

April 28, 2006

PUBLIC MEMBER MEDIA REPORT

The Missouri Dental Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on April 20-22, 2006, at the Drury Suites, 3303 Campster, Cape Girardeau, MO, 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, April 22, where the Board discussed or took action on the following matters:

President of the Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) Stacie Scrivner announced that Lori Bruce, R.D.H., will receive the Distinguished Service Award, Ms. Debbie Manne, R.D.H., will receive the Alfred C. Fones Award. These national awards will be presented at the National Dental Hygienists' meeting in Florida in June. Congratulations to these most deserving members of their profession.

Dr. Jake Lippert, Executive Director of the Missouri Dental Association (MDA), reported that the dental services program is up and running with letters from Governor Blunt going out to all dentists in Missouri asking for their participation. The contract for Distance Learning for Dental Assistants has been awarded to Missouri Southern University with sites in Rolla and Sikeston. Dr. Lippert announced that he will be stepping down after ten years as Executive Director of the MDA on December 31, 2006, but he will continue to serve in an emeritus position for another year.

Representing the Missouri Dental Assisting Educators (MDAE), Kathy Jeffries, President, expressed concerns about the disparity between the Missouri Basic Skills Exam administered by MDAE containing 200 questions, and the exam administered by Dental Assistants National Board (DANB) containing 100 questions. These concerns will be reviewed by MDAE members and suggestions for revision will be brought back to the Association.

Missouri Dental Board Executive Director Sharlene Rimiller provided the Board with a financial report for fiscal year 2006 as of February 28, 2006. The Board's fund remains stable. A revised five-year fund balance projection report was distributed to the Board and no fee increases are expected during the five-year period. A report on the progress of the changes to the rule on Addressing the Public was presented to the Board. The proposed changes to the rule are still with the Division and the amendment has not been filed with the Secretary of State due to staff devoting most of their time to legislative issues. The amendment to the

rule should be filed after the Legislature recesses in May. Mrs. Rimiller also reported that the Board's legislation regarding the retention of medical records has now been attached to the House Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 1124. It was reported that Representative Behnen is not bringing House Bill 1660 to the floor for debate because of a controversy with the Missouri Optometric Association. As a result, the non-controversial sections of House Bill 1660 have been attached to Senate Bill 756, which is currently considered a consent bill and now Senate Bill 1124.

Policy Review Committee (PRC) chairman Dr. Rolfe McCoy presented proposed changes to the Patient Abandonment rule, 4 CSR 110-2.114, and the Notice of Injury or Death rule, 4 CSR 110-2.210. The Board voted to accept the changes recommended by the PRC to the Patient Abandonment rule but referred the proposed changes to the Notice of Injury or Death rule back to the PRC for further consideration. The PRC voted to take no further action regarding the new form developed by the MDA for laboratory work orders. It was noted that as long as the form complies with the Board's guidelines for approval of laboratory work orders, no further action is necessary. With the increase in on-line renewal of licenses expected, PRC will bring any recommendations for changes to the renewal forms to the full board no later than the July meeting in an attempt to better track demographics on practicing dentists, dental hygienists, and expanded function dental assistants. Dr. McCoy mentioned that he recently administered the Kansas Jurisprudence examination to a Kansas applicant and asked the Board if it could be a little more flexible in the administration of the Missouri Jurisprudence examination. The Board voted to refer this issue to the PRC for further study and recommendation. Also referred to the PRC for further study was the possible need for a change in the licensure by examination rules for dentists and dental hygienists. With the acceptance of the ADEX (American Board of Dental Examiners, Inc.) examination, the PRC will consider if the rules need to be amended to include this national examination. The PRC will meet on June 9, 2006, in Jefferson City.

As the Board's representative to the Central Region Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) Steering Committee, Dr. Eric Aubert reported that the ADEX examination will be administered this spring to 1,800 dental hygienists and to 2,500 dentists. The CRDTS annual workshop will be in August next year instead of March.

In response to a question received from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) regarding microdermabrasion by dentists, the Board will respond by stating that it has no policy regarding this procedure.

Dr. Eric Aubert reported that the Well-Being committee feels strongly that more information needs to be spread to the dental community about this program. There will be a presentation concerning Well-Being at the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry by Jim Tracy on May 15. The Board also voted to check into the possibility of increasing its funding of the Well Being Program by \$12,000.

According to Chairperson Deborah Gerecke, RDH, the Advisory Commission for Dental Hygienists (ACDH) will deliver the first Ethics course for hygienists in Joplin, MO, on April 28, 2006. The Commission will continue to work on the questions for the dental jurisprudence examination. At this time the Board voted to refer the Advisory Commission's recommendations for a change or rescission to 4 CSR 110-2.140 requiring dentists to notify the Board when s/he employs a dental hygienist and when a dental hygienist leaves his/her employment. Also referred to the PRC was the Advisory Commission's recommendation to seek a statute change allowing dental hygienists working in public health settings to supervise dental assistants. The next meeting of the ACDH will be June 9, 2006, in Jefferson City.

Dr. McCoy reported that the School Based Services Dental sub-committee met on February 24, 2006, and urged that certain standards be met when dental services are provided in the school settings, i.e., that all providers of these services are licensed health care professionals. The sub-committee has divided dental services to be provided in school settings into four levels. Level one: Screenings, fluoride treatments, fluoride varnishes. Level two: Screenings, fluoride treatments, fluoride varnishes, prophylaxis (cleanings), and sealants. Level three: Screenings, fluoride treatments, fluoride varnishes, prophylaxis, sealants, diagnosis, and radiographs. Level four: Sealants, diagnosis, radiographs, simple restoration and extractions. The sub-committee also has concerns about patient abandonment issues for services provided in the school setting. The final recommendation is to request that the full committee work with the dental community to increase Medicaid Reimbursement for dental services.

Authorized to attend the American Association of Dental Examiners (AADE) meeting were Dr. Eric Aubert, Dr. Rolfe McCoy, and Patricia Lepp, R.D.H. Dr. Kevin Wallace was authorized to represent the Missouri Dental Board at the annual meeting of the Council on Licensure, Regulation and Enforcement (CLEAR). Executive Director Sharlene Rimiller will attend the annual meeting of the American Association of Dental Administrators (AADA) along with her new assistant.

The 2007 meeting schedule for the Missouri Dental Board will be:
January 11, 12, 13 in Columbia, MO
April 19, 20, 21 in Springfield, MO
July 19, 20, 21 in Kansas City, MO
October 18, 19, 20 in St. Louis, MO

A disciplinary hearing was held for one dentist. The deliberation on discipline was in closed session in accordance with Missouri law, but the disciplinary order is an open record. The order should be issued within a few weeks and will be available to the public upon request at that time.

The Missouri Dental Board regulates approximately 3,161 dentists, 634 dental specialists, and 2,751 dental hygienists.

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

John L. Sheets, D.D.S., President, Cape Girardeau, MO
Rolfe C. McCoy, D.M.D., Vice President, Chillicothe, MO
Patricia A. Lepp, R.D.H., Secretary, St. Louis, MO
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H. Fred Christman, III, D.D.S., 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 July 20-22, 2006, in St. Louis, 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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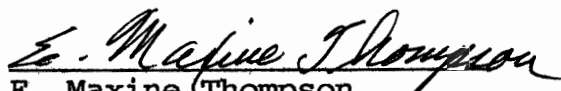
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