

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

MINUTES OF MEETING¹

Date: May 13, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Room, 1st Floor
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/85942300973>

Zoom Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/GG7dPhhQdB8>

Members Present: Paul Guevara, D.M.D, M.D.S., Chair, Dental Member
Wesley Choy, D.D.S., Dental Member
Wallace Chong, III, D.D.S., Dental Member
Staphe Fujimoto, D.D.S., Dental Member
Katherine Fukushima, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member
Jonathan Lau, D.D.S., Dental Member
Joy Shimabuku, Public Member
Joyce Yamada, Ed.D., R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member

Members Excused: Andrew Tseu, D.D.S., Vice-Chair, Dental Member
Craig Yamamoto, D.D.S., Dental Member

Staff Present: Sheena Choy, Executive Officer (“EO Choy”)
Bryan Yee, Esq., Deputy Attorney General (“DAG Yee”)
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary

In-Person Guests: Charles Kamimura
Dr. Abraham Miller
Mrs. Miller

Zoom Webinar Guests: Danny Cup Choy, HDA
Noel Catanho
Dr. Solomon Brotman, HMSA
Sharon Shishido
Corie Tanida

¹ Comments from the public were solicited on each agenda item. If no public comments were given, the solicitation for and lack of public comment are not explicitly stated in these minutes.

Virtual Meeting
Instructions:

A short video regarding virtual meetings was played for attendees.

The Chair provided information on internet and phone access for today's virtual meeting and announced that today's meeting was being recorded and that the recording will be posted on the Board's web page.

Agenda:

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

Roll Call:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and proceeded with a roll call of the Board members. All Board members confirmed that they were present; those on Zoom confirmed they were present and alone.

Call to Order:

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Approval of
Minutes:

Approval of the Minutes of the March 11, 2024 Meeting

The Chair asked if there was any discussion of, corrections to, or public comments regarding the March 11, 2024 minutes.

Seeing no public comments or Board discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lau, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the Open Session minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lau, seconded by Ms. Yamada, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the Executive Session minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting.

Chair's
Announcements:

Appreciation for Outgoing Board Members – Dr. Wesley Choy and Dr. Wallace Chong

The Chair stated that this is the last meeting for dentist Board members Dr. Choy and Dr. Chong since their terms will expire on June 30, 2024.

The Chair thanked both Dr. Choy and Dr. Chong for their service on the Board, and their contribution and commitment to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

New Business:

Presentation on Dentists Administering Vaccines in Dental Offices by Dr. Solomon Brotman, Vice President for National Clinical Operations of Life and Specialty Ventures

Dr. Brotman raised his hand on Zoom and was promoted to panelist.

The Chair welcomed Dr. Brotman to the meeting and reminded him that he has five minutes for his presentation to the Board.

Dr. Brotman stated he is the Chief Clinical Officer with HMSA Dental. He stated that during the COVID-19 pandemic, many states permitted dentists to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. Currently, there are seven (7) states that allow dentists to administer vaccinations to patients upon completion of appropriate training. Five (5) of the states allow dentists to administer limited vaccines (COVID-19, Flu, and HPV), and two (2) states (Oregon and Indiana) allow dentists to administer many types vaccines not limited to COVID-19, Flu, and HPV. According to Oregon Health Authority, Oregon's immunization rates have decreased in the recent years. Regence BlueCross will assist dentists in Oregon obtain certification allowing them to administer vaccinations to patients.

Participating dentists in Oregon can choose from two different immunization training programs – a limited immunization program or a full immunization program. There are two parts included in the training: The didactic component is a pre-recorded webinar; hands-on training is provided by OHSU in Portland, which certifies off-site trainers in remote locations. Once clinical training is accomplished, dentists complete the ALERT IIS training which is Oregon's computerized statewide immunization information registry.

Additionally, in Oregon senior dental students can complete a vaccination module during senior year electives. Upon graduation, dentists can complete the ALERT IIS training before licensure is granted. Funding has been provided to support this training and permitting process in Oregon.

Dr. Brotman reported the following statistics:

- 73% of patients surveyed in an Indian Health Service study preferred vaccinations at regularly scheduled dental appointments than separate appointments in other health care settings
- 29 million Americans (9%) have a dental visit, but no medical visit in a year
- Focus groups conducted by HMSA Dental and the Santa Fe Group found that recent dental school graduates (within the past 15 years) are much more likely to perform additional healthcare screening as a component of initial and periodic examinations than their more experienced counterparts
- When frequent and infrequent dental patients were asked, there was overwhelming support for this screening and appropriate referral

Dr. Brotman concluded by stating that there has been an increased interest in the medical-dental integration. He stated that a statute change would be required by the Hawaii Board if they wanted to pursue similar changes like the ones highlighted in his presentation.

The Chair asked if there were any public comments or questions from the Board.

The Chair asked if HMSA has received any input from Hawaii dentists about interest in this type of program.

Dr. Brotman stated that they approached the Hawaii Dental Association (“HDA”) and at that time, HDA showed limited interest and asked for a check-in after a few years.

EO Choy asked if Dr. Brotman knew of any opposition that may have arisen as states sought legislative action to move towards the medical-dental integration.

Dr. Brotman replied that there was very little opposition. They are currently in the process of assisting Utah and Arkansas with statute revisions. By this time in the process, they ask states about the scope of practice for pharmacists, pointing out that pharmacists are not trained to provide injections, while dentists administer blind injections on a daily basis.

