

Board of Dentistry - Updates

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President's Corner

From where I stand, the duties of the Board of Dentistry are being carried out with a great deal of care, efficiency and a welcome sense of teamwork and respect. We have had some staffing changes and our new executive director, Bridgett Anderson, has been able to transition smoothly into her new role. A great deal of thanks are due to all the staff at the Board, for showing patience and professionalism throughout the process.

We would like to welcome Dr. Carl Ebert as the new Dentist member on the board. His appointment replaces Dr. David Gesko, who completed his term in April. Many thanks to Dr. Gesko for his leadership and dedication. At this time, we are still looking for a public member to serve on the board. Please encourage any qualified candidates that you may know to contact our Executive Director for more details and instructions to apply.

We have started the task of reviewing and updating our Internal Operating Policies and Procedures (IOPP), which details how the board operates. This will continue through the year and should be finalized by the end of 2016.

We continue to highlight the problem of opioids abuse/addiction. Please



take a few minutes to review this recent article, published in Pain Medicine News, "[Opioid Use by Dentists After Tooth Extraction Likely to be Excessive](#)". As we have seen on both the local and national levels, dental professionals can be part of the change in prescribing habits and promoting education for prescribers. As many of you already know our legislature has mandated that all dentists with a DEA number will need to sign up for participation in the PMP (Prescription Monitoring Program). **Take a look in depth at the changes in our PMP focus article.** This program allows prescribers to review previous prescriptions that our patients have been given by ALL prescribers within Minnesota and 23 other states using PMP Interconnect This can be especially helpful with border states. Prescribers can delegate authorized users within their staff to incorporate the process into their clinical workflow.

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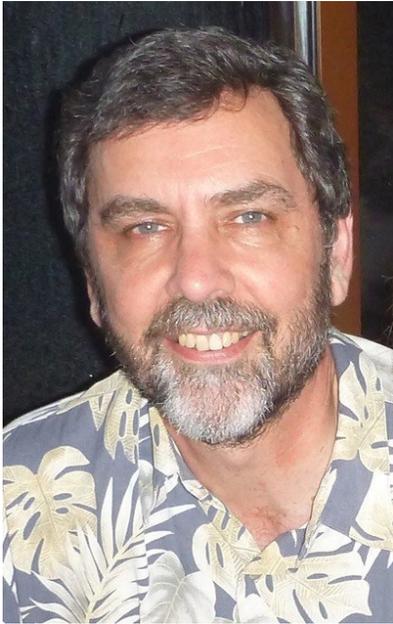
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As the nation's attention is focused on so much that is negative in the news and on the political scene we remind ourselves that we are fortunate to be members of a profession that we can truly be proud of. We still rank very highly in terms of public trust and we take this trust seriously. The board will continue to carry out its mission

and is currently discussing further defining the mission to include; to promote and protect public health and safety and ensure that every licensed dental professional practicing in the state meet the requirements for safe, competent, and ethical practice.

Steven Sperling, DDS

Welcome New Board Member—Dr. Carl Ebert, DDS



Governor Dayton appointed Dr. Carl Ebert to the Board of Dentistry on April 29, 2016. Dr. Ebert graduated from the Minnesota School of Dentistry in 1983 and participated in the Oral Health Services for Older Adults Program between 1989 and 1991. Since then, he has provided care for underserved Minnesotans. Dr. Ebert has also been an outspoken advocate for improved access and quality of care for Minnesotans with oral health disparities.

In the late 1990's, Dr. Ebert formed the Minnesota Association for Community Dentistry and successfully lobbied for passage of a number of crucial dental access policies at the state Capitol. He currently provides clinical care at Community Dental Care for low-access patients and continues his advocacy work serving as Vice President and Advocacy Committee Chair for the Minnesota Oral Health Coalition.

Dr. Ebert replaced Dr. David Gesko on the Board.

A Message from the Executive Director

Communication is Key

Thank you for taking the time to read our Board newsletter.

