

Allied Dental Committee Meeting

February 20, 2024

4:30 pm

Open WebEx/Teleconference Meeting

Call to Order

Heidi Donnelly called the meeting to order at 4:32 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 February 20, 2024 agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes

The September 28, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Reports

None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Neuromodulators and Allied Scope of Practice

President Rake referred discussion of neuromodulators and allied scope of practice from the Policy Committee to the Allied Dental Committee. The Policy Committee may consider creating a guidance document to provide clarification. Dentists and oral surgeons are allowed to administer neuromodulators.

Dental hygienists have been contacting the Board inquiring if hygienists may be allowed to administer neuromodulators. Some dental hygienists, not operating under the scope of practice for dental hygiene, have administered Botox or other neuromodulators under the supervision of a medical director. Hygienists practicing under the supervision of a medical doctor are not

practicing scope of dental hygiene under a dental hygienist license, and therefore are not allowed to use their professional dental hygienist credentials. Minnesota Rules determine what is allowed under scope of practice.

The Committee requested more information in the form of surveys from dentists and hygienists. A survey could provide information including the number of dentists currently administering neuromodulators; number of dentists requesting their hygienists be allowed to administer; and the reason for wanting hygienists to administer. Committee members emphasized the need for a safe practice setting to administer for therapeutic benefits as part of a comprehensive treatment plan, as opposed to a stand-alone type of service.

Neuromodulators need to be prescribed. Since discussion revolved around if hygienists could be allowed to administer under the direction of a dentist, the scenario would be under their hygienist scope of practice. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Radiology Program for Limited Radiology Registration

Tamara Erickson, dental faculty, spoke on behalf of Hennepin Technical College. The Committee reviewed a proposal from Hennepin Technical College to begin a dental assistant program for a certificate of completion in dental radiology for enrolled students. The program aligns with CODA and State of Minnesota requirements. Completion of the course could be used towards achieving requirements for the limited radiology registration with the Board of Dentistry. A second component of the program would be customized training designed for unlicensed dental assistants.

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to approve the Hennepin Technical College Dental Assistant Program for Certificate of Completion as submitted for licensed dental assistants applying for limited radiology registration with the Board of Dentistry. Trina Courtright second.

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

MOTION: Rick Nolting made a motion to approve the Hennepin Technical College Dental Assistant Program for Certificate of Completion as submitted to include individuals who have not graduated as licensed dental assistants but meet the Minnesota Board of Dentistry requirements for limited radiology registration. Heidi Donnelly second.

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

Dental Implant Supportive Procedures

The Committee discussed allowed expanded functions of licensed dental assistants regarding prosthodontics duties under direct supervision of a dentist. Committee members will research current rules and discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Announcements

Bridgett Anderson will present exam results at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Heidi Donnelly, adjourned at 5:18 pm.

Reviewed by: Heidi C. Donnelly, LDA
Heidi Donnelly, LDA, Chair

April 15, 2024
Date