

**BOARD OF DENTISTRY
COUNCIL ON DENTAL HYGIENE
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
OCTOBER 22, 2009; 5:30 P.M. EDT**

Call In Number (888) 808-6959, Conference Code: 2453454

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Baker at 5:30 p.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Council Members present:

Ms. Tammy Baker, R.D.H., Chair
Dr. Wade Winker
Ms. Maria De La Cruz
Ms. Anne McLaughlin, R.D.H.
Ms. Jacqueline Koener, R.D.H.

Advisor

Ms. Mary Pelletier, R.D.H.

Staff present:

Michael Flury, Board Counsel
Sue Foster, Board Director
Cindy Ritter, Program Administrator
Jennifer Wenhold, Testing Services

Others present:

Joe Thomas, D.D.S., Chair of Board of Dentistry
Daniel Gesek, D.M.D., Member, Board of Dentistry
Betty Klement, D.M.D., Member, Board of Dentistry
Vicki Campbell, Member, Board of Dentistry
Tami Miller, F.D.H.A.
Paula Schad, R.D.H., F.D.H.A.
Jackie Burt-McDonough, R.D.H., F.D.H.A.
Nancy Zinser, President, F.D.H.A.
Betty Dalton, R.D.H., F.D.H.A.
Holly Kohler, Dental Assisting Educator
Connie Reid, Dental Assisting Educator
Dr. Charles Hoffman, President, F.D.A.

REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2009 MINUTES

Following review, the Council took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. McLaughlin to approve minutes as presented
Second: by Ms. De la Cruz
Vote: unanimous

ITEMS FOR TOPIC DISCUSSION

Rule draft for 64B5-2.0135, FAC, Dental Hygiene Examination

The full board approved draft language for the revision of 64B5-2.0135, FAC and referred to the Council for their review. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

Motion: by Dr. Winker to approve the draft as presented
Second: by Mc. McLaughlin
Vote: unanimous

Rule drafts for 64B5-16.005, FAC, Remediable Tasks Delegable to Dental Assistants and 64B5-16.006, FAC, Remediable Tasks Delegable to a Dental Hygienist

Drafts beginning on page 14 of this agenda were presented to the board and rules committee in July, 2009. The board voted to return these drafts to the Council on Dental Hygiene and Rules Committee for review. Mr. Flury advised that there may be a problem with adding the language in the draft of rule 64B5-16.0075 because s. 466.0235, FS, specifies the settings and does not include health access settings. Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Council:

Motion: by Ms. Baker to approve the draft on pages 15-16 of the agenda
Second: by Dr. Winker
Vote: unanimous

64B5-16.005 Remediable Tasks Delegable to Dental Assistants.

(1) – (5) No change

(6) The following remediable tasks may be performed by a dental assistant who is a graduate of a dental assisting program approved by the Florida Board of Dentistry, or a program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and who performs these tasks in health access settings as defined by s. 466.003, F.S. under general supervision:

(a) Applying topical fluorides which are approved by the American Dental Association or the Food and Drug Administration, including the use of fluoride varnishes;

(b) Polishing clinical crowns when not for the purpose of changing the existing contour of the tooth and only with the following instruments used with appropriate polishing materials – slow-speed hand pieces, rubber cups, bristle brushes and porte polishers;

(c) Applying dental sealants

(d) Polishing dental restorations of the teeth when not for the purpose of changing the existing contour of the tooth and only with the following instruments used with appropriate polishing materials - burnishers, slow-speed hand pieces, rubber cups, and bristle brushes

(e) Using appropriate implements for preliminary charting of existing restorations and missing teeth and a visual assessment of existing oral conditions.

(f) Positioning and exposing dental and carpal radiographic film and sensors.

(7) The dental assistant performing tasks in health access settings as defined by s. 466.003, F.S. under general supervision shall maintain current training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) at the basic support level, including one-rescuer and two-rescuer CPR for adults, children, and infants; the relief of foreign body airway obstructions for adults, children, and infants; the use of an automatic external defibrillator (AED); and the use of ambu-bags resulting in certification or recertification by the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross or an entity with equivalent requirements.

