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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
COUNCIL ON DENTAL HYGIENE
DECEMBER 17, 2012; 6:00 P.M. EDT
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
Call In Number (888) 670-3525, Participant Pass Code: 5805370981**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Ms. Cabanzon, Chair. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Council members present:

Ms. Cathy Cabanzon, R.D.H., Chair
Ms. Irene Stavros, R.D.H.
Ms. Elizabeth Behrens, R.D.H.
Robert Perdomo, III, D.M.D.

Council members absent:

Ms. Maria De La Cruz, R.D.H

Staff present:

David Flynn, Board Counsel
Sue Foster, Executive Director
Cindy Ritter, Program Administrator

Others present:

Wade Winker, Board Chair
Carol Stevens, D.D.S., board member
Daniel Gesek, D.M.D., board member
William Kochenour, D.D.S., board member
Carl Melzer, D.D.S., board member
Elmira Gainey, board member
Jackie Burt-McDonough, FDHA
Helen Douglas, FDHA
Dr. Don Erbs, FDA
Ron Watson, FDA
Leo Cullinan, FDA

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF May 3, 2012 MINUTES

The minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and following review, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Dr. Perdomo to approve as presented
Second: by Ms. Stavros
Vote: unanimous

ITEMS FOR TOPIC DISCUSSION

Use of local anesthesia with nitrous oxide

The Council asked for clarification of s. 466.017(5), F.S. of administration of local anesthesia to a non-sedated patient. Would local anesthesia with nitrous oxide (an analgesic) qualify?

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Council:

Motion: by Ms. Stavros to accept that dental hygienists can administer a local anesthesia with patients under the analgesic - nitrous oxide
Second: by Ms. Behrens
Vote: unanimous

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Motion: by Ms. Stavros to request that Council recommend that board update rules in 64B5-14.001, FAC, regarding the definitions of non-sedated patient

Second: by Dr. Perdomo

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Ms. Stavros to have Council recommend that board review minimal sedation and anti-anxiety medication rules

Second: by Dr. Perdomo

Vote: unanimous

Use of Certified Registered Dental Hygienist (CRDH) credential Rule 64B5-14.001 Definitions (14), F.A.C.

Is the use of this new credential optional or required? The Dental Hygiene Council and board counsel agreed that usage of these initials following the name is optional.

Issues regarding Florida licensed dental hygienists who are certified in other states for local anesthesia and fall short hours to meet Florida requirements

The Council discussed the current options for Florida licensed dental hygienists who are certified in other states and need additional hours to meet the 60 hour requirement. Some suggestions included a statutory change, asking the educational institutions to review transcripts to see if the dental hygienists is missing hours; have board staff or a board committee of one review the application and transcript and refer the applicant to a dental or dental hygiene school to obtain the additional clinical or didactic hours needed. Dr. Winker stated that he had discussed this with a University of Florida representative and was told that the school could develop a customized clinical course for the hours needed to verify competency, or the school could offer a refresher course on local anesthesia.

Dr. Melzer stated that perhaps the total hours required should be lowered legislatively as 60 hours seemed excessive for this skill. It was also noted that s.466.017, F.S. does not require that the training be in a Florida school.

Malpractice requirements for dental hygienists

The Council discussed financial responsibility requirements for dental hygienists administering local anesthesia. Rule 64B5-17.011(4) and s. 466.024(5)(c), F.S. were reviewed. There were questions regarding s. 456.048, F.S. requirements for malpractice insurance. Mr. Flynn stated that he would contact attorneys that work for insurance companies in the dental field and report back to the Board. His opinion was that the dentist's malpractice insurance would cover the dental hygienist, but will verify and report back to the Board.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Council:

Motion: by Dr. Perdomo to ask Mr. Flynn to investigate this issue.

Second: by Ms. Stavros

Vote: unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.