As I talked about in our last edition of the newsletter, one of the goals is to promote positive engagement with the Board. Years ago, the Board used to send newsletters via

traditional mail to all licensees. With the changing times and increased use of electronic communications, the newsletter

has been in an electronic version for the past several years. The e-newsletter and our e-mail blasts are our vehicle of communication with licensees. We also send license renewal information via email as well as traditional mail. We do not want licensees missing out on important information that affects licensure, compliance, patient safety, and dental regulatory policy in Minnesota.



To dental licensees receiving this newsletter, we need your help!

Please ask your colleagues, does the Board have your current email address? Feel free to also share the newsletter.

Licensees can send email address information to dental.board@state.mn.us or update address or email address via our [online system](#).

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We want to continue to engage dental licensees to promote better understanding of the requirements of the Board of Dentistry. I have had the pleasure to work with many dental clinics over the years to help them achieve regulatory compliance. One of the things I saw was when clinics were less in the know and disengaged with the dental community it tended to cause frustration and issues with compliance. This does not have to be. **Engagement and frequent communication is key.** We want licensees to understand Board laws and rule requirements and feel that they can ask questions of the Board or engage topics and questions within our various committees.

By promoting education and compliance with our laws and rules to the dental community here in Minnesota, we are able to work toward the fulfillment our mission, to *“Ensure that Minnesota citizens receive quality dental health care from competent dental health care professionals”*. I feel that competency is achieved through dental and allied dental education, examination process for licensure, ongoing professional development and being educated to the rules and regulations surrounding dental practice in Minnesota. Not in compliance with current regulations? Not sure? Ask questions, engage yourself (or re-engage) and connect with resources.

In Your Service,
Bridgett Anderson LDA, MBA - Executive Director

Urgent Reminder Regarding CPR



There has been an increase in complaints being opened on licensees regarding concerns with CPR certification; specifically, **failure to maintain continuous CPR certification**. This is a requirement per Minnesota Rules [3100.5100](#). Please check your card and mark your calendar for your due date. Make sure to schedule a course in a timely manner to prevent CPR lapse. Licensees that lapse in CPR or fail to maintain other professional development requirements may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Board.

Update Regarding American Heart Association Course

As of May 2016, the American Heart Association (AHA) has changed the name of their BLS course to “Basic Life

Support (BLS) for Providers”. They no longer reference “healthcare providers” in the course title, card or certificates. This course is acceptable for Board of Dentistry professional development requirements. However, the AHA Heart Saver course is not a course geared for healthcare providers and would not be acceptable to fulfill the Board’s requirement for CPR.

The American Red Cross Professional Rescuer CPR Course has been changed to BLS for Healthcare Providers and is also an acceptable course to meet the Board of Dentistry’s CPR Requirement.

Infection Control

The Board of Dentistry has a new website [section](#) on Infection Control in Dentistry. There is information on Board requirements, reporting, resources for professionals and public and professional development.



Organization for Safety, Asepsis, & Prevention in Dentistry (OSAP) Annual Conference 2016



Mr. Jake Manahan, Public Board Member and Ms. Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director, attended the Annual [OSAP](#) Conference in San Diego in early June. Several educational sessions were attended on some of the timeliest and emerging issues in infection control and safety in dentistry. Among the multitude of education offered, here are some helpful follow up resources for dental professionals:

Antibiotic Prescribing: Peter Jacobsen PhD, DDS, Marie Fluent DDS

Focus on antibiotic use in dentistry, how antibiotic resistance occurs and the importance of antibiotic stewardship in the dental profession:

- [Antibiotic prescribing by dentists has increased: Why?](#)
- [NIH Antimicrobial Resistance](#)
- [OSAP Antibiotic Resistance Toolkit](#)

CDC Guidelines- Michelle Junger DDS, MPH

Focus on new resources available from the CDC for Infection Control in Dentistry.

