

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

10 April 2013

Board Members in Attendance: Board Members Absence:

Christine Benoit, DMD, Chair Robert Bartro, DDS

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

Susan Perlini, RDH, BS, Secretary Craig VanDongen, DDS

Maureen Ross, RDH, BS

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr, DDS

Martin Nager, DMD, FICD

Robert Ricci, EdD

Thomas Bertrand, MPH

Donald Williams

Staff Members in Attendance: Others in attendance:

Linda Phillips, Board Administrator Kerri Friel, RIDAA

Catherine A. Cordy, RPh Valerie Celantano, RIDA

Pamela Schultz Patrick Quinlan, JD, RIDA

Thomas Corrigan, JD

Marie Jones-Bridges,

RIDHA

Marian Royer, RIDA

Steven Brown, RIDA

John McGahearty, RIAG

? Wendy Cyz, RIDA

Establishment of Quorum: 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 meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

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

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Administrative Issues:

The Board has decided that members of the public at large in attendance for the OPEN session meetings shall have an opportunity to address the Board prior to adjourning the OPEN session rather than having interruptions during the OPEN Dental Board Meeting.

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.

Old Business:

Members of the Board and staff have developed two inspection tools to be used for office inspections. One general form for routine audits and a second form that would be used if further inspection is needed.

Upon suggestion, the Board agreed unanimously that the inspection tool drafts would be made available for public comment prior to the adoption of said tools.

New Business:

Jack McGahearty, of the Attorney Generals Office, asked the Board for guidance with regards to the dental labs in RI that are advertising the fabrication and repair of dentures without a prescription from a licensed dentist. A motion was made by Don Williams and seconded by Marty Nager for the DOH to do a complete investigation and work with the Attorney Generals Office to take action to cease and desist if these labs are practicing out of their purview. All agreed unanimously.

A committee of oral surgeons and general dentists from the dental community met prior to the Board meeting to discuss the current ADA anesthesia guidelines as it pertains to licensure. The committee decided that the current application form for anesthesia licensure needs to be amended to include more data so staff may license applicants expediently.

The Board and DOH staff will work on updating the specific timeline and regulations for the Limited Dentist licensure, to meet requirements for the various residency programs.

Ms. Cordy asked the Board to think about a change in the regulations that would clarify how long a dentist is required to retain a patient's dental record. Proposed amendments will be discussed at the next meeting.

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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.

Return to OPEN Session:

The Board returned to OPEN Session at 1:00 pm.

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. Nager, seconded by Ms. Ross, the Board voted unanimously to seal the CLOSED minutes of that meeting as presented.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Perlini

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