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Dental Assistant Education

April 24, 2014

Conference Room A

Attendees:

Committee: Teri Youndahl, L.D.A.; Steven Sperling, D.D.S.; Nancy Kearn, D.H.-absent
 Former Committee member: Neal Benjamin, D.D.S.
 Board Staff: Marshall Shragg, M.P.H.; Judith Bonnell, L.D.A.

Community Participants from the sign in sheet:

NTC-Bemidji: Terri Bannor, L.D.A.
SCC-North Mankato: Jennifer Dumdei, L.D.A.
Central Lakes College: LeAnn Schoenle, L.D.A.; Julie Morgan, L.D.A.
South Central College: Karon Metz, L.D.A.
Century College: Beth Rynders, L.D.A.
Mpls. Community & Technical College: Kathy Lapham, L.D.A.
MEDA: JoAnn Brandt, L.D.A.; Lucy Shoemaker, L.D.A.

Others: MetroDentalcare: Martina Hovey, L.D.A.; Majda Hodzic, L.D.A.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Teri Youngdahl, Chairperson
 She introduced Dr. Steven Sperling and the newest Committee member.

Committee members, staff and community participants introduced themselves.

Ms. Youngdahl asked if anyone had additional items to the agenda. Ms. Rynders stated that she would like to introduce the "MN Expanded Functions Curriculum" and stated that the information from page 53 forward is new. The last two pages, 56-57, are in draft form because gingival retraction is not yet a rule. The majority of the document had been previously approved by the Board.

ACTION ITEM: As the chair of this Committee, Ms. Youngdahl will approach the full Board with a request to accept the Expanded Functions Curriculum for Dental Assistants.

Prometric concerns:

Mr. Shragg stated that the current contract with Prometric expires June 30, 2014. He acknowledged that some issues exist and that regardless, a RFP will be required.

1 However, the contact with them may have to be extended 3-6 months to allow for that
2 process.

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4 Ms. Rynders inquired as to the status of the schools' August graduates and was assured
5 by Mr. Shragg that the examinations would still be provided by Prometric at that time.

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7 Ms. Schoenle stated that she will share Prometric contact information with all those
8 present. Ms. Morgan asked about the determining factors the Board uses in choosing a
9 testing company. Mr. Shragg listed items of import that would be considered, but added
10 that the review of submitted RFPs would be confidential to protect any proprietary
11 information.

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13 **Background checks:**

14 Criminal background checks (CBCs) will soon be required for all applicants for licensure
15 in the health professions. The Boards initially involved in this initiative will be Dentistry,
16 Nursing, Physical Therapy and Psychology and the implementation date is now expected
17 to be October 2014. Currently, applicants must self-disclose any criminal history. Mr.
18 Shragg added that by 2016, the Board must report to the Legislature how background
19 checks will be accomplished on current licensees.

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21 Ms. Lapham asked for an explanation of the process and Mr. Shragg shared an
22 abbreviated process. Applicants are encouraged to be completely truthful on their
23 application forms when answering if they have even been convicted, adjudicated or have
24 a case pending.

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26 **Student Placement in Externships:**

27 Mr. Shragg asked that educators contact him directly if concerns exist about student
28 placement with specific dental practices. Dr. Benjamin asked for a clarification on what
29 kind of information Mr. Shragg would be sharing with the educators and was assured that
30 only public information could be shared.

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32 **MEDA poll:**

33 Ms. Shoemaker had been asked to poll MEDA representatives regarding applicants being
34 tested twice on the radiology exams (by DANB and by the Minnesota Board of
35 Dentistry). The poll was sent to 34 members and 23 responded. The options were:

- 36 A. Delete the Radiology portion of the DASLE—10 agreed
- 37 B. Delete the Radiology portion of the DASLE as a *separate* exam—8 agreed
- 38 C. Leave the current system of testing Radiology as it is—3 agreed
- 39 D. Eliminate the DANB exam/ No comment—2 agreed

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41 Ms. Rynders stated that MEDA is very interested in still writing test questions. Dr.
42 Benjamin felt that a Board member should participate in the review of questions for the
43 Minnesota Licensure Exam.

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45 The educators will be meeting during the Star of the North Dental Convention and may
46 have additional input to offer the Board following the meeting.

