



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DENTAL HYGIENE EXAMINING COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Johnston II, Chair RDH
Charlene Meagher, RDH, Vice-Chair
Hollie Reese, RDH
Robin Roderick, RDH

MEMBERS PRESENT

Daniel Liestman, Public Member

STAFF PRESENT

Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager
Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1
Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Colleen Gaylord, RDH
Camille Luke, RDH
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist

OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The business meeting of the Dental Hygiene Examining Committee (committee) was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair.

- 1.1. **Introductions**

The committee members and staff were introduced.

- 1.2. **Determination of safety to hold a public meeting.**

The committee moved to make a determination that due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic, the committee cannot meet with public in attendance with reasonable safety for this meeting and the October 2022 meeting. The committee will hold remote meetings only for the remainder of 2022. The factors considered were the high levels of transmission on COVID in the community, inability to social distance in available facilities, and the lack of ability to enforce masking and vaccination for the public.

- 1.3 **Public Comment** - The public had an opportunity to provide comments. Individuals that would like to comment during this time were asked to limit comments to two minutes. Individuals were also asked to identify themselves and who they represent if

applicable. Comments from the public in attendance were also accepted after each agenda item when applicable.

A member of the audience addressed the committee with concerns regarding the licensure process and requirements when moving to WA from CA. Mr. Bronoske, Jr. asked that the concerns be emailed to him for him to look into.

1.3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

1.4. Approval of the March 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes

The March 18, 2022 regular meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. PROGRAM REPORT

2.1 Rules Update – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager updated the committee on rule writing for 2022/2023.

Bruce Bronoske, Jr. updated the committee on rule writing for 2022/2023. He will be filing the CR 101 to begin the rule writing process. Rules workshops will be scheduled, and notification will be sent out via Gov.delivery.

2.2 Disciplinary Statistics – Trina Crawford, Executive Director provided dental hygiene disciplinary statistics.

Ms. Crawford presented information on disciplinary statistics for the past year. She reported that dental hygiene is a very low discipline profession.

2.3 Interim Operating Budget – Trina Crawford, Executive Director provided information on the dental hygiene operating budget.

Ms. Crawford presented information on the interim operating budget through the end of June 2022. The report reflected an increase in spending. This increase is mostly due to the cost of the new licensing program, HELMS. The programs fund balance is decreasing. The department is reviewing this decrease and may look at a fee increase. Program staff will continue to monitor and provide an update at a future meeting.

2.4 Dental Hygiene Drug and Law Exam – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager discussed the dental hygiene drug and law exam with the committee.

Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager reminded the committee that currently the program uses DANB to administer the drug and law exam required for licensure. He asked for committee feedback on the possibility of moving the administration of the

drug and law exam to “in-house” via Exam Soft. Exam Soft is a company that administers computerized exams. Currently two other professions are using Exam Soft to administer their written exams. Ms. Crawford shared that there may be a cost savings to the program by using Exam Soft. Using Exam Soft would require the committee to develop exam questions. Mr. Johnston asked if statistics would be provided regarding questions. Ms. Crawford shared that Exam Soft does provide statistics on questions as well as real time monitoring of applicants while taking the exam. Ms. Meagher asked if Exam Soft could provide a presentation to the committee. Program staff will contact Exam Soft to set up a presentation.

2.5 CDCA-WREB-CITA Merger – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager discussed the recent addition of CITA to the CDCA-WREB merger.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr. presented a letter from CDCA-WREB-CITA regarding the merger. He shared that the committee will need to review and vote to accept the merged company at a future meeting. He also shared that a committee member would need to attend the steering committee meeting to ensure the exam continues to meet WA State requirements.

2.6 Expanded Function Education – Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager notified the committee on acceptable expanded function education.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr. shared that some applicants have had issues with finding courses for expanded functions, including restorative. Currently there are no courses available for restorative. Mr. Bronoske, Jr. proposed accepting restorative courses from CODA approved schools. Applicants would still need to take the exam. A motion was made, seconded and the committee voted to approve accepting CODA approved expanded function courses from CODA approved schools.

3. CENTRAL REGIONAL DENTAL TESTING SERVICES (CRDTS) DENTAL HYGIENE EXAM REVIEW COMMITTEE – Michael Johnston, RDH, Committee Chair discussed CRDTS Dental Hygiene Exam Review Committee updates.

