

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY

Friday June 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Saratoga Hilton

Ballroom

534 Broadway

Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

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

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Michael Puspurs

ABSENT: Charles Grannum

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Richard Reisman

GUESTS: Michael Hermann, NYSDA; Beth Krueger, NYDHA; Robin Grasso, RDH; Mary Beth Sojka NYDHA, Susan Camizzi, NYDHA, Nick Vittoria, Suffolk

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Dr. Haberman called the meeting to order at 9: 05 a.m. Introductions were made via roll call.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Haberman began by requesting a motion to move agenda items (Seidberg/Cassata).

Dr. Haberman informed members that she attended the virtual meeting of NYSDA's Dental Legislative Advocacy. Dr. Haberman stated that Dr. Bassett mentioned her commitment to continue the dialogue for discussions about the disparities in dental care, rebuilding the workforce, Medicaid, student loan debt and dentists not being able to administer vaccines.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kosinski has no formal report to give.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Cottrell began her report acknowledging Dr. Kye's exemplary service as Immediate Past Chair. Dr. Cottrell then recognized Dr. Haberman for the incredible work she did during COVID and is continuing to do as Chair. Dr. Cottrell then introduced the Board Office's new staff member Timothy Winner.

Dr. Cottrell stated that she gave a virtual presentation on “workforce” at the NY State Oral Health Coalition meeting. Dr. Cottrell informed members that in March she attended the NYSDA CDEL meeting. She thanked Mr. Herrmann for their collaborative work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM January 12, 2022

A motion was made for approval of the January 12, 2022 draft board meeting minutes as amended (Seidberg/Carhart). Minutes approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage: Dr. Kye, Chair; stated that there is a new SharePoint link for the Dental Board members only webpage.

Legislative: Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that the Local Anesthesia Bill was passed for dental hygiene. Dr. Cottrell will be presenting the regulation amendments on Tuesday to the Board of Regents for emergency action. Mr. Rayman stated that NYSDA put a Residency bill forward that takes “clinically based” out in the NYS regulations. It has passed both houses and it has been sent to Governor Hochul. The Board discussed how this bill would allow the three specialties of Orofacial Pain, Oral Medicine and Dental Public Health residency programs to qualify applicants for licensure.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Carhart, Chair; stated that she has no report to give. Dr. Cottrell said the State Board for Dentistry is working with NYS DOH and NYSDA to update the scope of practice for dentistry

Corporate Practice - Dr. Robertson, Chair; stated that he has no report to give. Dr. Haberman informed members that the ADA has released a comprehensive report about a shift to group practices from private practices.

Anesthesia – Dr. Kosinski stated that he has no report to give.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Cassata, Chair; stated that she will discuss Bleaching under new business.

Licensure – Dr. Seidberg, Chair; stated there should still be an alternative pathway to PGY-1’s. Dr. Cottrell informed members that at the CDEL meeting NYSDA agreed to convene a task force to look at alternatives to PGY-1.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Hamm, Chair; stated that in February of 2022 she and Dr. Cottrell had a zoom meeting with two DANB regarding a nationwide email that DANB sent out to simplify dental assisting codes. Ms. Hamm informed members that they had to make corrections with three schools. Ms. Hamm also stated that there has been a change in the DANB radiation exam, removing the film-based radiology parts, because digital is being used instead.

Tele-Dentistry – Dr. Seidberg and Dr. Salgado, Chairs; Dr. Seidberg stated that tele dentistry is now everywhere. Dr. Salgado stated that there is a lot more advertisements for tele-dentistry. Dr. Cottrell stated that the Telehealth Guidelines are being discussed with Legal and that hopefully they can be approved by September.

Special Needs –Dr. Chu, Chair; shared a letter on the need to increase ambulatory surgeries for special needs patients. Dr. Kosinski stated that they have \$750,000 dollars in the NYS budget for special needs Fellows and the goal is to get a fellow in every dental school. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the CODA guidelines for competency to treat special needs patients in dental school curriculums and if they have enough faculty with experience to teach the students who are being trained in special needs.

CDCA – Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that the CDCA put out the dates for the spring manikin exams. It is the third generation for the manikin exam. Mr. Rayman informed members that it is much easier for students to not have to find a patient and that the students like using the manikins. The schools are changing the dental hygiene curriculum to include manikins. Mr. Rayman encouraged board members to become examiners and attend the meetings. CDCA pays for Board members to attend. Dr. Cottrell stated acceptance of the manikin exam in NY expires at the end of 2022. Discussions are ongoing about permanently adopting the manikin exam for dental hygiene

AADB – Dr. Seidberg, Chair; stated that it is good to participate with AADB as a board member because you get to interact with professionals and Board members from every state. Dr. Seidberg encouraged the new members to get involved.

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

Old Business:

Radiation Update – Dr. Cottrell stated that we had previously talked about x-ray shielding. Dr. Cottrell informed members that DOH is amending their regulations and when they are finalized, she will present it to the Board, and we will decide our position on it.

NEW BUSINESS:

NIH Published Oral Health Care America- Dr. Reisman shared this document with the board members, and he discussed dentists giving vaccines, performing diabetic testing and administering Gardasil injections. Dr. Cottrell stated that the current dentistry scope of practice prevents dentists from doing these.

COVID Updates- Dr. Cottrell stated that the State Board for Dentistry along with DOH and NYSDA is trying to update the scope of practice to include COVID testing. Dr. Cottrell informed members that wearing masks is still highly recommended by Governor Hochul.

Dentistry Board Members Only SharePoint Website – The Board Members discussed how they liked the new Dentistry Board Members only webpage and found it to be very user friendly.

Bleaching/ Teeth Whitening- The board had a lengthy discussion about the preliminary decision that a dental hygienist can perform bleaching under the personal supervision of a dentist and a registered dental assistant cannot. Dr. Seidberg made a motion that a registered dental hygienist can perform bleaching under the personal supervision of a dentist and registered dental assistants cannot perform bleaching due to them not being able to alter the hard or soft tissue or perform irreversible procedures. Mr. Rayman seconded. The Board voted and approved the motion. A practice guidance to this effect will be drafted.

The Board discussed the CODA site visit process.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

Friday, September 9th, 2022 in NYC.

ADJOURN: Motion for adjournment 11:58 a.m. (Kye/Seidberg)

Motion to go into Executive Session 11:59 a.m. (Carhart/Salgado).

Discipline Cases were discussed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 12:55 p. m. (Seidberg/Kye)