



Spring 2019 Newsletter

President's Message

Hello dental professionals!

I would like to thank Governor Dayton for trusting me to serve the public and dental professionals by appointing me to the Board; it truly is an honor to serve. I would also like to thank my fellow board members for trusting me to lead the Board for the year. It is humbling to serve with such an amazing group of dedicated public servants.

The Minnesota Board of Dentistry has been focused on several projects over the last six months. I would like to ensure everyone that, in regard to the Argosy University closing, our collaboration with the state legislature and CODA centers on helping the stranded students of that program. As we eagerly work toward a solution for those abandoned students, we acknowledge that this intensely stressful situation has

adversely impacted their educational trajectory. We have also been working on other issues in the legislature. We designed an Emeritus licensure status for our dental professionals that want to retain their dental license after their retirement. This will benefit not only our dentistry professionals, but also many volunteer organizations that need dentists on staff.

We have also continued addressing the dental assistant shortage and the low DASLE pass rate. We balanced creative and logical answers to the dental assistant shortage on the one hand and a mindfulness about public safety and security on the other hand. We reviewed each question on the DASLE and will update, replace, and tailor the test to accurately reflect current practice.

Bridgett Anderson, our Executive Director, also leads DASLE study sessions that we initiated. We will continue collaborating with stakeholders to alleviate the dental assistant shortage and regularly engage in dialogues about alternate options for licensure.

I would like to recognize that May 2009 was a landmark month for Minnesota. It was 10 years ago this month that Governor Tim Pawlenty signed dental therapy legislation into law. This made Minnesota the very first state to legally recognize the dental therapy profession. This positioned Minnesota to lead the nation in expanding the dental team. Since that time, the demand for dental therapists has increased greatly and dental therapists have helped expand access to care throughout the State. Almost 100 therapists currently hold a license and about 60 of them have earned advanced dental therapy certification. In addition, we influenced states across the country to follow our lead. Maine, Vermont, Arizona, Michigan, Idaho, and New Mexico have all passed legislation authorizing dental therapy in some capacity. In addition, both Oregon and Washington State have pilot programs underway. The DHATs in Alaska, while not codified into law, have provided 15 years of service to indigenous populations. Over 20 more states are considering dental therapy, including our neighbors North Dakota and Wisconsin.

Thank you all for the hard work you do in providing quality dental care to those in our communities!

Board President

Christy Jo Fogarty, RDH, ADT

Collaborative Management Agreement (CMA) and Collaborative Agreement (CA) Reporting

The Board of Dentistry now uses an online survey tool to collect CMAs and CAs. This new online tool will simplify the collection of data that, among other things, will facilitate analyzing the impact of these agreements on Minnesotans. Go onto our [website](#) to submit your agreement today. CMAs should be reported to the Board yearly and upon dissolution. To renew your CMA, simply notify the Board that you wish to renew your agreement prior to the expiration date. CAs should be reported to the Board when they are established and when they are dissolved. For both CMAs and CAs, contact the Board at anytime to dissolve an agreement. If you have the same agreement with multiple dentists, submit each agreement separately. Although we no longer require you to submit hard copies of CMAs and CAs, you may keep copies for your records.

GovDelivery – New Email Service

Our [new email service](#) allows you to choose your topic preferences so you can stay in the know on the topics that matter most to you, like a particular committee or our quarterly newsletters. Additionally, the service now allows for text updates.



Please be aware that our email service only allows for one user per email address. **You cannot share a general email address between more than one person** (e.g. general clinic emails such as info@clinic.com or emails shared with a spouse or family member). **Doing so may cause you to miss important updates such as your license renewal reminder, law and rule changes, etc.**

If you believe that you may have a shared email address already on file with the Board, please [click here](#) to register a new personal email address. Simply choose 'Mailing Address Change' and follow the prompts.

Dentists Concerned for Dentists

Dentists Concerned for Dentists (DCD) is a group of dentists recovering from chemical dependency that mentor other dentists struggling with their relationship to mood altering drugs, including alcohol. Although we receive much of our funding from the Minnesota Dental Association (MDA), our organization remains separate from the MDA. Our business and clinical processes are supported by Sand Creek Workplace Wellness and the administrators of the MDA's Dentist Wellness Program. They provide us with administrative support and a consulting psychologist/chemical health specialist, who also functions as a service coordinator for the group. We adhere to a strict code of confidentiality; **we do not share information about our cases with the Minnesota Dental Association or the Minnesota Board of Dentistry.**

Some cases come to the attention of the Health Professionals Services Program (HPSP) before we get involved. In those cases, and only with the written consent of the dentist concerned, we provide limited "progress reports" to HPSP when requested. This facilitates HPSP's on-going monitoring program. We primarily strive to serve afflicted dentists, helping them effectively address their relationship to alcohol and other drugs. We protect their anonymity and help them continue in the practice of professional dentistry. To that end, we provide supportive services and educational resources to them, their families, and their colleagues.

For confidential help to address alcohol and/or other drug concerns, please contact Dentists Concerned for Dentists (DCD) at 651-275-0313 or 800-632-7643. You can also visit our website at www.dcdmn.com.

Legislative Update

Emeritus Licensure

Effective July 1, 2019 the Board of Dentistry will offer two new license types. Instead of voluntarily terminating one's license when retiring, licensees now have additional alternatives. Inactive Emeritus licensure does not allow the practice of dentistry, but it does formally recognize that a licensee has retired from their career in good standing. Those seeking Emeritus status will pay a small, one-time fee and will receive a certificate indicating their status.

Licensees may also opt for active Emeritus licensure. Renewed every two years, this license type allows limited practice. Active Emeritus licensure fees are reduced by 50% and the new license type requires fewer continuing education requirements. An active emeritus licensee may engage in the following types of practice: pro bono or volunteer dental practice; paid practice not to exceed 500 hours per calendar year for the exclusive purpose of providing supervision; or paid consulting services not to exceed 500 hours per calendar year. Any licensed professional can apply for active or inactive Emeritus licensure, although dentists and dental therapists are the only licensees able to supervise other dental professionals.

Process

Applications for both license types and the related materials will be available online July 1, 2019. The process will be less complex than other licensure application processes, as the applicant is already licensed in Minnesota and is only changing the status of their license.

Waiver of Exam

Another major part of our Board bill was to allow a waiver of the clinical examination to GPR/AEGD graduates from programs outside of Minnesota. Previously, this was only allowed for Minnesota graduates of post-doctoral general practice residency or advanced education in general dentistry programs. Now graduates from residency programs all over the United States have access to the dental profession within Minnesota. This change will allow us to further address the shortage of dental professionals in the state.

Process

If an applicant would like to be considered for a waiver of examination, please contact the Board and we will provide instructions. We will then forward your information to either a Committee or to the full Board for consideration.

Legislative Update (Continued)

Opioid Stewardship Bill

This large bill passed the Legislature this year and impacts dental professionals and those who participate in the PMP program.

Summary Points for Dental Professionals



- Required use of PMP in certain clinical situations
- Delegated Users changes and audit requirement
- Further definition into the four – day limitation for dentistry
- Two hours of continuing education for prescribers

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bills/text.php?number=HF400&version=0&session=ls91&session_year=2019&session_number=0&type=ccr)

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Disciplinary Actions

November 2018 to April 2019

Licensee	Date	License Number	Type of Order	City
Geraghty, Alicia	11/06/18	A12670	Temporary Suspension	Elk River
Geraghty, Alicia	12/20/18	A12670	Revocation	Elk River
Brunsdman, Jerry Kent	12/20/18	A12670	Voluntary Surrender	Maplewood
Iijima, Janine	12/20/18	H2304	Conditional	Minneapolis
Pearson, Deanna	12/20/18	H9967	Conditional	Buffalo
Sandstrom, Jennifer J.	12/20/18	A4424	Conditional & Stayed Susp.	Stewartville
Hegre, DeLynn	01/11/19	H6620	Conditional	Maple Grove
Lee, Ho Young	01/11/19	D12317	Temporary Suspension	Maple Grove
Sawyer, Michael	01/11/19	D10303	Unconditional	Rochester
Lee, Ho Young	01/12/19	D12317	Suspension & Stayed Suspension	Maple Grove
Lawrenz, Dietrich	03/27/19	D11096	Stayed Suspension	New Brighton
Wesner, Natalie	03/27/19	A13404	Stayed Suspension	Apple Valley
Bessler, Rachel	04/12/19	A14253	Conditional	Blackduck
Lee, Hyeok Je	04/18/19	D13877	Temporary Suspension	Maple Grove
Doering, Gordon	04/30/19	D6314	Stayed Suspension	St. Paul
Lee, Hyeok Je	04/30/19	D13877	Suspension & Stayed Suspension	Maple Grove
Sandstrom, Jennifer	04/30/19	A4424	Suspension	Stewartville

Agreements for Corrective Action

Since October 24, 2018

<i>Profession</i>	<i>Violation(s)</i>	<i>Remedies</i>
Dentist 11.01.18	Substandard Recordkeeping	Coursework in treatment planning and record-keeping, Record review
Hygienist 11.08.18	Not current in CPR	Community Service
Assistant 11.09.18	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Dentist 11.16.18	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Assistant 11.20.18	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Dentist 11.27.18	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Hygienist 12.06.18	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Assistant 01.02.19	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Dentist 01.02.19	Not current in CPR	Community Service
Dentist 01.22.19	Auxiliary misuse	Community Service
Dentist 01.24.19	Substandard Care	Monitoring of Practice
Dentist 01.29.19	Auxiliary misuse	Community Service
Assistant 02.05.19	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Assistant 02.14.19	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Assistant 03.20.19	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Assistant 03.21.19	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Dentist 03.26.19	Practice without current license	Jurisprudence Community Service
Assistant 04.26.19	Practice beyond scope of license	Jurisprudence

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