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APRIL 13, 2023, MEETING

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Dentistry met on April 13, 2023, at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

CALL TO ORDER

Irene Tseng, DDS, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Irene Tseng, DDS, Chairperson
Kristi Thomas, DDS, MPH, Vice Chairperson
Fonda Brewer, Public Member
Raymond DeWitt, Ed.D., Public Member
Jennifer Fuller, DDS (arrived 10:04 a.m.)
Mark Johnston, DDS
Janet Kinney, RDH, MS
Cynthia McCants, Public Member
Vaijanthi Oza, DDS
Edward Sarkisian, DDS
Mamnoon Siddiqui, DDS, MS
Craig Spangler, DDS
Dawn Marie Strehl, RDH
Kathleen Weber, CDA, RDA, BAS
Hassan Yehia, DDS

Members Absent: Cheryl Bentley, RDH
Deborah Brown, DMD
Ellen Chambers, RDA
Martha Morgan, RDH
Shakeel Niazi, DDS

Staff Present: Laury Brown, Senior Analyst, Compliance Section
Andria Ditschman, JD, Departmental Specialist,
Boards and Committees Section
Dena Marks, JD, Departmental Specialist,
Boards and Committees Section
Bridget Smith, JD, Assistant Attorney General
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician,
Boards and Committees Section

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by DeWitt, seconded by Weber, to approve the agenda with the removal of item 6. and the addition of two items under New Business: A. Rules Discussion and B. Dental Student External Rotation Discussion.

Discussion was held.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Kinney, to approve the minutes from December 8, 2022, as written.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

HPRP Annual Report

Marks provided an overview of the HPRP program and presented the HPRP Executive Summary: October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

REGULATORY MATTERS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Continuing Education Committee

Oza presented the Continuing Education lists, dated February 9, 2023 (Attachment 1), and April 13, 2023 (Attachment 2).

MOTION by Yehia, seconded by Sarkisian, to approve the Continuing Education list, as presented.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Brewer, DeWitt, Fuller, Johnston, Kinney, McCants, Oza, Sarkisian, Siddiqui, Spangler, Strehl, Weber, Yehia, Thomas, Tseng
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Board Review Panel

Yehia provided an overview of the Health Professional Disciplinary Reform FY 2022 Report to the Legislature. The board requested that the department send the letter to educators with the disciplinary statistics, as was done in 2022.

Credentials Review

No report.

RDA Committee

No report.

RDH Committee

No report.

Rules Committee

Ditschman stated that the draft rules were withdrawn to modify the language for the pediatric specialty oral examination. She stated that when MOAHR reviews them, they will determine if an additional hearing is needed. Ditschman explained that public comments received from board members, using their state issued email addresses, were rejected and therefore those changes will not be in the proposed draft that goes to JCAR. She stated that if board members wanted to make comments on future sets, they would need to use their personal/business email as a public citizen.

Johnston stated that the Michigan Dental Association had recently added a statement to their website that implicit bias training could be counted toward continuing education.

Ditschman stated that the current and proposed rules seem to exclude implicit bias training from counting toward continuing education, but a discussion could be held during the rules discussion.

PA 161 Update

Erin Suddeth, RDH, BS, MPA, with MDHHS-Oral Health, reported that they currently have 52 programs including 111 supervising dentists, 208 dental hygienists, and 139 dental assistants.

Disciplinary Subcommittee

Brewer provided a summary of the Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC) Agenda.

Ad Hoc Committee on Anesthesia

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Rules Discussion

MOTION by Johnston, seconded by Spangler, to open the rules once the current set has promulgated.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Ditschman read the current Dentistry continuing education rule from the set that was promulgated on April 26, 2021, that allows human trafficking training and opioid training to be used for continuing education and then states that credit for a continuing education program that is identical to a program an applicant has already earned credit for is prohibited.

Discussion was held as to whether the Dentistry rule prohibited a licensee from using the implicit bias training to count as continuing education.

Ditschman stated that the board can vote to clarify the current rule and allow the implicit bias training to be used towards continuing education. However, Ditschman stated that the proposed rule is clear that the board intended to not allow implicit bias training to be used for continuing education. She can follow up to see if the change could be made at

this time in the rules process, but it was unlikely as this is a substantive change that would require another public hearing.

Ditschman asked Neema Katibai with the Michigan Dental Association (MDA) if the MDA provided its direction based on contact with the department. Katibai stated that the request to the legislature for implicit bias training to be counted toward continuing education was made based on the current sets of rules. He clarified that the rules apply to all health professions, not just dentistry.

MOTION by Siddiqui, seconded by Yehia, to allow implicit bias training to count toward continuing education.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Brewer, Fuller, McCants, Oza, Siddiqui, Strehl, Yehia,
Thomas, Tseng
Nays: DeWitt, Kinney, Sarkisian, Spangler, Weber
Abstain: Johnston

MOTION PREVAILED

Until the proposed rules are effective, implicit bias training may be used towards continuing education.

Dental Student External Rotations Discussion

Pursuant to several board member requests that the board discuss asking dental schools about external rotation, Ditschman presented a letter to the board about external rotations for dentists.

Kinney and Weber stated that dental hygienists and dental assistants also participate in external rotations and wondered if the letter should be sent to them as well.

Thomas requested that the list of questions in the letter include how the preceptors are trained and calibrated. It was also discussed that “private practice” be removed from the last question.

The consensus of the board was to send the letter to two dental schools for preliminary information on dentists. If more information was needed, then schools with dental hygiene and dental assisting programs could be contacted. The board would like to see the responses at the August meeting.

Master Resolution Review

Ditschman provided an overview of the proposed addition to the Board of Dentistry Master Resolution regarding how to handle a continuing education waiver request when the

Board meeting scheduled to consider the request is canceled, through no fault of the licensee.

MOTION by Sarkisian, seconded by Siddiqui, to approve the Board of Dentistry Master Resolution as presented and amended to include language that involves contact with the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, or Chairperson's designee, when handling a continuing education waiver request when the board meeting scheduled to consider the request is cancelled, through no fault of the licensee.

Discussion was held.

A roll call vote was held: Yeas: Brewer, DeWitt, Fuller, Johnston, Kinney, McCants, Oza, Sarkisian, Siddiqui, Spangler, Strehl, Weber, Yehia, Thomas, Tseng
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Report

Tseng stated that Ellen Chambers, RDA, had been appointed to the board.

Tseng stated that she and Thomas attended the CDCA-WREB-CITA annual session in January 2023 in Dallas, Texas. She stated that they attended the chair/co-chair meeting where discussions were held regarding a dental compact, how rules differ between states, and the expansion of the ADEX examination outside of the United States.

Tseng asked that the department send out the annual letter to schools, providing disciplinary statistics.

Department Update

Ditschman stated that the bureau will hold the next board member training will be held later this summer, via Zoom. All board members are welcome to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandy Sutton with MDHHS Oral Health, made a comment regarding the content of implicit bias training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held June 8, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper-Level Conference Center Room 3, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Brewer, seconded by Yehia, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

A voice vote followed.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved by the Board on:

Prepared by:
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support Technician
Bureau of Professional Licensing

April 14, 2023