

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 12, 2014

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Place: Prince Leleiohoku 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  
Rodney Ching, Public Member  
James Kobashigawa, Executive Officer  
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer  
Stephen Levins, Deputy Attorney General

Via teleconference  
Mark Baird, D.D.S., Chair, Dental Member

Excused: Garrett Ota, Dental Member

Guests: None

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, Chair Guevara called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

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

Chair Guevara discussed the proposed amendments to clarify the language in Subchapter 8 Anesthesia, to possibly amend this section of the newly adopted rules.

Chair Guevara noted that he had reviewed some of the other states' laws, and primarily focused on Arizona, Minnesota and California. Chair Guevara also noted that

the American Dental Association's ("ADA") Guidelines on the Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia by Dentists is an excellent source of information. He also noted that the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry ("AAPD") had guidelines on sedation that were helpful as well.

A discussion ensued and comments were made whether or not a separate section for pediatric dentists may be needed. Minnesota has a separate section for pediatric dentists in their application. Also, some of the medications that the pediatric dentists administer fall under minimal sedation. However, with our new rules in place, they are now in a different category and will require a permit to administer. Chair Guevara was concerned as he believed these dentists may not qualify for a facility permit.

Chair Guevara stated that clarification is needed whether the dentists are administering minimal sedation for anxiety control or for pain. He added that those who administer sedation should be trained to do it.

Dr. Baird referenced Minnesota's application under "Wrongful Event Prevention" and discussed their facility and equipment requirements. Dr. Baird suggested that the Committee could adopt some of these sections in the application. He noted that the Board should take into account what requirements the dentist will need to qualify for minimal sedation.

The Committee discussed administering sedation in children, as it is hard to determine the effects in children. They can go from minimal to moderate to deep sedation quickly. It was noted that the Board needs to at least require some precautions on this matter and include monitoring equipment. The dentist should also have equipment to rescue a patient. Dr. Ota is presently looking at the guidelines for pediatric dentists and will report to the Committee.

Chair Guevara proposed an amendment to §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 dose to reduce anxiety without a permit. Chair Guevara also proposed to add a new subsection for anxiety control which would fall under this section regarding minimal sedation.

Chair Guevara suggested that the Committee look towards amending the rules by referring to the ADA and AAPD Guidelines on Sedation.

The Committee then discussed how the dentist would utilize an anesthesiologist, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist ("CRNA"), or another licensed person to administer the sedation in the dentist's office. The Committee decided that the

equipment needs to be provided by the person who will administer the sedation (MD, CRNA, etc.) and would bring in their own equipment to work in a permitted office that is equipped for their use.

The Committee also clarified that the PALS (Pediatric Advanced Life Support) CPR course is equivalent to the Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (“ACLS”) CPR course. The Board will require a healthcare provider CPR course for dentists (who do not administer sedation) and dental hygienists and also require a basic CPR course for dental assistants.

Chair Guevara noted that the rules should be amended to reference the ADA and AAPD standards and current guidelines on sedation. In reference to the CRNA’s, the Board will amend its rules as discussed and will include sedation with the CRNA amendment. More general dentists will be able to utilize them more frequently. Also, a definition of minimal sedation should be added. Chair Guevara will work with Jimmy on the proper language for the amendment.

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 \_\_\_\_\_.