Mr. Johnston reported on the meeting he attended. Committee members reviewed and discussed the report from July 2022. Ms. Roderick, RDH shared that she was impressed with CRDTS.

4. NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTERSTATE COMPACTS – Charlene Meagher, RDH, Committee Vice Chair updated the committee on the dental and dental hygiene interstate compact development.

Ms. Meagher shared that she is part of the technical assistance committee for the dental and dental hygiene interstate compact. On July 15, 2022, the compact draft was reviewed. Currently the compact is in phase 3. Phase 3 is for stakeholders to review and provide

feedback. Phase 4 will include consensus building. Phase 5 will be for introducing to the state legislature.

5. COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION – DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM SITE VISITS

5.1 PIMA Medical Institute – Robin Roderick, RDH

Ms. Roderick provided a report to the committee on her site visit to the Shoreline PIMA Medical Institute in June. She shared that the accreditation process takes place every five years. PIMA was very well prepared and provided binders of information. CODA has two reviewers at the site visit. There were also silent observers; Ms. Roderick participated as a silent observer.

5.2 Shoreline Community College – Daniel Liestman, Public Member

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

6. DENTAL HYGIENE SIMULATED/MANIKIN BASED CLINICAL EXAMINATION ACCEPTANCE DATE – The committee discussed and considered making a decision regarding the acceptance date of the non-patient based simulated manikin clinical examinations for dental hygiene licensure in Washington State.

Mr. Bronoske, Jr., shared with the committee that he brought the following items back to the committee for clarification purposes. The committee reviewed and discussed whether to accept the non-patient based simulated clinical exams for dental hygiene licensure in WA State.

6.1 Central Regional Dental Testing Services, Inc. (CRDTS) – The committee reviewed and discussed whether to accept the non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exams for dental hygiene licensure in WA State. A motion was made and seconded to accept the CRDTS non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exam. Committee members voted three in favor, and one opposed to accept the CRDTS non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exam.

6.2 Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) – The committee reviewed and discussed whether to accept the non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exams for dental hygiene licensure in WA State. A motion was made and seconded to accept the CDCA non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exam. Committee members voted three in favor, and one opposed to accept the CDCA non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exam.

6.3 Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) – The committee reviewed and discussed whether to accept the non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exams for dental hygiene licensure in WA State. A motion was made and seconded to accept the

WREB non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exam. Committee members voted three in favor, and one opposed to accept the WREB non-patient based simulated manikin clinical exam.

7. CALIFORNIA DENTAL HYGIENE LOCAL ANESTHESIA CLINICAL EXAM – The committee discussed a request received to accept the California dental hygiene local anesthesia clinical exam.

8. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL BOARDS (AADB) – The committee appointed a representative to attend the AADB Annual Meeting in October.

The committee discussed and appointed Hollie Reese, RDH to attend the AADB Annual Meeting in October.

9. DENTAL HYGIENE MEETING DATES – The committee will discuss changing the October meeting date.

Mr. Bonoske, Jr., Program Manager and Ms. Crawford, Executive Director have a scheduling conflict with the October meeting date. Committee members moved, seconded and voted in favor of moving the October meeting to October 28, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. via webinar. Updated meeting information can be found on the dental hygiene webpage.

10. CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

The following item(s) and any additional correspondence received or sent is for the committee's information. If separate discussion is desired on an item, a single motion by a committee member will place the specific item(s) on the regular business agenda. If there is no motion, there will be no discussion.

There were no consent agenda items presented to the committee.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Committee members discussed placing the following items on a future agenda:

- Canadian Board Dental Hygiene Exam
- Business Plan and Bylaws update
- American Association of Dental Administrators Annual Meeting
- American Association of Dental Boards Annual Meeting
- CRDTS Annual Meeting
- Interstate Compact
- CODA Site Visits
- AADA/AADB Annual Meetings
- JP Exam

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m. on Friday, August 5, 2022. The next meeting is scheduled for, October 28, 2022. Updated meeting information will be posted to the dental hygiene webpage.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Bruce Bronoske, Jr., Program Manager

Approved By:

Michael Johnston II, RDH, Chair