



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2020  
1:00 P.M.**

**This meeting was held via Go-To-Webinar only.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Johnston II, Chair RDH  
Charlene Meagher, RDH  
Hollie Reese, RDH  
Robin Roderick, RDH  
Daniel Liestman, Public Member

**STAFF PRESENT**

Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager  
Sandie Pearson, Program Representative  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

**OPEN SESSION**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 1:02 p.m. by Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair.

**1.1. Introductions**

Committee members and staff were introduced.

**1.2. Approval of Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Committee members voted to approve the agenda as presented.

**1.3 Approval of March 6, 2020 meeting minutes**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 6, 2020 meeting minutes. Committee members voted to approve the meeting minutes.

- 2. COUNCIL OF INTERSTATE TESTING AGENCIES, INC. (CITA) DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM** – The committee continued their discussion regarding CITA's request that the committee approve the CITA dental hygiene patient based clinical exam for licensure in WA State. Renea Chapman, RDH was available to answer questions.

The committee discussed CITA's request. Members shared concerns that the exam may not meet all requirements in WAC 246-815-050 – Dental hygiene clinical examination. A motion was made to place this item on a future agenda to determine whether to start the rule making process. The motion was seconded and the committee voted in favor of the motion.

**3. DENTAL HYGIENE CLINICAL EXAMS** – The committee reviewed the dental hygiene non-patient based clinical examination options from the regional exam organizations.

**3.1 – Western Regional Exam Board (WREB) Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)** – Kelly Reich, RDH and Sharon Osborn Popp, PhD presented information on the WREB OSCE.

Ms. Osborn provided background information to the committee. WREB has been looking at a computerized version of the exam. COVID 19 has increased the pressure on states so WREB accelerated the computerized version. Ms. Reich, RDH added that WREB is not ready to administer a manikin type exam.

Committee members reviewed and discussed. A motion was made and seconded to place this on the agenda for a future meeting so stakeholders for input could be received. Members voted in favor of the motion.

**3.2 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) CSCE** – Pat Connolly-Atkins, RDH, MA (CDCA) and Renea Chapman, RDH (CITA) presented information on the ADEX CSCE exam.

The ADEX CSCE began in 1971 and is based on occupational analysis. The CSCE contains a written portion that may be administered with the clinical exam. A manikin based clinical is being offered due to COVID 19. The exam will still be a two-part CSCE with either patient based or using a manikin.

Committee members reviewed and discussed. A motion was made and seconded to place this on the agenda for a future meeting so stakeholders for input could be received. Members voted in favor of the motion.

**3.3 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) and Council of Interstate Testing Agencies (CITA) manikin based clinical exam** – Robin Roderick, RDH presented a report to the committee on the ADEX manikin based clinical exam. Pat Connolly-Atkins, RDH, MA (CDCA) and Renea Chapman, RDH (CITA) presented information on the ADEX manikin based clinical exam.

Committee members reviewed and discussed. A motion was made and seconded to place this on the agenda for a future meeting so stakeholders for input could be received. Members voted in favor of the motion.

**3.4 Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) Non-Patient Dental Hygiene Clinical Exam** – Kimber Cobb, RDH CRDTS Executive Director presented information on the CRDTS non-patient based dental hygiene clinical exam.

Ms. Cobb provided information on the exam development and content. She shared that a few years ago work began on developing a simulated patient dental hygiene exam. Schools and states will need to determine whether to use computerized (tablet) or patient based exams during the COVID 19 outbreak.

Committee members reviewed and discussed. A motion was made and seconded to place this on the agenda for a future meeting so stakeholders for input could be received. Members voted in favor of the motion.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2020. The next scheduled meeting will be determined and updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

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Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair