NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

BOARD OFFICE
NEWARK, NEW JERSEY                   MAY 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Peter DeSciscio.

ATTENDANCE:  The following members were in attendance: Shirley Birenz, RDH; Mr. Steven Brisgel; Sheila Dashkow, DMD; Lydia David, DMD; Maxine Feinberg, DDS; Peter DeSciscio, DMD; Herbert Dolinsky, DDS; Alexander Hall, DMD; Beverly Kupiec, RN, Ph.D.; Arnold Rosenheck, DMD

ABSENT AND/OR EXCUSED: Emil Cappetta, DMD; Mr. Jerome Fernandez

OTHER ATTENDEES:  Deputy Attorneys General Miller and Oo; Executive Director, Jonathan Eisenmenger; Cecilia Moreira, Senior Management Assistant


II. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Credentials:

   1. Dr. Gopi Voonna - Application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Voonna took the Western Regional Examiners Board dental exam and did a fellowship from July 2006 to June 2007, and a residency from July 2007 through June 2011 at Montefiore Medical Center in New York City. The Board determined to obtain a detailed explanation from Dr. Voonna regarding his practice at Jersey City Medical Center while doing a residency in New York. He will also be asked about his licensure status.

   2. Dr. Alberto Castaneda - Application for a New Jersey dental license. Dr. Castaneda took Central Regional Dental Testing Service and has been practicing in Kansas for the past five years. The Board in a motion by Dr. Rosenheck, seconded by Dr. Hall, approved his license.
III. REPORTS SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.8:

1. Dr. Lino D’Asti - This was received as informational.
2. Dr. Gary Aslanian - This was received as informational.
3. Dr. Jeffrey Podowitz - This was received as informational.
4. Dr. Robert T. McTaggart - The Board requests that the patient’s chart and a narrative of treatment be obtained from Dr. McTaggart.
5. Dr. Ann Jeffers - This was received as informational.
6. Dr. Shweta Gandhi - The Board requests that the patient’s chart and a statement from the dentist be obtained about why the technique to maintain the airway and whether the office has other suction tips.
7. Dr. Elliot Baron - This was received as informational.
8. Dr. Joseph C. Piotrowski - This was received as informational.

IV. ORDERS FILED WITH THE BOARD:

The Board took the following as informational:

1. Mahmoud Amr Helal, DMD - Consent Order filed on April 6, 2011
2. Rajal J. Patel, DDS - Consent Order filed on April 6, 2011
3. Robert Hwang, DDS - Consent Order of Reinstatement filed on April 6, 2011
4. Helena Devaris, DDS - Order Reinstating License with Restrictions filed on April 6, 2011
5. Carlos A. Quispe (Unlicensed) - Final Consent Order filed on April 6, 2011
7. Maria Medel (Unlicensed) - Settlement Letter filed on April 13, 2011
8. Robert A. Marchinek, DDS - Settlement Letter filed on April 13, 2011

V. REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO THE BOARD’S ORDER:

1. Christine Tunnicliffe, RDH - Request for modification to the Board’s Order. This matter was moved to executive session for deliberation. The Board determined to modify the terms of the Consent Order filed on May 5, 2010 by reducing the frequency of random urine screens from twice monthly to monthly.
VI. OTHER MATTERS:

1. Additional information from August D. Pellegrini, DDS, Director of Clinics, UMDNJ, concerning a program they are seeking to develop for “agents who are in the field and develop various types of dental conditions, most notably, pain and swelling.” They are questioning whether they can train non-dentists in the administration of local anesthetic technique. The Board in a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Dashkow, stated that it is willing to permit the school to teach this course as described. The Board also requests more information from Dr. Pellegrini: Is this the only training program of this type in the country? Will personnel from other branches of the government be permitted to participate? Do other dental schools provide training like this? The motion carried, with Dr. Feinberg opposed.

2. Correspondence from New Jersey Health Professionals Development Institute requesting that the facility be recognized as an approved facility to train dentists in injectable pharmacologics. Dr. Kenneth Feiler was present and spoke briefly about his institute’s desire to host this program.

NJ.A.C. 13:30-8.4(d)- as voted to be adopted (pending publication in the NJ Register) states that the Board approved post-doctoral course shall be offered at an accredited dental school, in a hospital-based program or in a college or university clinical setting.

The chair referred this matter to the regulatory committee to discuss modifying the regulations to permit entities such as NJHPDI to engage in educational programs like this in the future. The Board noted that use of the word “Institute” is limited by NJSA 45:6-17.

3. American Dental Association - Correspondence concerning “Acceptance of Continuing Medical Education Courses for Continuing Dental Education Requirements.” This matter was received as informational.

The Board supports medical continuing education courses if they are relevant to the practice of dentistry as noted in NJAC 13:30-5.1(e). Executive Director Eisenmenger will send a letter to Karen Hart to say that the Board supports this effort. (Dr. Dolinsky will review the letter before it is sent.)

4. DANB - Summary of Major Actions taken by DANB’s Board of Directors at the February 18 & 19, 2011 Annual Meeting. This was taken as informational.

5. Information concerning the American Association of Dental Boards 128th Annual Meeting. This was taken as informational.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The Board in a motion by Dr. Hall, seconded by Dr. Dashkow, adjourned the Public Session at 11:00 A.M. and moved to Executive Session for advice of counsel and review of open matters (investigations and deliberations). When and if action is taken, it will be reported in Public Session.