

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

17 November 2010

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Henry Levin, DMD, Acting Chairman Craig VanDongen, DDS

Joseph Box, DDS John Smith

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Maureen Ross, RDH

Bernard Manchester

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Francis Connor, DDS, RIDA

William Dundulis

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the 13 October 2010 meeting. The following amendments were

recommended by Mrs. Ross and Ms. Perlini:

- 1. Page 1 under others in attendance and on Page 2, paragraph 6, line 1 the record shall reflect that Maryanne Barry, RDH, was in attendance not Maryanne “Miller”**
- 2. Page 1 under others in attendance, let the record reflect that Laurie Leonard is the Oral Health Program Director within the Division of Community, Family Health & Equity, RI Department Health**
- 3. Page 2 line 1 should reflect that it is the Oral Health “Commission” rather than “Committee”**
- 4. Page 2, paragraph 5, line 1 the word “there” should be replaced with “the”.**

Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Dr. Benoit, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as amended.

Mr. William Dundulis addressed the Board and provided members with the latest draft of proposed amendments to the Rules & Regulations. He explained the process for amending Rules & Regulations, community reviews, public hearings, etc. After discussing the proposed amendments, Dr. Samartano advised that he would like to further review and compare the two cited referenced guidelines for the administration of anesthesia. Dr. Samartano will contact the Administrator and Mr. Dundulis with his recommendations.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. Bartro advised that the following licenses and permits had been issued since the last meeting:

Dental Licenses Issued

Ali Shahrokh, DMD

John P. Walsh, DMD

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Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Maureen Ross, RDH reported that the following:

Dental Hygiene Licenses issued since last meeting

Arianna M. Scungio, RDH

Ann Borges, RDH

Araceli Aker, RDH

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits issued since last meeting

Amy L. Massey, RDH

Sandra Camara RDH

Dental Hygiene Anesthesia Permit

Carol Morrissette, RDH

Colleen a. Potter, RDH

Regina L. Harper, RDH

At this time, Dr. Samartano addressed the Board with regard to Section 5-31.1-23 entitled “Limited registration –Academic faculty” to ascertain if a foreign trained dentist engaged by St. Joseph’s Hospital in an Academic Consulting Faculty Position could be licensed per that section. He advised St Joseph’s Hospital would like to establish a Nasal Alveolar Molding (NAM) Clinic. He further advised the only established training available for dentists on NAM therapy is a weekend certification course at NYU which is conducted by the founder of NAM, Dr. Barry Grayson. Beyond this certification course, the only formal academic fellowship for NAM in the United States is a craniofacial fellowship through the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, NYU Langone Medical Center. St. Joseph’s would like to engage Dr. Ahmed, a foreign-trained dentist, who is currently a fellow at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, NY University Medical Center in an academic consulting faculty position to conduct the proposed NAM program at St. Joseph’s Dental Clinic.

The Administrator advised that the statute is specific in its intention and only a foreign trained dentist who has been offered, by the dean of a medical school, dental school, or school of dental hygiene, a full

time academic appointment is eligible for a limited license under this section of the statute.

The Administrator suggested that Dr. Samartano provide her with a summary of this proposal and she will present it to Dr. Alexandre, Chief of Professional Regulation for his opinion.

At this time, Dr. Levin called for a motion to adjourn the “Open Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the

“Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Dr. VanDongen, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board entered into closed session at 9:15 a.m.

Dr. Connor recused himself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:25 am.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

The following case was presented in “Closed Session” and closed with a finding of

NO NPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT - DEN 38-10.

The Board had no further business to disclose or report in Open Session.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 13 October 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Bartro, seconded by Mr. Manchester, the Board Voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 13 October 2010.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 15 December 2010 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Ms. Ross, seconded, by Dr. Box, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

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