

Allied Dental Committee Meeting

May 21, 2024

4:30 pm

Open WebEx/Teleconference Meeting

Call to Order

Heidi Donnelly called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Board Members Present

Heidi Donnelly, LDA, Chair
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT
Rick Nolting, DDS

Board Staff Present

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Brian Cochran, Assistant Director Licensing and
Credentialing
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Mary Luecke, Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval of Draft Agenda

The May 21, 2024 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The April 15, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business

Dental Implant Supportive Procedures

The Committee continued discussion from the previous meeting. They reviewed and revised proposed language for dental implant supportive procedures for licensed dental assistants. Bridgett Anderson reported placement and removal of temporary restorative materials is already allowed under current rule. Restorative functions are in statute, so additional revisions would require policy change along with new statutory language.

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to accept the following under personal supervision of a dentist and refer to the full Board for approval:

1. Placement and removal of healing caps, healing abutments and cover screws. Removal and placement allowed with hand wrench.
2. Placement and removal of scan bodies and impression copings.
3. Adjusting torque setting.
4. Placement and removal of temporary restorative materials in implant access channels.
5. Assist with placement of implant abutments with hand wrenches only.

And seek statutory change to allow the following restorative function for dental assistants:
Restore implant access channels under indirect supervision of the dentist after completing a
board approved course and obtaining RF certification. Heidi Donnelly second.

VOTE: For: 3
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

Neuromodulators and Allied Scope of Practice

The Committee reviewed a survey of dentists to determine the level of interest in delegating the duty of administering neuromodulators to hygienists. The survey revealed there is not significant interest. Some consideration may be attributed to the shortage of hygienists who are already being utilized for other duties. Committee member Rick Nolting contacted several insurance companies, and the insurance representatives did not wish to discuss the amount of additional insurance required to cover delegating the neuromodulator duty to hygienists. The insurance representatives stated the burden of determining the amount of extra insurance needed would be on the delegating dentist. Discussion included that more information is needed regarding the type of training required to administer neuromodulators and response to adverse effects.

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to table the discussion for an undetermined amount of time. Heidi Donnelly second.

VOTE: For: 3
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

New Business

None

Announcements

Bridgett Anderson announced the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact has passed in both the House and Senate and is included in the HHS Omnibus Bill.

Adjourn

Heidi Donnelly, adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Reviewed by:

Heidi C. Donnelly, LDA
Heidi Donnelly, LDA, Chair

February 18, 2025

Date