



STATE OF WASHINGTON

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**DENTAL QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, March 6, 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Julia Richman, DDS, Chair  
Aaron Stevens, DMD, Vice Chair  
John Liu, DDS  
Marlynne Fulton, Public Member  
Sonia Pal, DDS  
Ronald Marsh, DDS  
Bree Kramer, EFDA  
Karen Clements, DDS  
David Carsten, DDS  
Brian Macall, DDS  
Kunal Walia, DDS  
Karla Briggs, Public Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Abhishake Banda, DMD, MD  
Tiffany Bass, DDS  
Kathleen Elling, EFDA  
Lyle McClellan, DDS

**STAFF PRESENT**

Trina Crawford, Executive Director  
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager  
Becky McElhiney, Assistant Program  
Manager  
Bill Kellington, Supervising Staff Attorney  
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General  
(AAG)

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Sophie Doumit, Washington State Dental  
Association (WSDA)  
Emily Lovell, WSDA  
Charlie Hall, DDS  
Jennifer Zbaraschuk, Washington Dental  
Hygienists' Association (WDHA)  
Christina Hasbrook, WDHA  
Lori Angdahl, WDHA  
Danielle Mora, WDHA  
Dr. Michelle Neal, Washington State  
Society of Orthodontists (WSSO)  
Gianna Hartwig, American Association of  
Orthodontists (AAO)  
Terre Harris, Harrisbiomedical  
Billie Dickinson, Washington State Medical  
Association  
Chris Bundy, Washington Physicians Health  
Program (WPHP)  
Dr. Gary Chiodo, University of Washington  
School of Dentistry  
Dr. Phillip Marucha, Oregon Health and  
Science University School of Dentistry

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER** – Julia Richman, DDS, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

- 1.1. The commission, staff, and audience introduced themselves.
- 1.2. Dr. Richman requested an amendment to add time under agenda item #5 for Dr. Carsten to speak about the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. The commission approved the agenda as amended.
- 1.3. The commission approved the January 24, 2020 business meeting minutes as presented.

### **2. PRESENTATION**

- 2.1. The commission received information from Chris Bundy, Medical Director, Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) on the WPHP program and annual dentist statistics.
- 2.2. The commission received information from Dr. Gary Chiodo, University of Washington, School of Dentistry Dean and Dr. Phillip Marucha, Oregon Health and Science University, School of Dentistry Dean regarding the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE).
  - The Commission on Dental Accreditation process is a seven year assessment, with year six consisting of a self-assessment.
  - The DLOSCE assesses diagnosis, treatment planning, treatment, critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and problem solving skills as well as pediatric, geriatric, special needs, and medically complex cases.
  - The DLOSCE pilot program is ready and is the testing phase. New Oregon and Washington graduates have been offered the exam.
  - The portability of licensure for individuals taking the DLOSCE is a concern that has been identified.
  - It is the responsibility of deans to not graduate students when necessary to protect the public.
  - The recommendation in Canada is to provide remediation if the OSCE is failed.

### **3. LEGISLATION**

- 3.1. Dr. Marsh reported to the commission on the Department of Health weekly “Meet Me Call” conference calls.
  - Senate Bill 6061 requiring training for dentists practicing teledentistry passed.
  - House Bill 2438 involving collecting data on dental prescribing and opioid impact did not pass.
  - House Bill 1317 would have expanded the commission to 18 members, including two dental therapists but did not pass.
  - Senate Bill 5833 was introduced in 2019 and would expand the scope of practice for dental assistants but did not pass.
- 3.2. The commission discussed 2020 legislation.

- Dr. Marsh shared that Senate Bill 6551 regarding international physicians could impact dentistry in the future.
- Ms. Santiago shared that House Bill 1551, which repeals the HIV/AIDS training requirement for health professions, passed and will require future rule writing. This rule writing could be accomplished as an exception filing (CR-105).

#### **4. DENTAL EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Dr. Stevens reported to the commission on the committee meeting held on February 13, 2020.

- The March newsletter will be in a new format through GovDelivery.

#### **5. DENTAL INFECTION CONTROL COMMITTEE**

- 5.1. Dr. Carsten reported to the commission on the committee meeting held March 2, 2020.
- The committee has reached a compromise for proposed language regarding single-use items.
- 5.2. The commission reviewed for approval updated proposed dental infection control rules WAC 246-817-601 through 660.
- Dr. Marsh moved to adopt the rules. Dr. Liu seconded the motion. The commission voted and the motion passed with none opposed.
  - Dr. Neal asked for a revision to address concerns about the current shortage of masks. Proposed revision was to include “or ask them to leave the facility” if not providing a mask to sick patients or guests.
    - The committee determined additional revision was not needed.
- 5.3. Dr. Carsten presented to the commission about the COVID-19 situation and the preventative responsibilities of healthcare practitioners.

