

October 21, 2005

PUBLIC MEMBER MEDIA REPORT

The Missouri Dental Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on October 13-15, 2005, at the Hilton Garden Inn, 19677 E. Jackson Drive, in Independence, Missouri, according to its Public Member, Maxine Thompson.

President John L. Sheets, D.D.S. convened the regular open business session of the Board on Saturday, October 15, in Independence, and honored Dr. Larry W. Jackson with a Resolution and a Plaque for his more than eight (8) years of distinguished service to the Missouri Dental Board. October 15, 2005, was officially declared Dr. Larry W. Jackson day in recognition of Dr. Jackson's service. The Board also discussed or took action on the following matters:

Dr. Jake Lippert, Executive Director of the Missouri Dental Association (MDA), announced that the House of Delegates is meeting on November 4 in Jefferson City. The Board of Trustees Meeting will be held January 19, 2005, followed by the MDA winter session on January 20-21 in Columbia, Missouri. At a recent meeting with legislators concerning Medicaid Reform, it was reported that over 300 people have recently been referred to the emergency room at a Springfield, Missouri, hospital for dental care. The MDA will support efforts to increase Medicaid reimbursement to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) for dental care if private dentists are reimbursed at the same level. It was reported that hospitals do not have dentists on staff making care in emergency rooms much more costly. The MDA is still working on the dental carve-out bill but until the legislature increases the appropriation for Medicaid reimbursement, the bill does not serve its intended purpose.

Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) President Deborah Polc, R.D.H., reported that the association will meet at Tan-Tar-A, Lake Ozarks, Missouri, on October 28-29, 2005. The Dental Hygienist Distance Learning Committee has met twice to work on the design of a training program for dental hygienists, which allows course work to be completed off-site from the educational institution, and clinical and didactic training to be delivered in the office of a licensed dentist. Proposals have been received from Missouri Southern State College, Ozarks Technical Community College, and St. Louis Community College at Forest Park. The Committee is required to deliver its report to the both houses of the General Assembly and the Governor on the training program by November 1, 2005.

Representing the Missouri Dental Assistants' Association (MDAA), Mrs. Mary Lou Young, Dental Assistant, said that 27 applicants recently took the dental assisting Basic Skills Examination. Ms. Lynn Price, Dental Assistant, is the new president of the MDAA.

Missouri Dental Board Executive Director Sharlene Rimiller reported that the new fiscal year began on July 1, 2005. The previous fiscal year ended with a healthy fund

balance. Since it was a renewal year, this fund balance must carry the Board through until the next biennial renewal in 2006. Based on her projections, the Dental Board should not have to implement any fee increases in the foreseeable future. The rulemaking status report was also provided by Mrs. Rimiller with the certification rule for the FQHC's to be implemented at the end of October. The rescission on the ban regarding the use of Sargenti Paste (an endodontic filling material) also goes into effect at the end of the month.

Mrs. Rimiller also provided the Dental Board with her report on the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA), which was held in Philadelphia on October 7-9. Although there were several interesting speakers, Mrs. Rimiller found the networking with the other executives very beneficial. One of the states recently conducted a patient survey before implementing changes to its rule on advertising. The survey was given to a random selection of dentists who were asked to give it to their patients. The answers on the questions to the survey should help validate the advertising rule in that state.

Dr. Rolfe McCoy, Chairman of the Policy Review Committee (PRC), discussed the August 29, 2005, meeting held at the Days Inn, Columbia, where the public responded to proposed changes to the Board's rule on Addressing the Public. The Board had referred the rule back to the PRC for further work on the wording. The Board voted to ask Dr. Craig Hollander, D.D.S., to become a member of the Enteral Conscious Sedation Committee joining Dr. Guy Deyton and Dr. Michael Hoffmann. The Board also voted to accept the PRC's recommendation that the criteria for dentists to become examiners for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS), in order of priority, be: current members of the Missouri Dental Board, past members of the Board, and currently practicing dentists at large. This was mirrored from the criteria established for dental hygienists to be examiners for CRDTS. Some modifications were made to the Board's protocol for handling advertising complaints. Future meetings of the PRC will be held at least 4 to 6 weeks prior to each quarterly meeting of the Dental Board allowing time for the Board members to consider recommendations made by the PRC more fully. The next PRC meeting will be held in Jefferson City, Missouri, on December 2, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. Additional tasks were added to the PRC's task list. The PRC will be considering modifying the renewal application to include a question similar to the certification that must be made by dentists employed by, or contracting with, FQHC's. Also added to the task list for review were the Board's rules on patient abandonment and notice of injury or death.

Dr. Larry Jackson, Board representative on the Dental Well-Being Committee, provided the Board with a draft copy of the Missouri Well-Being Program Reference Guide. Any suggestions for changes should be submitted to the Well-Being Committee before November 30. When the Reference Guide is in final form, it will be available to the public by contacting the Missouri Dental Association at 3340 American Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109. The Board appointed a Committee to look into developing the criteria for the reports the Well-Being Committee is required to present to the Board each quarter. The Committee members are Ms. Patricia Lepp, R.D.H., Dr.

Eric Aubert, and Dr. H. Fred Christman, III. The Well-Being program currently has 30 participants.

Representing the Missouri Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists, Ms. Deborah Polc reported that they will be working on questions for the dental jurisprudence examination at their meeting on October 27, 2005. The directors from all of the accredited dental hygiene programs are expected to attend the October meeting to learn more about the new national examination for dental hygienists. Members of the commission are Deborah Gerecke, Acting Chairperson, Debra Adams, Patricia Lepp, Deborah Polc, and Tia Strait, all Registered Dental Hygienists.

Dr. Bruce Barrette presented an overview of the American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) including its origin and how it is being developed. Only the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) will not be participating in the national dental and dental hygiene examinations at this time. The Missouri Dental Board will continue to recognize all four regional examinations at this time. Dr. Rolfe McCoy and Dr. Eric Aubert responded to the WREB request for examiners.

One disciplinary hearing was held in the matter of Missouri Dental Board vs. Kenneth S. Rotskoff, D.D.S. 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 Board's Order will be issued within a few weeks and will be available to the public upon request.

The annual recognition of dentists who have been licensed for 50 years will be held at the Capitol on January 19, 2006, in Jefferson City, Missouri. Meetings of the Missouri Dental Board for 2006 will be as follows: January 19-21 in Jefferson City and Columbia, Missouri, April 20-22 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, July 20-22 in St. Louis, Missouri, and October 26-28 in Kansas City, Missouri.

The Missouri Dental Board regulates approximately 3,141 dentists, 632 dental specialists, and 2,714 dental hygienists.

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All members of the Board were present at this meeting.

The Missouri Dental Board will meet again on January 19-21, 2006, in Columbia, 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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