

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

13 February 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absence:

Christine Benoit, DMD, Chair Craig VanDongen DDS

Carleton Cappuccino, DMD, Vice Chair Louis Marciano, BS, MEd

Marty Nager, DMD, FICD Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Robert Bartro, DDS

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr, DDS

Robert Ricci, PhD

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary

Staff Members in Attendance: Others in attendance:

Linda Phillips, Board Administrator Kerry Friel, RIDAA

Catherine A. Cordy, RPh Val Celantano, RIDA

Pamela Schultz Patrick Quinlan, JD

Ben Copple, JD

Establishment of Quorum: A meeting of the Board of Examiners in

Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Dept Operations Center (lower level), Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Dr. Bartro and seconded by Dr. Samartano to accept the OPEN minutes. The board voted to unanimously approve the OPEN minutes as presented.

Dental and Dental Hygiene Licensure:

The names of those individuals qualifying for licensure during this time frame were presented to the board and unanimously approved.

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Administrative Issues:

Ms. Cordy asked for a dentist to volunteer to be on a newly formed DOH Committee, which will examine opioid prescribing and standards of practice

across all disciplines. Ms. Cordy and Dr. MacDonald of the Medical Licensing Board are co-chairing the committee and are seeking representation from the dental community. The committee will meet every other Wednesday at 7:30am. Any dentist interested in serving on the committee, is asked to please contact Ms. Cordy at the DOH.

Ms. Cordy also discussed changing the Board's meeting schedule in order to have legal counsel present. A new schedule will be presented at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Dr. Levin will begin in-office inspections with staff from the DOH. After much discussion about in office inspections, Ms. Cordy said that the Controlled Substance Act requires routine audits. Therefore any practitioner with a CSR could expect to be audited. The Dental Board will help develop a self

assessment tool similar to the actual inspection tool for dentists to prepare for the inspections.

The Board discussed posting a break down of CE requirements on the DOH website.

The Board also reviewed proposed regulatory changes for anesthesia permits and volunteer Dentist licensure.

New Business:

The Board will be receiving Legislative updates about legislation affecting Dentistry while the General Assembly is in session. Dr Benoit gave a brief overview of the NERB Annual Meeting. Next years meeting will be January 9-11 2014.

All Board members are invited to attend. Dr. Benoit called for nominations for Vice-Chair. Dr Ricci nominated Dr. Cappuccino, Dr Nager seconded and the Board unanimously agreed. Congratulations Dr Cappuccino.

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Adjourn OPEN Session:

At this time, a motion was made to adjourn the OPEN Session and enter into the

CLOSED Executive Session for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters

pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called

Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws.

Returned to OPEN Session:

The Board returned to OPEN Session at 11:00 am.

Sealing of the CLOSED Executive Minutes

A motion was made to seal the minutes of the CLOSED Executive Session pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and. (2). Upon motion of Dr.Cappuccino, seconded by Mr. Betrand, the Board voted unanimously to seal the CLOSED minutes of that meeting as presented.

The next meeting of the Board will be held 13 March 2013 at 8:30 am in the Beck Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Perlini

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