

NEW YORK STATE BOARD FOR DENTISTRY
Friday, January 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
New York State Education Department
1411 Broadway, 10th floor, Regents Room
New York, NY 10018

ATTENDANCE: Ronald Kosinski, Chairperson, Suzanne Cassata, Vice Chairperson, Paul Chu, Eleanor Coney, Payam Goudarzi, Charles Grannum, Patricia Haberman, Gabriele Hamm, Tera Jenkins, Wayne Kye, Aristotle Lyssikatos, Kerry McEntee, Michael McGarvey, Karen Palleschi, Salim Rayman, Evelyn Salgado, Julie Varney

SED STAFF: Dolores Cottrell, Penni Newman, Michael Puspurs

ABSENT: Ernest Robertson, Lorraine Carhart, Stanley Smith

EXTENDED MEMBERS: Joycelyn Dillon, Audra Haynes, Lois Jackson

GUESTS: Greg Hill, NYSDA, Donna Hickey, NYDHA, Kenneth Cooperman, NYSSO, Yanique LeCadre, NYSSO, Renee Pompei-Reynolds, NYSSO, Matthew Smalls, MIRIAM Group. Denise Brown, NYDHA, Trey Lawrence, AAO

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Dr. Kosinski started by welcoming all to the meeting at 9:04 AM. New Board members Dr. McGarvey, Dr. Lyssikatos, Ms. Varney and Ms. Coney introduced themselves. The remaining board members and extended members made introductions.

REPORT OF THE IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIRPERSON

Dr. Haberman stated she has been inspired and encouraged by the dedication and the exemplary work from the board members.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Kosinski requested a motion to move agenda items (Kye/Cassata). Dr. Kosinski welcomed everyone.

VICE CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Dr. Cassata thanked the board members for the opportunity to serve as Vice Chairperson.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Cottrell started her report by yielding time to allow Mr. Greg Hill, the new Executive Director of NYSDA to address the Board.

Dr. Cottrell introduced new Board staff member Ms. Penni Newman.

Dr. Cottrell stated that she attended the NYSDA/CDEL meeting on September 20, 2022.

On October 4, 2022, Dr. Cottrell presented to the Board of Regents the Registered Dental Assistant scope of practice amendment to add “placing and removing temporary restorations”. It will go out for the 60-day public comment period. It should be approved at the February Board of Regents meeting.

Dr. Cottrell acknowledged Ms. Carhart for presenting at the NYDHA Empire Conference on November 5, 2022.

Dr. Cottrell stated that on November 14, 2022, she gave the opening address at the New York State Early Childhood Health Summit.

Dr. Cottrell informed members that the Residency Bill passed in record time in the Legislature on November 21, 2022. Dr. Cottrell stated that it removes the words “clinically-based” from the statute and allows dental public health, orofacial pain, and oral medicine to become licensure qualifying programs. Dr. Cottrell said that it should be adopted at the May Board of Regents meeting after the 60-day public comment period.

Dr. Cottrell stated that on December 4, 2022, the redesigned OP website went live.

Dr. Cottrell said that executive secretaries can now attend some out-of-state meetings with prior approval.

Dr. Cottrell stated that she attended the CDCA-WREB-CITA meeting on January 5-7, 2023. Dr. Cottrell stated that she will be attending the CODA open session on February 12, 2023, virtually. Dr. Cottrell stated that on February 27-28, 2023, she will attend a site visit at New York School for Medical and Dental Assistants.

Dr. Cottrell presented certificates to immediate past chair Dr. Haberman and outgoing board member Ms. Hamm for their outstanding service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM September 9, 2022

A motion was made for approval of the September 9, 2022, draft board meeting minutes as amended (Salgado/Cassata). Minutes approved unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Webpage: Dr. Kye, Chair; advised board members to bookmark SharePoint for easy access. The committee has submitted changes to be made to the Registered Dental Assisting webpage.

Legislative: Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that the bill for dental hygienists to provide block anesthesia is still in the Assembly Higher Education Committee. Dr. Cottrell stated that the acceptance of the Dental Hygiene mannequin exam is extended until the end of 2023.

