

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

5:00 p.m.

Conference Room A

Call to Order

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair
Heidi Donnelly, LDA (By phone)
Christy Jo Fogarty, DH (By phone)
Terry Klampe, DDS (By phone)

Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Joyce Nelson, Licensing Director

Others in Attendance (Per sign in sheet)

JoAnn Brandt – MEDA; Candy Hazen – MNDHA; Jeanne Anderson – MnDHA; Rachel Kashani – Legler – MDHEA; Brent Larson – U of M; Nick Lienesch – AG Office

Teleconference Participants

Majda Hodzic – MDA; Katie Thalberg – MEDA; Lori Pelke – Midwest Dental; Lucy Shoemaker – MEDA; Susan Thaemert – MEDA

Approval of Draft Agenda

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to approve the February 26, 2020 agenda as submitted.

SECOND: Dr. Klampe

RESULT: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Dr. Klampe made a motion to adopt the December 10, 2019 meeting minutes.

SECOND: Heidi Donnelly

RESULT: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

Reports

No reports.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

a. CPR Variance Request

MOTION: Christy Jo Fogarty made a motion to Grant Dr. Reynolds Fischbach (D5017) CPR variance request. He must submit proof of current AHA or ARC BLS CPR on or prior to June 1, 2020. He must have at least one other dental professional, who is current in the required CPR, be present in the dental practice, until he has successfully submitted proof of current and acceptable CPR certification.

SECOND: Heidi Donnelly
RESULT: Unanimous. Motion Passed.

b. Digital Scanning

Clarification is needed regarding the use and capabilities of digital scanning equipment. In the past, the MN Board of Dentistry, along with other states, has viewed scanners under the delegated duty of impressing as digital impressions. Intraoral and extraoral photographs are currently in the scope of practice for licensed dental assistants. Current rule provides unlicensed assistants may provide any assistance under the supervision of a dentist who is physically chairside present with the patient. There are complexities to taking a digital scan in order to fabricate dental products and for diagnostic purposes. Dialogue included the question if all scans/impressions should be data collection created by a licensed professional to assure accuracy for diagnostic purposes and proper infection control.

c. Dental Assistants and Local Anesthesia

The Committee discussed consideration of adding to the scope of Licensed Dental Assistants, the duty of administering local anesthesia, with the dentist prescribing the amount of anesthesia. The training would most likely be offered post-graduation and would follow the same curriculum that is being taught to Dental Hygienists. The rationale for considering this new duty would be to expand access to healthcare and improve office efficiency. MEDA educators and MNDHEA were requested to send course information for future discussion and to explore equivalency. The public is encouraged to attend future meetings in person and email Bridgett Anderson any helpful resources on the topic. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Announcements

The bill regarding license display HF3160/SF3183 is proceeding through the Legislature and the Board is expecting it to pass. The topic of initial licenses will be on the next Policy Committee agenda.

Adjourn

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

SECOND: Christy Jo Fogarty
RESULT: Meeting adjourned.

Reviewed by:

Hassan Ismail DDS
Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair

July 1, 2020

Date