

## MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY  
CONFERENCE CALL  
1:00 P.M., Monday, June 26, 2006  
Synergy Business Center, Kingstree Building, Room 306-21  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC

On Monday, June 27, 2006, at 1:00 p.m., Dr. William H. Bragdon, President, called the meeting to order. Members of the Board present were: Dr. William D. Cranford, Jr., Vice President; Dr. John D. Snowden, Secretary; Dr. Michelle D. Bedell; Dr. C. Timothy Assey; Dr. Thomas M. Dixon; Tanya Riffe, RDH, and Mrs. Genie Duncan. It was noted for the record that Dr. Charles E. Millwood, Jr. was excused from this meeting.

Members of the staff present were: Ken Buxton, Assistant Administrator, Terri Zeman, Administrative Assistant, and Rick Wilson, Deputy General Counsel. It was noted that Dr. Martha Hanks, Director of the Dental Hygiene Program at Midlands Technical College, was also present.

Dr. Bragdon announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the main entrances of the Kingstree Building, Synergy Business Center, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. He noted that a quorum was present at all times.

**Motion:** Dr. Bedell moved that the Board approve the agenda as presented. The motion received a second from Dr. Cranford. Motion passed.

### **Discussion Topics:**

#### **Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations Administered at MUSC:**

- ADLEX – American Dental Licensing Examination
- ADHLEX – American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination
- SRTA – Southern Regional Testing Agency, Inc.

The first order of business was to discuss the status of the dental and dental hygiene clinical examinations administered at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) College of Dental Medicine in Charleston. Dr. Bragdon noted that the Board has contracted with CRDTS (Central Regional Dental Testing Agency) to administer the ADLEX and ADHLEX for South Carolina. CRDTS is in the process of scheduling exams for the next cycle and wants some direction from the Board. It was noted that during the current cycle, both SRTA and ADLEX dental examinations have been administered at MUSC.

Dr. Cranford stated that he feels the Board should be as candidate-friendly as possible and that currently, the results of both SRTA and ADLEX are acceptable in many states. Dr. Assey noted that there was some concern with ADLEX regarding the length of time in getting results back to the candidates. The clinical and manikin sections were graded and results were out one to two weeks later; however, results of the DSCE (computer-based section) took approximately eight weeks to reach the candidates. Dr. Bedell explained that the “glitch” in the DSCE exam

occurred as a result of some of the questions being evaluated and thrown out at the last minute. Several members commented that they do not think that particular problem will happen again in the future.

Dr. Snowden stated that he thought ADLEX was a very good exam, very well-run, and, overall, he was impressed with CRDTS. Dr. Dixon commented that the periodontics section of ADLEX went very well.

Dr. Bragdon stated that while the Board can continue to accept results of both ADLEX and SRTA, MUSC would like some direction from the Board as to which exam it should offer in the future should they decide to offer only one of them. He stated that Dr. Jack Sanders is interested in meeting with the Board at its July meeting.

**Motion:** Dr. Cranford moved that the Board table this discussion and have the incoming president, Dr. Bedell, ask Dr. Sanders to give a report at the Board meeting on July 21, 2006. The motion received a second from Dr. Snowden. Motion passed.

Dr. Snowden commented that he feels like the Board should continue to accept both exams for licensure to which other members agreed.

When asked about status of the ADHLEX for hygienists, Ms. Riffe stated that she had requested information from the hygiene educators but, at this time, had received very little feedback. She asked Dr. Hanks if she might have any comments she would like to share with the Board. Dr. Hanks stated that she had two students who took the ADHLEX in Georgia and that everything went well. She also stated that the SRTA hygiene went very well. Dr. Hanks further stated that her personal position is that graduates of an ADA accredited dental hygiene program should be proficient enough for licensure without any further examination. She concluded by saying that the ADHLEX worked fine for the two students that took it. Dr. Bedell noted that there was a very high failure rate at the ADHLEX in Georgia.

**Motion:** Dr. Cranford moved that the Board obtain more information on the ADHLEX and continue this discussion at the July 21, 2006 Board meeting. The motion received a second from Ms. Riffe. Motion carried.

#### Dental Residents Writing Prescriptions While Off Service in Non-Dental Rotations

Dr. Bragdon noted that Dr. Sanders had provided him with suggestions for modifications to the South Carolina Dental Practice Act (DPA) as a way to resolve the issue of dental residents writing prescriptions while off service in non-dental rotations. Dr. Sanders asked the Board to consider the following modifications to the DPA:

1. Adding language to Section 40-15-170, "Practice of Dentistry" defined, similar to the following: "A dental graduate with a resident's license in an approved internship, residency, or fellowship program may participate in training rotations outside the scope of dental medicine, under the supervision of a physician or surgeon who holds a medical doctor or doctor of osteopathy degree wherever and whenever required as part of the training program, and may receive compensation for that practice."

2. Modifying Section 40-15-190(19), “Grounds for Discipline of Dentist, Dental Hygienist, or Dental Technician,” to allow residents to allow dispensing, prescribing and administering drugs while off service.”

Mr. Wilson commented that pharmacists have the concomitant responsibility to recognize legitimate practice and question those that appear to be outside the scope of their practice. He stated that he is not sure that statutory change is the right way to handle this issue and recommended that he and Dr. Bragdon look into this matter further, perhaps get more information from Dr. Sanders, and report back to the Board in July.

**Motion:** Dr. Snowden moved that, there being no further business, the meeting adjourn. The motion received a second from Dr. Cranford. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

H. Rion Alvey  
Administrator