- [Summary of Infection Prevention Practices in Dental Settings](#)

- One of the buzzed about items was regarding low speed hand pieces and sterilization
- **Note: Dental hand pieces and associated attachments, including low-speed motors and reusable prophylaxis angles, should always be heat sterilized between patients and not high-level or surface disinfected. Although these devices are considered semi-critical, studies have shown that their internal surfaces can become contaminated with patient materials during use. If these devices are not properly cleaned and heat sterilized, the next patient may be exposed to potentially infectious materials. (pg.14)**

Dental Unit Waterlines- Lessons Learned from a GA Outbreak

Focus on dental unit waterlines and biofilm proliferation, human infection from waterline contamination and Georgia Mycobacterium abscessus outbreak

- [CDC Notes from the Field: Mycobacterium abscessus Infections Among Patients of a Pediatric Dentistry Practice—Georgia, 2015](#)
- [OSAP Dental Waterline Q & A](#)

HIV, HCV, HPV: Going Viral

Focus on HIV, HCV, and HPV epidemiology, relation to dental care and dental disease, and patient outcomes

- [HIV/AIDS Oral Healthcare Resource](#)
- [HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis](#)
- [CDC Know More: Hepatitis Campaign](#)

Ms. Anderson also had the chance to speak on “Opioid Abuse, Misuse and Diversion” for one of the educational sessions, along with Dr. Nathan Pedersen (Hibbing, MN).

Our September newsletter will be focused on opioid prescribing education for providers. Stay tuned!

Opioid Use in Dental Patient Care

With the growing evidence regarding opioid abuse and diversion, healthcare providers, including dental professionals are seeking ways to employ safe prescribing practices while addressing patient need for pain management. While there is no one

answer to this multi-faceted problem, two important considerations are considering alternatives, when appropriate, to the use of opioids for pain management and performing a query of the Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program (See updated article this issue) when considering

prescribing an opioid for a patient. The first consideration can help prescribers look at alternatives that can be effective for pain management and may work for their patient’s clinical situation. Visit [NSAIDs are stronger pain medications than opioids](#) and [Evidence: Efficacy of Pain Medications](#) for more information.

Update to Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)



Recent legislation has passed regarding changes to the PMP. Unless indicated, all changes are effective August 1, 2016.

- ⇒ Requires prescriptions for gabapentin be reported to the PMP.
- ⇒ Removes the provision which requires de-identifying PMP data that is retained beyond 24 months.
- ⇒ In addition to the current list of permissible use of the PMP data by prescribers they now will have the ability to use the PMP when providing care for their current patient when the prescriber has ***reason to believe, based on clinically valid indications, that the patient is potentially abusing a controlled substance.***
- ⇒ Pharmacists can now access the PMP data if being consulted by a prescriber who is requesting the data in accordance with a prescriber’s permissible use.
- ⇒ Allows health related licensing boards to obtain data from the PMP database when assigned to conduct investigation of a complaint that alleges that one of their licensees is impaired by the use of controlled substances or has attempted to fraudulently obtain controlled substances by doctor-shopping or passing forged prescriptions.
- ⇒ Similarly, allows health licensing boards that license prescribers to request data from the PMP when they are investigating a specific complaint alleging that a licensee is inappropriately prescribing a controlled substance, as defined in 152.126.
- ⇒ **Requires that by July 1, 2017, every prescriber licensed by a health related licensing board, practicing within the state who holds a current registration issued by the DEA, must register and maintain a user account with the PMP.**
- ⇒ Board (Pharmacy) can continue to review the PMP data and provide information to prescribers and dispensers about individuals they are treating who may be doctor-shopping. (Prescriber Alerts)

For more information or to sign up if you do not have an account please visit the Minnesota Prescription Monitoring Program website [here](#).

Corrective Actions

Complaint matters are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. The Board is not always able to prove each allegation from complaints received. Agreements for Corrective Action (ACAs) are sometimes used to resolve complaints which allege violation(s) of the Dental Practice Act when the specific, individual circumstances of the case are determined not to warrant disciplinary action.

