

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
TELECONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES – DENTAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE
September 23, 2022

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Elizabeth Marchi, RDH, Committee Chairperson
Chad Tingen, RDH
Lindsay Sherrill, RDH
Barbara Ard, RDH

SCLLR STAFF PRESENT

Bob Horner, Esq., Office of Advice Counsel
Meredith Buttler, Administrator

PRESENT

Megan Hicks, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Marchi, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: To approve the agenda.
Sherrill/Tingen/Approved.

REVIEW: SUMMARY OF PROCEDURES FOR DENTAL HYGIENISTS, DENTAL ASSISTANTS AND EDDA

Ms. Buttler presented a form to the committee of procedures to be used. The Board is in the process of reviewing the regulations and possibly changing so verbiage. The Board will also review utilizing lasers. The Board will review and possibly change is who will do digital scans and what can they do digital scans for. It will be discussed further whether digital scans should be done by dental assistants or dental hygienists.

MOTION: To accept the form as presented.
Marchi/Ard/Approved.

REVIEW: NITROUS OXIDE MONITORING AND INFILTRATION

Ms. Buttler presented a form to use. Nitrous oxide monitoring and infiltration requirements are not in regulations. Mr. Tingen recommended to have the requirements put into regulations.

DISCUSSION ON DENTAL HYGIENE SHORTAGE

Ms. Marchi has discussed the shortage of dental hygienist with South Carolina Dental Hygienist Association. Mr. Phil Latham, SC Dental Association reported there is a perceived shortage of dental

hygienist in some areas of the state. There are some dental hygiene programs that are not graduating as many students. There have been a loss of dental hygienist due to retirement or just left due to COVID. It was recommended to ask those people to come back. There are some school that aren't offering the program.

LEGAL COMMENTS

There weren't any legal comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There weren't any public comments.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be set when the new administrator is assigned.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn.

Tingen/Sherrill/Approved.

The meeting adjourn at 12:39 pm.