Licensing and Credentials
Committee Open Meeting Minutes
Friday February 12, 2021
12:00 p.m.

Call to Order
Dr. Adarve, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Board Members Present
Ranier Adarve, DMD, Chair
Priscilla Flynn, DH, DrPH, MPH
Connie Bye, Public Member

Board Staff Present
Bridgett Anderson, Executive Director
Joyce Nelson, Director of Licensing
Kathy Johnson, Legal Analyst
Thamyr Obas, Admin. Asst.

Approval of Draft Agenda
The draft agenda was reviewed and approved.

Review and Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
The January 6, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed.

Dr. Adarve approved the past meeting minutes as submitted by consensus, as he was the only member who was present at that meeting.

Unfinished Business
Faculty License for Allied Professionals:
Ms. Anderson brought back this topic for discussion with the Committee, since it was initially introduced at their last open meeting and warranted further discussion. She indicated that a proposal would mirror the existing language for Full and Limited Faculty Dentists and hold allied professionals to the same requirements and restrictions. She also noted that since the language is in Statute, she would need to draft a bill to bring forward to the legislature in the 2022 session, if the Board votes to pursue the change. Ms. Anderson did remind the Committee that the Board is already bringing forward a bill that includes Statutory language for the Dental Therapy by Credentials, since more states are creating licensure pathways for Dental Therapists. Creating this type of license in Statute would allow more portability for this license type between states.

Dr. Self, program director of the University of Minnesota’s Dental Therapy program, indicated he was not aware of a current need for this license within his program, but he would see it as a positive option, should allied programs have issues with faculty recruitment in the future.
Ms. Nelson stated current Statute and supporting administrative Rules do not require any specific level of education or exams for either Limited or Full Faculty licensure. None of the Committee members present felt this was concerning, since the schools have very rigorous criteria for faculty selection.

Ms. Flynn agreed that this could be helpful for other Allied programs as well as the School of Dentistry. She supports this proposed change. Ms. Bye supported this proposed change as well.

The Committee directed Ms. Anderson to draft proposed language and bring it back to the Committee at a future open meeting for review and approval.

**New Business**

a. **Clinical Waiver Requests:**

   **Mudasir Mohsin Walji, BDS**
   In reference to MN. Statute 150A.06, subdivision 3a, applicant is asking Committee to recognize his National Dental Examining Boards that were passed in 2008 and waive retake requirement this exam, in order to qualify for initial license by exam.

   **MOTION:** Ms. Flynn made a motion to grant this waiver request.

   **SECOND:** Ms. Bye
   **RESULT:** Motion Passed

   **Lynn Kidder, DH**
   In reference to MN. Rule 3100.1700, and based on her medical condition, the licensee is asking the Committee to grant her a variance and give her an extension until 10/1/2021 to recertify her BLS CPR for continued licensure.

   **MOTION:** Ms. Flynn made a motion to grant this waiver request.

   **SECOND:** Ms. Bye
   **RESULT:** Motion Passed

b. **Full Faculty consideration for Emeritus Active Status:**

   Ms. Anderson mentioned that the current language in the Emeritus Active Statute is not a current license option for someone holding a Full Faculty license. Fully Faculty licensees can submit for Emeritus Inactive, as that is an option for a dentist who retires from practice and have a license in good standing. Board staff asked the Committee to determine if Emeritus Active is appropriate for this type of license. Allowing this for faculty would give them authorization to practice in the community and does not have any restrictions on pro bono or volunteer practice.
Ms. Flynn asked for clarification on how this type of license status change would differ from a dentist with a full license, who retires from active practice, and wants to provide pro bono work.

Ms. Nelson indicated that the Board has another option for licensees called a Volunteer license. There is no fee for that license type, but it does restrict the licensee to volunteering no more than 10 days in the calendar year. This licensure option may not be a consideration for a licensee who wants to volunteer on a more consistent basis.

The Committee agreed they would like more information before they make a decision. The Committee requested that Board staff provide them with background on all the license types and identify the variations, requirements, statistics, scope of practice, and the differences between them.

Reports:
Ms. Anderson would like to discuss the Resident Dental Therapy Provider for dental therapy license at a future meeting with the Committee. She will provide background for this type of license and discuss the existing language more in depth.

Ms. Anderson also mentioned she would like to address the topic of licensees who are under discipline orders that include a monitoring agreement with H.P.S.P., and how it impacts their credentialing with various insurance providers. Ms. Anderson stated that the Board uses this remediation option to help licensees to continue to practice while maintaining public safety. It is not meant as a punitive measure, as long as they are compliant with the program. She will provide an update on this topic a future open Licensing & Credentials Committee meeting.

Dr. Adarve requested staff to coordinate a future open meeting date with the Committee members.

MOTION: Dr. Adarve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m.
SECOND: Ms. Flynn
RESULT: Motion Passed

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3/26/2021
Rainer Adarve, DDS, MS Committee Chair
Date