

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS
Rules Committee

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Prince Likelike Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 3rd Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., Committee Chair, Dental Member
Janet Primiano, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer
Daniel Jacob, Deputy Attorney General

Via teleconference

Garrett Ota, D.D.S., Dental Member
Earl Hasegawa, D.M.D., Dental Member

Excused: Rodney Ching, Public Member

Guests: Gayle Chang, R.D.H., Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association
("HDHA")
Noelani R.E.T.G. Greene, R.D.H., Hawaii Dental Hygienists'
Association ("HDHA")
Gerraine Hignite, R.D.H., Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association
("HDHA")
Jennifer Takata, R.D.H., Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association
("HDHA")

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Guevara called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Discussion on Chapter 16-79, Hawaii Administrative Rules, and Chapter 447, Hawaii Revised Statutes

- a. Dental Hygiene Licensure Requirements
- b. Certification in the Administration of Intra-Oral Infiltration Local Anesthesia and Block Anesthesia

Chair Guevara noted that the Committee would discuss both items a. and b. of the agenda at the same time. He then referenced Chapter-79, HAR and Chapter 447, HRS for the Committee to propose options for dental hygiene licensure and the certification in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and block anesthesia.

After some discussion, the Committee proposes the following options in order to qualify for a dental hygiene license and certification in the administration of intra-oral infiltration local anesthesia and block anesthesia.

Option 1

- Meet the requirements of §447 to issue a Dental Hygiene license only + with **NO** infiltration privileges.
- Certification in the administration of intra-oral infiltration and local anesthesia from a CODA accredited school, but training does not meet the requirements of §447-3.5.
- To qualify for block anesthesia privileges, an applicant would need to be licensed in Hawaii as a Dental Hygienist and meet the requirements of §447-3.5.

Option 2

- Keep as status quo. Continue to license in 2-step process.
- Meet the requirements of §447-1. Issue Dental Hygiene license **with** infiltration privileges only.
- To qualify for block anesthesia privileges, an applicant would need to be licensed in Hawaii as a Dental Hygienist and meet the requirements of §447-3.5.

Option 3

- In order to obtain a dental hygiene license, an applicant would need to meet all requirements of both §447-1 and §447-3.5.

Note that amendments to the HAR or the HRS may be needed to clarify the Board's position on this matter.

Chair Guevara noted that he did not want to preclude qualified dental hygienists from getting a license in Hawaii.

Ms. Primiano agreed with Chair Guevara. Ms. Primiano added that she would prefer a one-step process towards dental hygiene licensure.

Dr. Ota and Dr. Hasegawa concurred with Chair Guevara on the proposed options. Dr. Ota added that he liked Option 1 which would allow for licensure but the applicant would need to meet §447-3.5 to qualify for intra-oral infiltration and block anesthesia.

Deputy Attorney General Mr. Jacob will review the Options to see if statute or rule changes will be needed for any of the Options.

c. Approved Infection Control Practices

Chair Guevara noted that the Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") made a presentation to the Board at its last meeting, requesting that the Board issue a reminder notice to all dentists, dental hygienist, and dental assistants in regards to infection control practices.

A list of the CDC Guidelines were drafted for the Committee's review and comment. The notice will be posted on the Board's website under the "Important Announcement" section. The Board could possibly send a copy to the HDA and the HDHA for distribution.

Chair Guevara noted that the list appears to be taken from the actual CDC Guidelines and suggested that a reference to the link may be more efficient.

Ms. Chang stated that the OSHA / HIOSH Guidelines are good reference for infection control practices. Ms. Chang added that they also field complaints.

Mr. Kobashigawa commented that the Board's rules currently references only the CDC guidelines and suggested that the Board add the OSHA / HIOSH Guidelines in the next rules amendment under §16-79-8.

Chair Guevara stated that the Committee could also reference the OSHA / HIOSH Guidelines on the notice.

After some discussion, Chair Guevara adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima
Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

- Minutes approved as is.
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.