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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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**WASHINGTON DENTAL COMMISSION
DENTAL COLLABORATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 7, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sonia Pal, DMD, Chair
Josh Brooks, Denturist
Mac Rainey, Public Member
Dr. Keith Gressell
Robin Roderick, RDH
Miryam Nossa, EFDA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Rama Oskouian
Dr. Nisha Sharoff

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske Jr., Dental Program
Administrator
Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Lady Bah, Assistant Program Manager
Debbie Gardner, Program Manager
Cassie Gerard, Administrative Assistant
Heather Carter, AAG
Jane Zepp, Credentialing Supervisor
Catherine Roner-Reiter, Supervising Staff
Attorney

OPEN SESSION

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1. CALL TO ORDER - Dr. Sonia Pal, Chair

1.1. Introduction of attendees.

- Ms. Einert introduces all present committee members and staff.

1.2. Approval of agenda.

- There is a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

1.3. The committee will review for approval August 14, 2023, meeting minutes.

- There is a motion to approve the August 14, 2023, meeting minutes.
- The motion is moved and seconded.

**2. CHAPTER 246-815 WAC; CHAPTER 246-817 WAC DENTIST AND DENTAL
HYGIENIST COMPACT**

2.1. The committee may begin rule work.

- Ms. Gardner referenced RCW 18.33.020 and emphasized that state participation in the compact requires enacting rules consistent with the model compact. She reviewed the draft rule language, noting it maintains compact privilege standards and assigns fee authority to the Secretary.
- Ms. Roner-Reiter provided an update on the Compact Commission's progress. The executive board is still being assembled, but a rulemaking committee has been formed, with the first meeting scheduled for May 1, 2025. A key topic will be defining *clinical competency*.
- Mr. Bronoske, Jr., clarified that the rules will mirror those established by the commission and reaffirmed that the Secretary retains authority over fees.

3. CHAPTER 246-814 WAC ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

3.1. The committee may begin rule work.

- Ms. Einert provided an overview of the petition filed on July 3, 2024, which proposed updates to WAC 246-814-020 to include Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF) use in school settings by dental hygienists and dental assistants.
- Dr. Gressell supported the use of SDF, stating the importance of parental consent.
- Ms. Roderick described her experience in school-based programs. She highlighted the high usage and importance of SDF in Eastern Washington due to underutilized dental services.
- Dr. Rayna Strong, a school dentist, confirmed regular use of SDF, in combination with X-rays for diagnosing interproximal decay. She shared her clinical judgment for avoiding SDF in aesthetic areas unless medically necessary.
- Ms. Einert stated that on October 2, 2024, the Department received a request from the Health Care Authority (HCA) regarding the removal of subsection (6) in WAC 246-814-030.
- Dr. Pal suggests modifying language to require participation only where coalitions exist.
- Ms. Nossa supports removing this requirement, emphasizing real-world challenges in underserved communities where clinical access is poor, but school outreach is effective.
- Dr. Sarah Vander Beek, Dental Director, HCA, shares that no agency tracks oral health coalitions, making it impractical to mandate.
- Ms. Roderick agrees that mandates can be burdensome, especially in geographically remote areas.
- Dr. Pal confirms committee consensus to remove subsection (6) and reiterates the intent in subsection (5).
- Dr. Strong advocates for better collaboration between school programs and outreach groups to ensure children's dental needs are met.

4. FUTURE BUSINESS

- No future business is discussed.

5. ADJOURN

- The committee is adjourned at 12:47p.m

Submitted by:

Kitty Einert, Program Manager
Dental Hygiene Examining Committee

on file

Signature

Date

Approved by:

Sonia Pal, DMD, Chair
Washington Dental Commission

on file

Signature

Date