

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

19 JANUARY 2011

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 8:40 a.m.

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

Henry Levin, DMD, Acting Chairman Joseph Box, DDS

Craig VanDongen, DDS John Smith

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS Maureen Ross, RDH

Robert Bartro, DMD

Christine Benoit, DMD

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Bernard Manchester

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Bruce McIntyre, Legal Counsel

Linda Julian, Investigator

Kristen Cusick, RIDHA

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. Benoit, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board entered into closed session at 8:45 a.m.

Ms. Cusick recused herself from the meeting at this time.

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

Ms. Cusick returned to the meeting at this time.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

The following cases were presented in “Closed Session”

Case Number Findings

DEN 45-10 NO NPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

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 15 December 2010 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Samartano, seconded by Dr.

VanDongen, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of 15 December 2010.

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At this time, Dr. Levin called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of the 15 December 2010 meeting, Ms. Perlini advised of the following corrections: one page 1, paragraph 3 “director” was misspelled and on page 1, paragraph 7 line 4 the letter “t” was omitted in the word “the”.

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

At this time, Dr. Samartano inquired as to whether cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) includes basic life support (BLS) or are they two separate courses and certifications. It was determined basic life support is incorporated into CPR courses. It was further noted that these courses are now designated as “Basic Cardiac Life Support” (BCLS). The Board agreed that Section 22.3 (b) should be amended to required dental hygienists administering nitrous oxide to be under “direct” supervision rather than “indirect” supervision. He also advised after reviewing the proposed draft of the Rules and Regulations, he noted several additional sections relative to the

administration of anesthesia that need to be amended to comply with the newly revised ADA Guidelines. He will arrange to meet with Bill Dundulis to advise him of the necessary amendments.

Mr. Manchester expressed concern regarding the language on page 7, section 5.2.2 (b) and page 11, section 10.2.2(b) pertaining to mandatory CPR certification for dentists and dental hygienists in that it does not designate the course level that must be completed. The Board agreed that those sections should be amended to clearly define the course level. The following verbiage will be added:

5.2.2(b) Effective 1 July 2012, all dentists practicing in a dental setting shall hold a current certification in basic cardiology life support (BCLS) at the “health care provider” level by a nationally recognized organization

10.2.1(b) Effective 1 July 2012, all dental hygienists practicing in a dental setting shall hold a current certification in basic cardiology life support (BCLS) at the “health care provider” level by a nationally recognized organization

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. VanDongen reported the following Dental Licenses were issued since last meeting:

Ali Shahrokh, DMD

John P. Walsh, DMD

Nhung Tuyet Nguyen, DMD

Vlad Botezatu, DMD

Marshall Montgomery, DMD

Maha Alamad, DMD

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Susan Perlini reported the following dental hygiene licenses were issued since the last meeting:

Dental Hygiene Licenses

Michelle A. Smith, RDH

Dental Hygiene Licenses w/ anesthesia permits

Jamie Bettencourt, RDH

Becky Oliveira, RDH

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The Administrator tabled the Election of Officers until next month when the full Board membership will be in attendance.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 16 February 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Samartano, seconded, by Ms. Buonaccorsi, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

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