBride stated that use of the shoe and head coverings would be best practice; though, it would not be specifically required.

Dr. Holst asked Dr. McBride to address item 6 on page 5. Mr. Thorsen read the requirement, which would prohibit dental treatment if a level 3 surgical masks and full face shields are unavailable. Dr. McBride stated that this was based on CDC guidance. This was intended primarily for elective care. Dr. Holst asked to confirm whether this would apply to non-aerosol generating procedures. Dr. McBride believed that the CDC was in consensus about this and that would be their recommendation. Dr. McBride clarified that level 3 masks and face shields may

not be required for examinations or other lower level procedures; however, they would be required when treatment is provided to patients. Dr. Holst was in favor of adding that clarification.

Mr. Thorsen asked about availability of level 3 masks in comparison to N95 masks. Dr. McBride stated that it may vary. Dr. Holst stated that she has been unable to order any masks. Dr. DeJong stated that oral surgeons are being rationed. Given the level of emergency care they have been provided, they were asking for the full rations. Oral surgeons were also reusing N95 masks in accordance with CDC recommendations.

Dr. McBride stated that the Board understood that some offices may choose to delay the return to practice for a number of reasons whether because of limited quantities of PPE or concerns related to higher infection counts. It was not expected that everyone will return to normal quickly.

Dr. DeJong had a question about the permanent or temporary nature of this document given the unavailability of rulemaking at this time. Dr. McBride stated that this would only be implemented if authorized by the Governor's Office. After the expiration of a proclamation, the Board would need to pursue rulemaking to put permanent requirements in place, if needed. The CDC would likely issue more permanent guidance at some point.

Ms. Slach expressed concerns about the provisions regarding the reduction of aerosol-generating procedures. Use of ultrasonic equipment requires use of a respirator; however, an earlier provision also requires the use of high volume evacuation when aerosol is generated. The Board may want to clarify this. Dr. McBride addressed this a bit further. Dr. McBride was aware of the two recommendations; however, the IDHA recommended this requirement when ultrasonic equipment is used.

Dr. McBride indicated that this was not scheduled as a vote; however, Dr. McBride wanted the Board members to indicate whether they were supportive of the changes. Dr. McBride polled each of the Board members, who indicated that they were supportive of the draft; though, a few clarified that they were supportive of the draft with the changes as discussed.

Mr. Thorsen encouraged empathy on the part of the Board and licensees as there may be some tensions between staff as they return to practice based on comments received by the Board office to date. Dr. McBride agreed.

Dr. McBride indicated that the second part of the discussion was to recommend a date for the return to practice. The IDA and IDHA indicated being in favor of an immediate return to practice; though, this was, ultimately, the Governor's decision. Dr. McBride asked the Board if they would be supportive of this if approved. The Board members appeared to be in agreement.

Ms. Elmitt respected the dentists and believed that they will work with their teams to make good decisions, particularly with these guidelines.

Ms. Slach stated that location of offices may dictate how quickly they return to practice. The University of Iowa College of Dentistry has indicated that they will return to practice in a phased approach.

Dr. McBride noted that, if Governor Reynolds issues a proclamation allowing the return to practice in compliance with these guidelines, the Board would enforce these requirements.

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

Dr. McBride provided an overview of how comments would be handled. Dr. McBride also answered a few of the questions received in the chat. There was a brief discussion regarding the best practice and use of PPE given the limited supply.

Mr. Cope, IDHA, appreciated the strong partnership between the IDA, the Board and other stakeholders. Mr. Cope proposed some small edits to the draft guidelines for consideration. Mr. Cope appreciated everyone's work on this.

Dr. Stuntz expressed thanks to the IDB, IDHA and other interested parties for their assistance. Dr. Stuntz acknowledged the work and thought that went into this. It was clear that the goal was to treat patients safely.

Dr. McBride noted that the chat window continued to receive a lot of questions. Staff would save the questions and better address those a later date.

Ms. Slach referenced the ADA tool kit for some additional guidance and suggestions. Dr. McBride agreed. There were a lot of new products that may help during the response.

Dr. Jeff Schwarzkopf asked for clarification as to when the Governor would receive the request and when she may make a decision. Dr. McBride and Ms. Steffensmeier stated that the letters of recommendation and support will be forwarded following the meeting. As to the timeline regarding a decision, that will depend upon the Governor's Office.

### **ADJOURN**

- ❖ MOVED by THORSEN, SECONDED by ELMITT, to ADJOURN. Motion APPROVED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2020.

### **NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD**

The next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 5, 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa.

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