

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

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
Rules and Applications 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: Thursday, July 14, 2014
- Time: Immediately Following Board of Dental Examiners Meeting
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: Paul Guevara, D.M.D., M.D.S., Rules Committee Chair, Dental Member  
Mark Baird, D.D.S., Chair, Dental Member  
Candace Wada, Dental Member, Applications Committee Chair  
Mark Chun, Dental Member  
Garrett Ota, Dental Member  
Janet Primiano, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member  
Rodney Ching, Public Member  
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer  
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer
- Guests: Noelani R.E.T.G. Greene, Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association  
("HDHA")
- Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Guevara called the combined meeting of the Rules and Applications Committee to order at 12:10 p.m.

Discussion on Amendments to Application Forms

Chair Wada noted that the Applications Committee was working on the language to amend the application permit for dentists and for dental anesthesiologists. The Committee is also tasked with reviewing the facility permit for inspection. It was noted that some of the older permitted offices were grandfathered in.

Regarding the site/facility inspection, members discussed requiring the physician who specializes in anesthesiology or certified nurse anesthetist ("CRNA") to bring all of the necessary equipment and supplies for the procedure and emergencies to the dental office. The dental office would also need to be inspected for a recovery room and appropriate entry-exit accessibility.

There was no further discussion for the Applications Committee. Chair Wada left at this time.

#### Discussion on Possible Amendments to Chapter 16-79, Hawaii Administrative Rules

Chair Guevara discussed the possibility of adding new member Dr. Hasegawa to the Committee, as he is an oral surgeon and the Committee could benefit from his expertise and knowledge in this field.

Chair Guevara discussed the following proposed amendments:

§16-79-141 Continuing educations categories. Chair Guevara noted a trend in the requirement of ethics courses for dentists and dental hygienists. The Committee discussed the possibility of requiring 2 hours of an ethics course to be included in the CE requirement under this section. Dr. Baird stated that NERB could prepare a course/exam and possibly have an online link via the Board's website.

§16-79-77 Administration of sedation and analgesia to replace the word "or" with "and" thereby allowing the dentists to administer nitrous oxide and a single oral sedative medication administered in an appropriate does to reduce anxiety without a permit.

§16-79-69.1 Allowable duties and training for a dental assistant. At the Board's regular meeting earlier today, Mr. Liebling (HDA) questioned the type of CPR class that was required for the dental assistants. The Committee reviewed and discussed this section and proposed the following amendment to subsection (b) of this section:

(b) The board requires the supervising licensed dentist to appropriately train or provide training to dental assistants which may include, but not limited to proper sterilization and disinfection procedures, which meets the standards and guidelines of the U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration/State of Hawaii Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA/HIOSH) bloodborne pathogen standards, CDC and ADA prevention guidelines and recommendations for the proper and safe execution of these delegated duties when providing dental care and treatment for their patients; ethics; proper record keeping and patient confidentiality; and **basic** cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). The training courses shall be provided by sponsors pursuant to section 16-79-142.

§16-79-78 Administration of general anesthesia and sedation. The Committee discussed the proposed language allowing nurse anesthetists to become employed by a licensed dentist. After review and discussion, the Committee proposed the following amendment to this section.

- (2) In lieu of the requirements in paragraphs (1)(A) and (B), a licensed dentist may receive a written authorization or permit to use general anesthesia, deep sedation or moderate (conscious) sedation, if the licensed dentist employs or works in conjunction with a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 453, HRS, who specializes in anesthesiology [staff of an accredited hospital] or a certified registered nurse anesthetist licensed pursuant to chapter 457, HRS, who is a member of the anesthesiology staff of an accredited hospital; provided that the [anesthesiologist] physician who specializes in anesthesiology or certified registered nurse anesthetist shall remain on the premises of the dental facility until the patient is fully recovered and discharged from the facility.

The Committee also discussed the age group for the ACLS and/or PALS requirement. After a discussion, the Committee recommends that for moderate sedation or higher, dentists need to follow the ADA Guidelines for CPR when treating the specific age groups:

- Only treating patients 12 years old and younger = PALS only
- Only treating patients 12 years and older = ACLS only
- When treating both patient groups - under 12 years old and over 12 years old = both ACLS and PALS

§16-79-141 Continuing education categories.

(a)(2) CPR courses:

- (A) Shall be completed, continuously current, and include a hands-on component;
- (B) Shall be sponsored by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, or from [an applicant] a sponsoring organization approved pursuant to section 16-79-143;
- (C) Shall be a CPR course for health care providers;
- (D) A dentist administering general anesthesia or moderate sedation shall be required to complete the Advanced Cardiac Life Support course or if treating pediatric patients, the Pediatric Advanced Life Support course; provided that both courses shall be completed if treating pediatric patients and minors thirteen years or older.

[(C)] (E) Shall be limited to a maximum of four CE hours per biennium; and  
[(D)] (F) All CPR courses shall not be credited toward fulfilling the clinical course requirements of subsection (a)(1)(B) or (C).

§16-79-2 Definitions. The Committee also suggested that the age group requirement be placed under “definitions” for clarification.

“Pediatric patients” means, for purposes of the CPR requirement, patients twelve years or younger.

Chair Guevara adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima  
Sandra Matsushima  
Executive Officer

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