Specific Authority 466.004(4), 466.024(3) FS. Law Implemented 466.024 FS. History–New 1-18-89, Amended 11-16-89, 3-25-90, 9-5-91, 2-1-93, Formerly 21G-16.005, Amended 3-30-94, Formerly

61F5-16.005, Amended 1-9-95, 9-27-95, 6-12-97, Formerly 59Q-16.005, Amended 1-8-01, 4-22-03, 7-13-05, 3-24-08.

64B5-16.006 Remediable Tasks Delegable to a Dental Hygienist.

(1) – (5) No change

(6) The following remediable tasks may be performed by a Florida licensed dental hygienist in health access settings as defined by s. 466.003, F.S., without the physical presence, prior examination or authorization of a dentist:

(a) Perform dental charting as defined in s. 466.0235 F.S. and Rule 64B5-16.0075 F.A.C.:

(b) Taking or recording patients' blood pressure rate, pulse rate, respiration rate, case history and oral temperature:

(c) Removing calculus deposits, accretions and stains from exposed surfaces of the teeth and from the tooth surfaces within the gingival sulcus (not to include root planing or curettage):

(d) Applying topical fluorides which are approved by the American Dental Association or the Food and Drug Administration, including the use of fluoride varnishes:

(e) Applying dental sealants.

Specific Authority 466.004, 466.023, 466.024 FS. Law Implemented 466.023, 466.024 FS. History–New 1-18-89, Amended 11-16-89, 3-25-90, 9-5-91, 2-1-93, Formerly 21G-16.006, Amended 3-30-94, Formerly 61F5-16.006, Amended 1-9-95, 6-12-97, Formerly 59Q-16.006, Amended 1-25-98, 9-9-98, 3-25-99, 4-24-00, 9-27-01, 7-13-05, 2-14-06, 3-24-08.

64B5-16.0075 Dental Charting by Dental Hygienists.

(1) Pursuant to Section 466.0235, F.S., a Florida licensed dental hygienist is permitted to, without supervision and within the lawful scope of his or her duties as authorized by law, perform dental charting of hard and soft tissues in public and private educational institutions of the state and Federal Government, nursing homes, assisted living and long-term care facilities, community health centers, county health departments, mobile dental or health units, in health access settings as defined in s. 466.003 F.S. and epidemiological surveys for public health. A Florida licensed dental hygienist is permitted to pro-bono perform dental charting on a volunteer basis at health fairs.

Specific Authority 466.004(4), 466.0235 FS. Law Implemented 466.0235 FS. History–New 12-26-06. Amended 6-11-07.

Dental hygienists administering local anesthesia

Ms. Baker asked Council members for comments regarding dental hygienists administering local anesthesia. She stated she would increase the number of hours of training from 32 to 45 which would exceed national standards. Following discussion, the Council took the following action:

Motion: by Ms. De la Cruz to recommend that dental hygienists be allowed to administer local anesthesia and that the board pursue legislation similar to the previous legislation with the change from 32 to 45 hours of training

Second: by Ms. McLaughlin

Vote: unanimous

Copies of legislation that was proposed by Representative King in 1994 and in 1996 by Senator Johnson provided for the Council's information at the request of the Council Chair.

Letter from the Florida Dental Association with alternate language for Rule drafts for 64B5-16.006 F.A.C., Remediable Tasks Delegable to a Dental Hygienist

No action was taken.

Letter from Florida Dental Hygiene Association

No action was taken.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

No items were presented

OLD BUSINESS

Rule 64B5-2.0144, FAC, Licensure Requirements for Dental Hygiene Applicants from Unaccredited Dental Schools or Colleges

Rule 64B5-2.0144(10)(b) contains the clinical coursework required. The board now has foreign dental hygiene applicants who have failed the exam and at present, no program or university to refer them to for remediation in a particular area for these required hours.

Motion: by Dr. Winker to refer these candidates to the Credentials Committee for consideration

Second: by Ms. McLaughlin

Vote: unanimous

Mr. Flury stated that this rule had not been updated since the statute s. 466.007(3)(b), F.S. was amended in 2008. The rule requires educational standards to be verified prior to the applicant's first attempt at the exam. The statute was amended in 2008 and now states "the board may require an applicant who graduated from a non-accredited dental college or school to successfully complete additional coursework, only after failing the initial examination, as defined by board rule".

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.