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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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**WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION
DENTAL THERAPY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 19, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bryan Swanson, DDS
Sonia Pal, DMD
Mac Rainey, Public Member
Erich Jurges, DDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Samantha Kofler, DDS
Sarah Khan, DDS
Tiffany Bass, DDS
Miryam Nossa, EFDA

STAFF PRESENT

Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program
Administrator
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General
Britni McLucas, Health Services
Consultant
Jane Zepp, Credentialing Supervisor
Cassandra Gerard, Administrative
Assistant

OPEN SESSION

Due to quorum not being met, this meeting was informal. No decisions were made, only informal discussions.

OPEN SESSION – 12:01 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Swanson, DDS Chair

- 1.1. Introduction of committee members and staff.
 - Ms. Einert introduces committee members and staff.
- 1.2. Approval of agenda
 - No vote was taken.
- 1.3. Approval of February 19, 2025 meeting minutes
 - No vote was taken.

2. DENTAL THERAPY PRACTICE PLAN CONTRACT AGREEMENT – The committee and department work on the practice plan contract/agreement to ensure it aligns

with the statute and the most current draft rules.

- Ms. Einert shares additional comments have been received on the rules and will be presented at the next meeting. She encourages all other comments to be submitted for consideration of the final rules.
- Ms. Einert shares the practice plan contract/agreement and asks for the committee's input.
- The committee discusses situations where dental therapists may diagnose and perform procedures.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. reviews the scope of practice in [RCW 18.265.050](#).
- Dr. Warren shares diagnosing is defined in the dental therapist's practice plan agreement.
- The committee discusses how dental therapist supervision would continue if the supervising dentist ended their employment.
- Mr. Narvaez shares his experience with patients transitioning to a different dentist within community health centers.
- Ms. Sullivan comments Swinomish Indian Tribal Community dental therapist practice plan agreements include three dentists as supervisors, if applicable.
- Dr. Swanson suggests extractions be separated from the other procedures in the protocol section of the practice plan contract/agreement.
- Ms. Flaig representing the Washington State Dental Association, suggests some procedures in the protocol section are listed multiple times and may not be necessary.
- Ms. Flaig asks if sections can be added in the non-surgical extraction portion of the form to address different ASA classifications.
- The committee discusses adding more areas on the form to allow clarification of approved procedures.
- Ms. Flaig will review the draft of the practice plan contract/agreement and bring suggestions to the next meeting.
- The committee discusses dental hygienist and dental therapist supervision guidelines.
- Ms. Einert shares the CR 102 rules package is still being processed and a rules hearing is scheduled for May 27, 2025.
- Ms. Sullivan shares recommendations to the dental therapy education exams and rules were submitted by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community.
- Mr. Bronoske Jr. explains exam components will be reviewed at the next dental therapy committee meeting. The suggested rules revisions will be considered before the CR 102 rules package is submitted.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- No correspondence received at this time.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

- Rules update

- HELMS update
- Application form
- Practice plan agreement
- Jurisprudence exam

5. ADJOURN

- The meeting is adjourned at 12:46 PM.

Submitted by:

Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Washington Dental Commission

Approved by:

Bryan Swanson, DDS, Chair
Washington Dental Commission

Signature

Signature

Date

Date