

**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OFFICE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY MAY 21, 2008**

ATTENDANCE: The following members were in attendance:

Emil Cappetta, DDS; Herbert Dolinsky, DDS; Maxine Feinberg, DDS; Karen Golding; Alexander Hall, DMD; Sally-Jo Placa, DMD

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy Attorneys General Miller and Joseph Donofrio; Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger; Michael Dominach, Paralegal and Cecilia Moreira, Senior Management Assistant

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Ms. Belinda Caraballo; Patricia Delaney, RDH, Ed.M; Peter DeSciscio, DMD; Beverly Kupiec, RN, Ph.D.; John Ricciani, DMD; Arnold Rosenheck, DMD

THE BOARD MET IN COMMITTEE FOR LACK OF A QUORUM:

I. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Executive Director Jonathan Eisenmenger reported to the Board that the computer system has been corrected to reflect the same renewal dates for enteral sedation permit holders as the general dental license. All permit holders will be sent a permit with the correct dates.
2. The committee briefly discussed the newspaper article and pending legislation that would require the Division of Consumer Affairs to process all consumer complaints within 120 days.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Credentials:

Dental Auxiliaries:

1. Danielle Davis, RDA - The committee discussed Ms. Davis's application for registration as a dental assistant. The committee recommends approval pending confirmation that she passed the registered dental assistant examination.
2. Sherry Ewart, RDH - The committee discussed Ms. Ewart's application for a dental hygiene license by credentials. Ms. Ewart meets all requirements for licensure. The committee recommends approval.

Dental:

1. Dr. David Burdette - The committee discussed Dr. Burdette's application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Burdette meets all requirements for licensure. The committee recommends approval.
2. Dr. Anthony Ruggerio - The committee discussed Dr. Ruggerio's application for reinstatement of his New Jersey dental license. Dr. Ruggerio is also requesting an extension to complete the required continuing education credits. The committee recommends that Dr. Ruggerio provide mitigating circumstances as to why he has not been able to complete the continuing education credits.

3. Dr. Steven H. Brenman - The committee reviewed additional information requested in follow-up to his application for a New Jersey dental license. The committee recommends that Dr. Brenman be scheduled for an appearance before the Board.

4. Dr. Jeffrey Miller - The committee reviewed Dr. Miller's application for a New Jersey dental license by credentials. Dr. Miller took the Southern Regional Board (SRTA) in June 2002. Dr. Miller meets all requirements for licensure. The committee recommends approval.

5. Dr. Todd Mehlman - The committee discussed Dr. Mehlman's application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Mehlman meets all requirements for licensure. The committee recommends approval.

6. The committee discussed a request from Dr. Michel Abou-Obeid indicating that he took the NERB exam for Texas only. The committee recommends that NERB be contacted for an explanation of this nature of the examination administered to the dentist.

III. REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8:

Additional information requested:

1. Dr. Helen Kim - The committee reviewed additional information requested by the Board. The committee voted to issue a "thank you" letter to Dr. Wolinsky (attending dentist in hospital) noting that he provided exceptional treatment to this patient and provided a thoughtful comprehensive response to the Board's request. This matter was moved to Executive Session for further discussion.

New Reports:

1. Dr. Michael H. Koval - The committee recommends this matter be taken as informational.

2. Dr. Keehong Kwon - The committee recommends this matter be taken as informational.

IV. REQUESTS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE:

1. Dr. Alfred Sabato - The committee discussed Dr. Sabato's application for reinstatement of his New Jersey dental license. The committee recommended requesting a letter from Dr. Sabato's pain management specialist concerning his treatment, a status update of the disposition of his child support obligation, and to put together a payment plan for the outstanding penalty from the Board Order.

2. Dr. Victor Paul Terranova - The committee discussed Dr. Terranova's application for reinstatement of his New Jersey dental license. The committee recommended scheduling Dr. Terranova for an appearance.

V. OTHER MATTERS:

1. The committee reviewed additional information from Dr. Neal A. Demby and Dr. Susan L. Dietrich concerning the Lutheran Medical Center dental resident placement in New Jersey to treat underserved populations. This matter was tabled from the May 7, 2008 agenda. The committee was sympathetic and encouraging to the training of dental residents and post-graduate students, as well as serving populations where there is a great need for dental services. However, it appears that the Board's statutes would prohibit an arrangement where an out-of-state hospital would place residents in off-site, private practice environments. The Board noted that individuals who hold dental licenses in New Jersey would be free to function by virtue of their licenses.

2. Mayra Modesto-Garrido, DDS - The committee discussed a request for interpretation of the Board's regulation which involves compensation of patients for referring friends and family. The committee found that this is prohibited by the current regulations.
3. The committee discussed an inquiry from Jane Santangelo questioning whether there is anything within the scope of the practice which would prohibit a dentist from selling supplements & vitamins within his practice. The committee recommends that additional information be obtained, specifically, what he is selling and supportive information to indicate purported benefits.
4. The committee discussed an inquiry from Tony Plakis questioning whether a dental office in the State of NJ can participate in a Professional Employer Organization in order to have its employees receive group benefits. The committee recommends that additional information be obtained and an explanation of his comment "PEO's were approved in the State of NJ since 2002."
5. The committee reviewed a letter from Geeta Acharya, Compliance Officer, UMDNJ questioning the branch license requirement for New Jersey Dental School faculty. The committee stated that it was not necessary to obtain a branch license for teaching at the school itself. However, providing treatment at a faculty practice, or another facility or private practice, would require a branch license.
6. The committee reviewed an inquiry concerning DentalPlans.com. The committee recommended that a copy of the contract that is used between this plan and New Jersey dentists be obtained.

ADJOURNMENT: