

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
DENTAL HYGIENE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 5, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS – 701 WASHINGTON ST. HELENA
OPEN MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Jennifer Porter, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:30

ROLL CALL: Carol Price, RDH; Jennifer Porter, RDH, Chairperson and Traci Collett, Board Administrator were present. Dr. Mark Colonna was not present.

OTHERS PRESENT: Melinda Anderson, RDH; Mary McCue, MDA; Dr. Aichlmeyer, MDA President; Judy Harbrecht, RDH; Diane Kleman, RDH; Lori Merrick, RDH

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The committee reviewed the agenda of June 5, 2008.

Motion: Ms. Price to accept the agenda as presented.

Second: Ms. Porter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The committee reviewed the minutes from the March 7, 2007 committee meetings.

Motion: Ms. Price to accept the minutes

Second: Ms. Porter

PUBLIC COMMENT STATEMENT: Ms. Porter read the public comment statement and asked if there was anyone who wanted to make a comment. No comments were heard.

LOCAL ANESTHESIA RULE REVIEW (24.138.508): The committee reviewed ARM 24.138.508 as the committee would like to clean up the rule.

Paragraph (3)(a) and (4)(a) require verification of successful passage of WREB and (3)(e) and (4)(d) require verification of successful completion of a local anesthetic agent course given by CODA. The verification of successful completion of a local anesthetic agent course given by CODA is needed as passage of the anesthetic course is required before the applicant can take the WREB exam. WREB is the only available exam so the exam requirement must be left in the rule.

Paragraphs (3)(g) and (4)(f) require written verification that the applicant has practiced administering local anesthetic agents within the last five years but does not state from whom the verification should come from.

The committee would like to remove (3)(e) and (4)(d) from this rule and work on rewording (3)(g) and (4)(f). The committee will look at

other states' requirements regarding verification of anesthesia administration. Ms. Porter asked Ms. Collett to mock up the changes to ARM 24.138.508 as discussed by the committee to present to the Board at tomorrow's meeting.

MONTANA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION LETTER: The committee reviewed a letter received from the Montana Dental Hygienists' Association regarding three topics:

1. Comment regarding proposed amendment to ARM 24.138.509 requiring applicants of Limited Access Permits (LAP) to provide, on the application, the site they intend on utilizing the LAP. The MDHA feels that this requirement would discourage hygienists from applying for a LAP if they don't know where they are going to use it. The committee agreed and will report that to the Board. Ms. Price suggested that someone from the MDHA do a short presentation on LAP permits for the full board at a future meeting.

2. MDHA is interested in having the Dental Hygiene Diagnosis topic added to the Board's legislative package. Ms. Collett reported that the Board had already submitted their statutory request to the Department and it was now too late to include it in the Department's bills. Ms. Collett let the committee know that an individual or Association could still pursue legislation; would require finding a legislator to carry the bill. The Board had recently tried to amend ARM 24.138.407 to allow dental hygiene diagnosis by Registered Dental Hygienists under general supervision. The Board received numerous comments on the proposed change. The Dental Hygiene Subcommittee recommended that the Board not go forward with the amendment as it was not clear as written and possibly in conflict with statute. The MDHA and MDA expressed interest in possibly pursuing this legislation.

3. MDHA's concerns regarding the Dental Health Coordinator pilot program at Salish-Kootenai College. MDHA has several concerns regarding this program. The MDHA will pursue obtaining a final draft of the program. MDHA's concerns were discussed and the committee let the MDHA know that their letter would be presented to the full board as well.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Porter adjourned the meeting at 8:43

SUBMITTED BY: Traci Collett, Board Administrator

APPROVED BY: _____
Jennifer Porter, RDH

DATE APPROVED: 3/13/2009