

January 27, 2005

PUBLIC MEMBER MEDIA REPORT

The Missouri Dental Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 20-22, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Select – Executive Center, 2200 I-70 Drive S.W., Columbia, Missouri, according to its Public Member, Maxine Thompson.

On January 20, the Board met at the State Capitol in Jefferson City where the Missouri House of Representatives and the Missouri Senate honored six dentists for having been licensed in the State of Missouri for 50 years. There were ten other dentists qualifying for the recognition but were not able to come to Jefferson City for the ceremony. The dentists honored at the State Capitol were Dr. Carl James of Rolla, Dr. William H. Marchbanks of Windsor, Dr. William Chadwick McCoy of Chillicothe, Dr. Alphonse Peterson of St. Louis, Dr. Kwai L. Young of Camdenton, and Dr. Theodore M. Ziske, Jr., of Salem. The House and Senate gave resolutions to the six honorees, and each was introduced on the floor of the House. The Board honored all sixteen dentists with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Missouri Dental Association served lunch.

President Eric J. Aubert, D.M.D. convened the regular open business session of the Board on Saturday, January 22, in Columbia, where the Board discussed or took action on the following matters:

Representing the Missouri Dental Assistants Association (MDAA), Ms. Lee Ann Turnbaugh reported that twenty applicants took the Basic Skills Review examination at Truman Medical Center in Kansas City in December with another twenty-seven scheduled to take the examination that day, January 22. The exams will again be given in July in Branson. The MDAA now has its own web site, www.modentalassistants.org, where information regarding courses and exams may be found.

Dr. Bob Fox, President of the Missouri Dental Association, reported on legislation for access to dental care. He also asked the Board to provide its opinion on who can place fluoride varnishes. The Board referred this item to the Policy Review Committee for further study.

Sharlene Rimiller, Executive Director of the Missouri Dental Board, presented a quarterly report on budget and other fiscal and administrative matters. The final orders of rulemaking on the sedation rules are now in the thirty day review period with the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). That review period will end on January 31 and then the final orders of rulemaking can be filed with the Missouri Secretary of State. Mrs. Rimiller anticipates that the rules will become effective on April 30, 2005. She said that the Board will need to have the course work approved and available for dentists that want to apply for the new conscious sedation permits before the rules are implemented. The newsletter containing the full text of the rules, as well as other rule changes and statute changes, is scheduled to go out to all licensees in February. Mrs. Rimiller also reported on the status of the Board's other pending rules.

Dr. Larry Jackson, the Board's representative on the Well Being Committee, reported that Sue Clifford, R.D.H., will replace Kate Tansey on the Well Being Committee. Ms. Clifford is the representative from the Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association on the Committee. The Committee serves about thirty participants, some of which are voluntary participants and others which are mandated to the program.

Dr. Larry Jackson, Chairman of the Board's Policy Review Committee (PRC), reported on actions taken by the PRC at its meeting on January 14. Those actions included a recommendation to the full Board on the implementation of a new rule on the certification requirements of licensees employed by or contracting with Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC). The Board voted to accept the PRC's recommendation and pursue the rule as in accordance with Senate Bill No. 1122, which passed in the 2004 legislative session. The Board also approved the certification form. It was noted for the record that Dr. Jackson was recognized by the Missouri Primary Care Association in the development of the new rule and the certification form. The Board also approved the PRC's recommendation for changes to the rule on Addressing the Public and the rescission of the rule that bans the use of endodontic filling materials containing paraformaldehyde. The PRC did not recommend any changes to the Board's continuing education rule and that task was removed from the PRC's task list.

Ms. Frances Tourdot, Chairman of the Missouri Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, provided a report to the Board on the Commission's task list. Ms. Tourdot presented for the Board's approval a survey completed by the Commission regarding the practice of dental hygiene. The Board approved the Commission's recommendation. The next Advisory Commission meeting is on July 21 in St. Louis. This will be the annual joint meeting with the Missouri Dental Board.

A report was provided by Mrs. Rimiller on the Medicaid School-Based Services Committee. A new subcommittee has been formed to assess the needs of dental services provided on school property. The subcommittee is working on a survey that will be sent to all schools to determine what services are currently being provided. The survey is being funded by a grant and administered through the University of Missouri-Kansas City. It was suggested that Dr. Kevin Wallace from Springfield and Ms. Susan Wilson from St. Joseph be included on the subcommittee. Currently serving on the subcommittee are Sharlene Rimiller, Dr. Rolfe McCoy, Ms. Deborah Gerecke and Ms. Lynn Barnett.

Ms. Susan McCann, Administrator, Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), presented to the Board to report that Missouri is # 1 in methamphetamine labs. BNDD is working on legislation to make pseudo-ephedrine a Schedule V drug. Oklahoma was successful in decreasing their meth labs by 80% when they made pseudo-ephedrine a Schedule V drug.

One disciplinary hearing was held. The deliberation on discipline was in closed session in accordance with Missouri law, but the disciplinary order, when issued, will be an open

record of the Board. The order will be issued within a few weeks and will be available to the public upon request.

The Missouri Dental Board regulates approximately 3,016 dentists, 606 dental specialists, and 2,524 dental hygienists.

Members of the Missouri Dental Board are:

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E. Fred Christman, III, D.D.S., Member, Columbia
Patricia A. Lepp, R.D.H., Dental Hygiene Member

All members of the Board, with the exception of Dr. Christman, were present at this open meeting.

The Missouri Dental Board will meet again on April 21-23, 2005, in Lake Ozarks, MO. For more information regarding the Missouri Dental Board, individuals may write to: Missouri Dental Board, P.O. Box 1367, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or call (573) 751-0040.

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