

January 27, 2006

PUBLIC MEMBER MEDIA REPORT

The Missouri Dental Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on January 19-21, 2006, at the Courtyard Marriott, 3301 LeMone Industrial Blvd., Columbia, MO, according to its Public Member, Maxine Thompson.

On January 19, 2005, the Board met at the State Capitol in Jefferson City where the Missouri House and Senate honored nine dentists for having been licensed in the State of Missouri for fifty years. Honored dentists were John L. DePond, DDS; John E. Higgins, DMD; John N. Jordan, DDS; John A. Mahoney, DMD; Robert K. Ritterbusch, DDS; Kevin W. Toal, DDS; Glen G. Schuster, DDS; Louis J. Sindelar, Jr., DDS; and Michael Vincenc, DDS. Dr. Mahoney and Dr. Vincenc were in attendance and introduced on the floor of both the House and the Senate which gave resolutions to the honorees. The Board honored these dentists with a Certificate of Appreciation and the Missouri Dental Association served lunch.

President John L. Sheets, DDS, convened the regular open business session of the Board on Saturday, January 21, where the Board discussed or took action on the following matters:

Representing the Missouri Dental Assistants Educators' Association, President Kathy Jeffries, said meetings will be two times each year coordinating programs across the state. Minutes from these meetings will be sent to Missouri Dental Board Executive Director Sharlene Rimiller for communication with the Board. The next meeting will be in April in Kansas City.

Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) President Stacie Scrivner, RDH, said that the association is having its lobby day in Jefferson City on February 8, 2006, with emphasis on access to care issues and direct reimbursement.

Lynn Prine, President of the Missouri Dental Assistants' Association (MDAA), reported that the Basic Skills course is in progress with 34 participants. Mary Lou Young discussed House Bill 1188, a bill establishing registration of surgical technologists. This bill would require all registered surgical technologists to practice under the direct supervision of a licensed physician, dentist, or podiatrist.

Dr. Jake Lippert, Executive Director of the Missouri Dental Association (MDA), explained the legislative efforts to increase Medicaid reimbursement to dentists by eliminating some of the administrative costs. A new concern for dentists and the public is the outsourcing of laboratory work orders to foreign dental labs. The dentist may write the prescription, the lab then sub-contracts with a broker, and the resultant appliance often contains unknown materials. This often results in significant savings to the lab, but not to the dentist or the patient. The Board voted to refer this issue to its Policy Review Committee to look at the prescribed

laboratory work order form and make any needed recommendations for changes so the dentist will know if the appliance is fabricated in the United States or sent overseas. Dr. Lippert also reported that the donated dental services program is now up and running. The MDA is providing space in their office for this effort. Their Board is scheduled to send a letter to all licensed dentists in Missouri to encourage them to donate some time to this program. Dr. Lippert discussed some of the legislative efforts currently underway, including the Board's proposal on records retention.

Dr. David Lebsack, representing the Missouri Society of Orthodontists, spoke to the shortage of Expanded Functions Dental Assistants (EFDAs) and the need to establish guidelines for standardized certificates and a method of ascertaining the number of EFDAs. He asked the Board to consider establishing a registration process and developing a form to be used for the certificate that could be authenticated with the State Seal.

Missouri Dental Board Executive Director Sharlene Rimiller provided the Board with a financial report for the first five months of fiscal year 2006. The previous fiscal year ended with a healthy fund balance. Since renewal fees are not collected in fiscal year 2006, the fund balance must carry the Board through until the next renewal cycle, which will begin in September. Based on projections, the Dental Board should not have to implement any fee increases in the foreseeable future.

Dr. Rolfe McCoy, chairman of the Policy Review Committee (PRC), submitted to the Board the proposed revisions to the rule on Addressing the Public. The Board voted unanimously to pursue the PRC's recommendations for changes to the rule and begin the formal rulemaking process. Dr. McCoy also presented proposed changes to the Board's rules on Patient Abandonment and Notice of Injury or Death. These proposed rule changes were sent back to the Policy Review Committee for further study. Dr. McCoy explained that at the PRC's next meeting on February 24, 2006, they will be discussing the issue brought forward by the MDA regarding outsourcing laboratory work orders and will consider what needs to happen to mandate the questions on the renewal application so that the Board can continue to study the manpower shortages in dentistry.

According to Deborah Polc, RDH, the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists met on October 24, 2005, when officers were elected: Deborah Gerecke, RDH, chairperson, and Tia Marie Strait, RDH, secretary. The next meeting of the Advisory Commission will be on February 24, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. in Jefferson City where questions for the dental jurisprudence exams will be discussed.

Ms. Susan McCann from the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD) announced the \$50,000 grant to be used in planning a prescription monitoring program in Missouri. She discussed the rising problem of illicit drug use. "Pharming" is prescription drugs taken from homes, put into a bowl, and

consumed at parties with dangerous results. Dentists are being alerted to "doctor shopping" when patients go from one care giver to another to obtain drugs. Ms. McCann provided the Board with information regarding states with prescription monitoring programs that are currently in operation.

Dr. Ron Winder gave a presentation on the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). With eleven member states, WREB is accepted by 30 states including Missouri for licensing dentists.

Dr. Eric Aubert reported 32 persons are now enrolled in the Well Being program. Dr. Fred Christman, III, Ms. Patricia Lepp, and Dr. Eric Aubert were appointed as a Committee of the Board to work with the Well Being Committee and develop a form for reporting information to the Board on the mandatory participants in the program.

The following appointments were made by the Board:

Timothy T. Coyle, DDS-MD, to the Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia Committee.

Deborah K. Polc, RDH, Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) examiner.

Authorized to attend the mid-year meeting of the American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) were Dr. Kevin Wallace, Dr. Rolfe McCoy, and Ms. Patricia Lepp. Dr. Fred Christman, III, and Dr. Kevin Wallace will attend the annual meeting of the Council on Licensure, Regulation and Enforcement (CLEAR). Attending CLEAR's National Certified Investigation Training will be the Board's investigators Brian Barnett, Mark Dudenhoeffer, and Vickie Holtmeyer.

The Missouri Dental Board regulates approximately 3,154 dentists, 631 dental specialists, and 2,726 dental assistants.

Members of the Missouri Dental Board, all of whom were present at this meeting, are:

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Rolfe C. McCoy, D.M.D., Vice President, Chillicothe, MO
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H. Fred Christman, III, D.D.S., Member, Columbia, MO
Kevin D. Wallace, D.M.D., Member, Springfield, MO
E. Maxine Thompson, Public Member, Cameron, MO

The Missouri Dental Board will meet again on April 20-22, 2006, in Cape Girardeau, 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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