

Policy Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 16, 2024
5:00 pm
335 Randolph Avenue Room 104
St. Paul, MN 55102
and
Open WebEx/Teleconference

Call to Order

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Committee Members

Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair
Trina Courtright, DH, ADT
Heidi Donnelly, LDA
P. Angela Rake, DDS

Board Staff

Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Brian Cochran, Assistant Director Licensing and
Credentialing
Mary Luecke, Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval of Draft Agenda

The May 16, 2024 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The January 17, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Reports

Legislative Update

Bridgett Anderson reported the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Interstate Compact bill and the Dental Specialty bill are both included in the Health and Human Services Omnibus bill.

Unfinished Business

ADT Referral Guidance Document

The Committee reviewed the ADT Guidance Document.

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion seek a statutory change and approve the ADT Guidance Document with the removal of (C) *"The collaborating dentist is responsible for directly providing or arranging for another dentist or specialist to provide any necessary advanced services needed for the patient."* Trina Courtright second.

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

Unlicensed Dental Assistant Duties

The Committee discussed a proposal sponsored by several groups and had previously reviewed letters from stakeholders. Stakeholder feedback from audience members was heard including representatives from the Minnesota Educators of Dental Assistants (MEDA) and the Minnesota Dental Association (MDA). Patient safety and education to complete the tasks under supervision of a licensed dentist was emphasized. Unlicensed assistants could be trained to complete each type of task.

The Committee will continue to discuss potentially creating different levels of dental assistants including allowing an unlicensed dental assistant for a very limited scope; a trained registered dental assistant; and an expanded functions licensed dental assistant (LDA).

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion that an unlicensed dental assistant be allowed to complete preliminary charting and take vital signs. Trina Courtright second.

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

Bridgett Anderson will compile information for consideration regarding potential requirements for various levels of dental assistants. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

New Business

Continuing Education for Faculty or CE Presenters

The Committee discussed a proposal to allow faculty dentists, and allied professions serving as faculty, continuing education (professional development) credits for serving as faculty at accredited institutions; and licensees giving presentations relating to dentistry. Bridgett Anderson clarified that part time Full Faculty Dentist licensees are not required to do continuing education so a rule change would not be needed. A guidance statement and rule clean up discussion would need to be brought before the full board.

MOTION: Heidi Donnelly made a motion to allow:

Dentist and dental therapist licensees engaged as full-time instructors to receive a maximum of 15 fundamental continuing education hours per two-year cycle. Dental hygienists and dental assistants engaged as full-time instructors to receive a maximum of 10 fundamental continuing education hours per two-year cycle.

Licensees engaged as part-time faculty to receive a maximum of 5 fundamental continuing education hours per two-year cycle.

Licensees who give continuing education presentations relating to dentistry will receive 2 continuing fundamental education hours for each hour of the original presentation, and an hour for hour credit for subsequent presentation of the same material up to 15 credit hours per two-year cycle.

Trina Courtright second.

VOTE: For: 4
Opposed: 0
RESULT: Motion passed

Bridgett Anderson will include the motion information in a draft guidance document for a future meeting. A tracking mechanism will need to be developed.

DASLE

The Committee will discuss the efficacy of the Dental Assistant State Licensure Exam (DASLE) at the next meeting and consider whether the requirement should be eliminated.

Announcements

None

Adjourn

Hassan Ismail adjourned at 6:05 pm

Reviewed by:

Hassan Ismail DDS
Hassan Ismail, DDS, Chair

September 5, 2024
Date