EO Choy asked if Dr. Brotman has statistics for the number of dentists who have started administering the flu vaccine from states who have adopted that model of medical-dental integration.

Dr. Brotman stated that they only work closely with Oregon, so they do not have exact numbers from the other states. In Oregon, there were recently twenty (20) dentists administering flu vaccines, and this was based on the number of practitioners who billed Blue Cross of Oregon.

The Chair asked if there were any liability issues.

Dr. Brotman stated that he is still a practicing dentist once a week and has been practicing for over 40 years. Once the state legislature approves statute change and the Board amends its administrative rules, then it becomes part of the standard of health policy in that state.

Seeing no further questions or Board discussion, the Chair thanked Dr. Brotman for his presentation and announced the next agenda item.

Dr. Brotman was moved back to “participant” on Zoom.

Applications:

Ratification Lists

After reading the license numbers on the ratification lists, the Chair asked if there was any public testimony.

Seeing none, the Chair asked for a motion to approve the ratification lists.

Upon a motion by Dr. Lau, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, it was voted on

and unanimously carried to approve the following ratification lists:

- 1) Approved Dentists
DT-3156 WU, JU QUAN
DT-3157 BYAKINA, OLGA
DT-3158 BAUTISTA, BEATRICE ANNE
DT-3159 PECK, DEVIN J
DT-3160 PADILLA, DENISE
DT-3161 NGUYEN, TYLER LOVELLE
DT-3162 NISHIMOTO, TAYLOR W
DT-3163 LADD, TAYLOR A
- 2) Approved Dental Hygienists
DH-2466 ITEM, RYANN S
DH-2467 MEDAGLIA, MARYTHA A
DH-2468 DUBOIS, LAKERA E
DH-2469 CANALES NAVARRETE, CAROLE
- 3) Approved Community Service Dentists
CSDT-113 LE, CHRISTIE NGUYEN
CSDT-114 LYTLER, JOHN LAWRENCE

Applications

At 10:28 a.m., upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Dr. Lau, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS §92-4 and §92-5(a)(1) and (4) "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;" and "To consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities."

At 12:14 p.m., upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of Executive Session.

The Chair summarized that in Executive Session, the Board consulted with its attorney regarding confidential matters related to the application for Dr. Abraham Miller.

Dentist

Abraham Miller

The Chair asked if there was public testimony. There was none.

Upon a motion by the Chair, seconded by Ms. Shimabuku, it was voted upon and unanimously carried to defer Dr. Miller's application for additional information.

Executive Officer's
Report:

2024 Legislation

EO Choy reported that the 2024 legislative session has come to a close. The Board was provided with a flowchart of "A Bill's Journey" from the Hawaii Legislative Reference Bureau: <https://lrb.hawaii.gov/par/overview-of-the-legislative-process/a-bills-journey/>

H.B. 1777, HD 1 – Relating to Dental Hygienists

Description: Authorizes dental hygienists who are under the general supervision of a licensed dentist to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on certain individuals in a school-based oral health program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EO Choy reminded the Board that it voted to support this bill at its January 22, 2024 meeting. Since the last Board meeting, the bill crossed over to the Senate but was not heard and therefore died.

SB 2476, HD 2, CD 1 – Relating to Dental Hygienists

Description: Authorizes licensed dental hygienists to perform preventive dental sealant screenings and apply dental sealants on individuals, under certain conditions, in a school-based oral health program. (CD1)

EO Choy reminded the Board that it voted to support this bill at its January 22, 2024 meeting. Since the last Board meeting, the bill crossed over to the House, passed final reading, and was enrolled to the Governor. Unless the Governor chooses to veto the bill, it will become law sometime in the summer. The Board was provided with the CD 1 language.

H.B. 2744, HD 1 – Relating to Oral Health

Description: Establishes an oral health task force to review the status of oral health in the State and make recommendations to improve the State's oral health infrastructure. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

EO Choy stated that she was tracking this bill for the Board. Since the last Board meeting, the bill crossed over to the Senate, but was not heard by WAM and therefore died.

Web Notice Posted Regarding the use of Lead Aprons

EO Choy reported that the American Dental Association ("ADA") issued a February 1, 2024 announcement that the use of lead abdominal aprons or thyroid collars on patients when conducting dental X-rays is no longer recommended.

A web notice was posted on the Board’s website in response, reminding all Hawaii licensees that the ADA guidance does not change the existing requirements of Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) §448-1.5 and Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) §16-79-7 requiring the use of lead aprons during x-rays/radiographic procedures. https://cca.hawaii.gov/pvl/news-releases/dental_announcements/

HRS §448-1.5 Lead apron during x-ray; required. (a) A dentist shall cover a patient’s torso from the neck to the pelvis including the genital area with a lead apron while conducting an x-ray procedure on the patient.

(b) The board of dentistry, by rule adopted pursuant to chapter 91, shall establish minimum specifications for the lead apron; provided that the lead apron shall protect the patient's body from unnecessary exposure to x-rays yet not unduly discomfort the patient.

(c) Any violation of this section shall be considered an improper conduct in the practice of dentistry for the purpose of section 448-17.

HAR §16-79-7 Approved apron. An apron, preferably with cervical collar, with .25 mm lead equivalent shall be the minimum shielding for dental radiographic procedures.

Next Meeting:

Monday, July 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.

In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual

Participation: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Sheena Choy

/s/ Marc Yoshimura

Sheena Choy
Executive Officer

Marc Yoshimura
Secretary

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

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