



LICENSING, CERTIFICATION AND PERMITS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 24, 2011

San Diego

Members Present:

Bruce Whitcher, DDS, Chair
Luis Dominicus, DDS, Vice Chair
Stephen Casagrande, DDS
Rebecca Downing, Public Member
Judith Forsythe, RDA

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Richard DeCuir, Executive Officer
Donna Kantner, Licensing & Examination Unit Manager
Kim A. Trefry, Enforcement Chief
Jocelyn Campos, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Fischer, Licensing Analyst
Sarah Wallace, Legislation and Regulations Analyst
Linda Byers, Executive Assistant
Kristy Shellans, DCA Senior Staff Counsel
Greg Salute, Deputy Attorney General

ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Dr. Whitcher, Chair, called the committee meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

LCP 1: Approval of the November 4, 2010 Licensing, Certification, and Permits Committee Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Dominicus/Forsythe) to approve the November 4, 2010 Licensing, Certification, and Permits Committee meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

LCP 2: Dental, Registered Dental Assistant and Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions Licensure & Permit Statistics

Dr. Whitcher gave a review of the Licensure statistics. He reported that during the past 12 month period February 2010 – February 2011, 535 Dental Licenses have been added, 664 licenses awarded by the WREB exam. During that same period there was a decrease in Registered Dental Assistant licenses however, there was a relatively large increase in renewals. There was very little change in the Registered Dental Assistant in Extended Functions category.

LCP 3: General Anesthesia/Conscious Sedation Permit Evaluation Statistics

Dr. Whitcher reported that General Anesthesia (GA) permits increased by 5, there was a decrease of 1 Conscious Sedation (CS) Permit and in the Oral Conscious Sedation Category, 98 were added. During the 12 month period of February 2010 to February 2011, 203 GA evaluations were conducted with 2 failures, 61 CS evaluations with 7 failures. This has been the trend over the past few years. Dr.

Whitcher stated that we have been keeping up with the General Anesthesia evaluations but staff reported that we are a little behind on the Conscious Sedation evaluations due to a shortage of evaluators. We are actively recruiting to fill these positions.

LCP 4: Update Regarding 2011 General Anesthesia Evaluator Calibration Courses

Dr. Whitcher stated that as he mentioned before, we will be holding 2 Evaluator Calibration Courses in March, one in the Bay area and one in Southern California. There has been a good response so we are hopeful that we will be able to fill the positions.

CLOSED SESSION – LICENSING, CERTIFICATION, AND PERMITS COMMITTEE

Issuance of New License(s) to Replace Cancelled License(s)

***The Committee will meet in closed session as authorized by Government Code Section 11126(c)(2) to deliberate on applications for issuance of new license(s) to replace cancelled license(s)**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Committee reviewed 3 Registered Dental Assistant (RDA) applications for new licenses to replace cancelled licenses, of which all three were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

ADJOURNMENT

The committee adjourned at 8:45 a.m.