Profession	Violation(s)	Remedies
Dentist 05/09/2016	<u>Substandard Recordkeeping</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensee's failure to make or maintain adequate patient records as described within Minnesota Rules 3100.9600. 	<u>Coursework</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treatment Planning / Recordkeeping course

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifically, Licensee failed to properly and consistently document within patient records one or more of the following: date of birth; emergency contact information; insurance carrier information; dental history; existing oral health status; diagnoses for dental treatment; and appropriate treatment plans. 	<p><u>Written Report of Coursework to the Board</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific information addressing the knowledge gained from course and how it will be incorporated into the practice <p><u>Follow Up Recordkeeping Inspection</u></p>
Dentist 04/03/2016	<p><u>Conduct Unbecoming a Person Licensed to Practice Dentistry</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensee fabricated a maxillary denture for the patient that included several denture adjustments from August 2013 to May 2014. Patient was unsatisfied with adjustments. When treating the patient, Licensee allowed the patient to direct the course of treatment rather than following her own treatment plan for prosthodontic procedures. 	<p><u>Patient Management / Dental Recommendations Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written report regarding understanding and accepting responsibility as a dental professional for setting limits on patient-driven care and prudent decision-making relative to recommendations for dental treatment. Specific information addressing the knowledge gained from researching and constructing report and how it will be incorporated into the practice
Dental Hygienist 06/27/2016	<p><u>Failure to Maintain Active Licensure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licensee failed to maintain current CPR certification for 6 months 	<p><u>CPR Certificate Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written report which focuses upon current CPR guidelines for healthcare providers and explains how licensee will ensure CPR certificate is renewed in timely manner in future

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:

April 16, 2015 – July 15, 2016

Click on licensee name to see the full text of the disciplinary action

Licensee	License #	City	Date of Action	Type of Order
Rominski, Anne	H9680	Apple Valley	4/21/2016	Findings of Fact, Conclusions & Order (Indefinite Suspension)
Tompach, Paul C.	D11128	Edina	5/23/2016	Remove Condition to Refrain from Practice
Burrichter, David J.	D12766	Minnetonka	7/15/2016	Amended Stipulation and Order for Conditional License
Wilbur, Raymond C.	D10169	Virginia	7/15/2016	Order for Unconditional License
Weissend, Ariana M.	R604	Minneapolis	7/15/2016	Order for Unconditional License

Real or Fake?

One of the most important roles that a Licensing Board performs, is to ensure for the public that the professionals they license, are truly qualified. We require applicants to submit proof of their education and passing all required exams. However, many may not be aware that we have to also verify the validity of every submitted document.

How the Board determines if a document is valid, is by either requiring that the applicant submit an original, or in lieu of the original document, a notarized copy. The definition of what qualifies for a notarized copy is when the notary public views the original and on the photocopy they must provide their commission stamp, signature and a statement of certification/attestation. That statement can be as simple as writing the words "True copy of Original". Although the notary is not guaranteeing the authenticity of the original document, they are by certification assuring to the best of their ability, that the photocopy does not appear to be altered from the original.



In present day there exists the concerns of diploma mills, identity theft and cheating on examinations. The Board of Dentistry takes the responsibility of ensuring the legitimacy of credentials on those we issue licenses to, very seriously. We are always looking at ways to make our processes more efficient, all the while, upholding our mission to protect public health and safety by ensuring professional competence.

Upcoming Board Meetings

October 14, 2016

January 13, 2017

April 21, 2017

July 14, 2017

For a listing of all other meetings,
please visit: <http://www.mn.gov/boards/dentistry/board/meetings.jsp>

Board Members

Steven Sperling, DDS, President (2018) Rochester
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Teri Youngdahl, LDA, Secretary (2018) Elk River
Neal Benjamin, DDS (2017)..... Lino Lakes
Nancy Kearn, DH (2017) Wyoming
Paul Walker, DDS (2019)..... Shoreview
Douglas Wolff, DDS (2019) St. Paul
Carl Ebert, DDS (2020).....Golden Valley
Allen Rasmussen, MA, BS, Public Member.....International Falls

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Carolyn Tanner.....Administrative Assistant
Vicki Vang.....Administrative Assistant