Scope of Practice – Ms. Palleschi stated that the committee met virtually on November 30, 2022 and drafted a Sleep Apnea practice alert for the Board to discuss. The Board had a lengthy discussion whether sleep apnea can be accepted for CE credit. It was agreed that sleep apnea CE is acceptable if it relates to the fabrication of appliances. The discussion emphasized the need for Dental Hygienists to be informed about sleep apnea. The committee will create a new draft of the Sleep Apnea practice alert for the next meeting.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about how dentists should be able to administer vaccines, do blood glucose and HIV testing.

Corporate Practice – Dr. Cassata (on behalf of Dr. Robertson, Chair); stated that corporate practices need to follow the same rules as the general dentist office does.

Anesthesia – Dr. Kosinski requested guidance regarding the CRNA practice guideline. The Board discussed how CRNA's can be used to perform anesthesia procedures in the dental office. The Committee will draft the guideline for the next meeting.

Practical Review of Dental Regulations – Dr. Cassata, Chair; stated that there is a need to address the shortage of Registered Dental Assistants in dental offices.

Licensure – Dr. Chu, Chair; stated that he, Dr. Goudarzi and Dr. Seidberg attended the NYSDA taskforce for licensure and PGY-1 meeting on November 29, 2022. The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding licensure by ADEX exam vs. the PGY-1 requirement and the potential impact on residency program enrollments. Dr. Cottrell asked the committee members to speak to residency directors in other states to see if they have vacancies or drop-offs in their residency programs. The committee will draft a document with the positives and negatives of the exam vs. PGY-1 for the next meeting.

Dental Assistant Laws, Rules & Regulations Committee – Ms. Hamm, Chair; stated that on September 21 she called Ms. Landsberg, Director of Government Relations, DANB to discuss dental assistant shortages in NYS. They discussed the need to have dialogue among dental assistants from all state boards toward addressing the shortage. On October 3, Ms. Hamm attended a dental assistant workforce shortage workshop. On October 12, Ms. Hamm attended a zoom committee meeting where they drafted the Practice Guidelines for Fluoride Services. The Board discussed the reasons for the shortages in RDAs and solutions to get more dental assistants registered in New York State.

Tele-Dentistry –Dr. Salgado, Chair; stated there was no report to give. Dr. Cottrell informed members that Legal still has not reviewed the Tele-Dentistry Guidelines.

Special Needs –Dr. Chu, Chair; addressed the topic of disparities for the reimbursement rates for providing dental services to special needs patients. Dr. Kosinski stated that a national curriculum is being developed for special needs in all dental schools.

AADB- Dr. Haberman, Chair; stated that Dr. Cottrell is going to be attending the virtual AADB 2023 Mid-Year meeting on April 21-22.

CDCA – Mr. Rayman, Chair; stated that the meeting was on January 5-7 in Texas. Mr. Rayman stated that all states are accepting the ADEX exam for Dentistry, except for Delaware and NYS. Mr. Rayman stated that current and extended board members met for the state caucus meeting. Mr. Rayman informed members that the next CDCA meeting is in September 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky.

ADEX – Mr. Rayman, Chair; gave this report in the CDCA report.

Wellness – Dr. Cassata, Chair; informed Board Members of the fund expenditures and the final balance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sleep Apnea Practice Guideline- See the Scope of Practice Committee report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dental Assistant Shortage – Dr. Cooperman presented the New York State Society of Orthodontists (NYSSOS) suggestions to address the RDA shortage and increase the number of RDAs in New York state. The Board discussed ways to register more dental assistants

Massachusetts Insurance Reform- The Board had a lengthy discussion about the reimbursement rates in Massachusetts and how the current cap does not benefit dentists and patients.

FUTURE MEETING DATE:

June 16, 2023, in Albany.

ADJOURN: Motion for adjournment 1:24 p.m. (Hamm/Kye).

Motion to go into Executive Session 1:26 p.m. Motion was unanimous.

Discipline Cases were discussed.

Motion to move out of Executive Session at 2: 44 p. m. (Kye/Rayman)