

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY
Friday, September 24, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
ZOOM

ATTENDANCE: Patricia Haberman, Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Ronald Kosinski, Tera Jenkins, Lorraine Carhart, Suzanne Cassata, Paul Chu, James Coney, Gabriele Hamm, Kerry McEntee, Karen Palleschi, Salim Rayman, Richard Reisman, Ernest Robertson, Evelyn Salgado, Bruce Seidberg, Stanley Smith

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Patti Lucas, Mike Puspurs, Dylan Toften, Mark Schlosstein

ABSENT: Wayne Kye, Joseph Speicher

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Ralph Epstein, Geri Feeder, Julie Ruggiero, Jean Furuyama, Audra Haynes

GUESTS: Beth Krueger, NYDHA; Jean Hall, President, NYDHA, Robert Pizzutiello, FACR, FAAPM, FACMP, Dr. Mark Feldman, NYSDA, Mercer May, Laura Tubbs, RDH, Hudson Valley Community College

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Cottrell started by welcoming all to the meeting. Dr. Cottrell informed members that the Governor has extended the Open Meetings Law to continue to include virtual meetings until January 15th.

Dr. Cottrell welcomed new Board member Dr. Stanley Smith who is an oral surgeon.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Haberman asked all in attendance to introduce themselves. Dr. Haberman requested a motion to move agenda items. (Seidberg/Robertson).

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kosinski stated that NYU now has a full-time dental anesthesiologist.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Cottrell began her report stating if Board members are being asked about the status of initial licenses, those asking should be referred to the contact us form on the OP website. Dr. Cottrell stated that the Office of Professions is working towards automating everything and that over 53 million records have been migrated so far. Dr. Cottrell informed the Board that all CE through January 1, 2022 can be all taken as self-study. Dr. Cottrell stated that OP will still except the Manikin exam for licensure through the end of the year for dental hygiene. Dr. Cottrell stated that the CDC website has updated guidance for COVID-19 for dental settings, as well as infection control guidance for how to manage patients with COVID-19.

Dr. Cottrell ended her report by acknowledging Dr. Richard Reisman for his ten years on the Board and thanked him for his dedicated service. She looks forward to working with him on the extended board. A recognition plaque was sent to Dr. Reisman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May 14, 2021

A motion was made for approval of the May 14, 2021 draft board meeting minutes as amended (Seidberg/Hamm). Minutes approved unanimously.

Lead shielding in dental X-rays - Robert Pizzutiello, FACR, FAAPM, FACMP- Dr. Pizzutiello presented PowerPoint about new recommendations for not using the lead shielding for patients and the 2019 implications for dental practice. A lengthy discussion took place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage: Dr. Kye, Chair; was not present, so no report was given. The Board members discussed changing the password for the board members only page.

Legislative: Mr. Rayman stated that there is a portability bill to facilitate licensure of dentists and dental hygienists moving from state to state to practice.

Scope of Practice –Dr. Reisman stated that California just passed a bill where dentists can administer COVID 19 vaccinations in their office. Dr. Cottrell informed board members that

DOH and OP have been in preliminary discussions regarding updating the scope of practice for dentistry.

Corporate Practice - Dr. Robertson, Chair; has no report.

Anesthesia – Dr. Kosinski, Chair; has no report.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Cassata, Chair; has no report.

Licensure – Dr. Seidberg, Chair; stated that he understands the delay in licensure and that there should be an alternate avenue for licensure.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Hamm, Chair; stated that in July they reviewed two drafts from DANB for educators to look at NYS licensure qualifying programs online in the DANB portal. Ms. Hamm informed members that each school can look up records of past exams to see how their school fared.

Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Salgado, Chair; stated that the University of Minnesota received a grant for an app where patients can enter into a virtual waiting room, choose their own schedule and communicate with a dentist virtually.

Dr. Seidberg said they are waiting to hear back from Legal about the Tele-Dentistry guidelines.

Dr. Cottrell stated that she had a request from the DOH about which diagnostic codes would be

within scope and appropriate for Tele dentistry. Dr. Cottrell stated that she will ask the Tele-Dentistry committee to assist with providing feedback.

Special Needs – Dr. Kosinki stated that the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation is funding a special needs fellow for the NYS dental schools. Dr. Kosinski stated they have two fellows, one is at Touro and the other is at NYU. These fellows will receive ongoing training in caring for adolescent and adult special needs patients.

Dr. Chu agreed to become the new Chair of the Special Needs committee.

CDCA – Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that the CDCA has joined with WREB and they are now known as CDCA/WREB. Mr. Rayman informed board members that the Manikin exam scores were lower than the Manikin exam scores in 2020; points were taken off for hard and soft tissue trauma. The CDCA is working on improving the color and the size of the CompeDont that is used in the manikin exam.

ADEX – Dr. Seidberg, Chair; stated that he is encouraging the new board members to get involved with CDCA.

Dr. Cottrell asked the Board what disadvantages, if any, they observed with the manikin exams.

The Board had a lengthy discussion. The Board stated that the exams are graded offsite at headquarters and the schools have to make an investment in buying manikins to practice on.

Wellness – Dr. Cassata, Chair informed board members of the fund balance and informed members on what all funding was used for.

Old Business:

AADB Update – Dr. Seidberg stated the Annual meeting is October 30-31, 2021. Dr. Seidberg advised board members to get involved, to see what is going on in other states. Dr. Cottrell stated she will forward the weekly information and the newsletter to the board members.

Changes in Committees- On the Committee 2022-word document.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board recognized Board Office staff member Patti Lucas who is retiring after 35 years. She was thanked for her dedication and exemplary hard work for the Dentistry Board.

National Board Exam Update- Dr. Cottrell informed members that the JCNDE exam, beginning on October 8, 2021, will be transitioning back to a standard-length exam; however, they will be investigating the possibility of a permanent shortened exam. The Board had a lengthy discussion about whether the shortened exam had more failures.

New York State's Health and Essential Rights Act (HERO Act)- The Board had a lengthy discussion about the benefits of the HERO ACT.

Discussion of Radiation Safety- The Board had a lengthy discussion about how to get the word out about radiation safety. The Board members agreed to have the Practical Review of Dental

Regulations Committee address radiation safety. Dr. Cottrell stated she will inquire to find out what DOH's plans are for lead aprons.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 on ZOOM.

ADJOURN: Motion for adjournment 1:13 p.m. (Salgado/Seidberg)

Motion to go into Executive Session 1:15 p.m. (Salgado/Seidberg)

Discipline Cases were discussed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 2:04 p. m. (Seidberg/Hamm)