#### **6. DENTAL CONTINUING COMPETENCY COMMITTEE**

- 6.1. Dr. Marsh reported to the commission on the committee meeting held March 6, 2020.
- 6.2. The rules have been updated and the committee plans to present the proposed rules to the commission at the next business meeting.

#### **7. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

The commission discussed requests to be approved professional associations or educational organization to receive list and labels:

- The commission approved a request from the Washington State Dental Association.
- The commission requests more information from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

#### **8. RULES**

- 8.1. WAC 246-817-907 Patient notification, secure storage, and disposal for opioid prescribing rules are now effective.

- 8.2. The commission received an update on rules in progress and list of priorities for rule modifications.

## 9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1. The commission will discuss at a future meeting a letter received from American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine on January 10, 2020 regarding dentists scope of practice associated to sleep apnea.
- 9.2. The commission will discuss at a future meeting a letter received from Dr. Robert McCulloch on January 14, 2020 regarding accepting continuing education hours for teaching at hygiene schools.

## 10. BOTULINUM TOXIN INJECTION / DERMAL FILLERS / PLASMA INJECTIONS

The commission discussed the Washington State Dental Association January 2020 proposed recommendation.

- Ms. Lovell presented information to the commission about the proposed document.
  - The guideline was the result of concerns in the medical community regarding dentists performing botulinum toxin injections. The intent is to use it in the interim while awaiting legislative changes regarding the dental scope of practice.
  - Dr. Marsh asked if the WSDA wanted the commission to write a new interpretive statement, or use the WSDA's proposed document as a guideline.
  - Ms. Lovell indicated that the intent was for the commission to use it as a guideline.
  - Dr. Stevens clarified that any procedure dentists perform still has to be within the standard of care, and suggested leaving the issue to the legislature to resolve with a statute change.
  - Dr. Walia agreed that this should be resolved with a statute change.
  - Dr. Hall agreed and stated his opinion that this document could confuse the public.
  - Ms. Lovell shared that the document could still be helpful in alleviating concerns while awaiting legislative change, and requested clarification in what the perceived harm is in using it as a guideline.
  - Dr. Stevens expressed concerns that the document attempts to define something the commission does not have authority to define.
  - Ms. Lovell shared that the physicians' community also has concerns about training.
  - Ms. Lovell suggested reducing the document to a training attestation.
  - Dr. Stevens asked how the commission would be able to prove the information provided in the attestation.
  - Dr. Marsh suggested the commission write a new interpretive statement.
  - Dr. Richman suggested the guideline be included in a newsletter article.
  - Dr. Stevens offered to consider it for an upcoming newsletter issue.
  - Dr. Liu expressed concerns about providing any sort of guiding document that could further confuse the issue, and about requesting a statute change.

- Dr. Stevens disagreed with Dr. Liu's concerns and suggested the Department of Health (Department) share challenges practitioners are experiencing due to the definition of the dental scope of practice when the request is presented to the legislature.
- Dr. Carsten suggested Washington adopt the ADA definition of dentistry.
- Ms. Lovell cautioned to be very mindful of stakeholders if the ADA definition were to be adopted due to previous concerns voiced from the medical community.
- Dr. Liu shared his prediction that the dental hygienists would have concerns as well, and that the legislature would ask the Department for a solution.
- Ms. Lovell expressed concerns that a legislative change would open the whole statute for discussion.
- Ms. Crawford clarified that the Department is aware of the concerns and aware that stakeholder work would need to take place.
- Ms. Lovell shared that the WSDA's attorney would like to discuss case law at a future meeting. Dr. Richman indicated that this was already planned for a future meeting.

## **11. PROGRAM REPORT – Becky McElhiney, Jennifer Santiago, and Trina Crawford**

- 11.1. The commission received the budget report. Ms. Crawford specified that there is currently a small budget deficit.
- 11.2. The commission discussed the American Dental Association definition of dentistry during item 10.
- 11.3. The commission received a list of 2020 dental commission meeting dates. Due to the social distancing guidelines recommended in response to the COVID-19 situation, the April 17, 2020 meeting is cancelled. Other 2020 meeting dates may be cancelled or moved to off-site locations to accommodate the Department's incident management team.
- 11.4. The commission received a list of active committees.

## **12. FUTURE COMMISSION BUSINESS**

Ms. Santiago reminded the commission that the business meeting scheduled for April 17, 2020 in Bellingham, WA has been cancelled. Commission members will still be requested to participate in the disciplinary panels via teleconference.

The commission adjourned at 12:35 a.m.

Submitted By:

Commission Approval By:

Signature on file  
Jennifer Santiago, Program Manager

Signature on file  
Julia Richman, DDS, Chairperson