NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Meeting Location:
Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
6010 S. Rainbow Blvd, Suite A-1
Las Vegas, NV 89118

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Meeting Date & Time
Monday, March 16, 2020
6:04 p.m.

MINUTES
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS NOTICE OF AGENDA & TELECONFERENCE
EMERGENCY MEETING

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Note: Asterisks (*) “For Possible Action” denotes items on which the Board may take action.
Note: Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or tabled.

1. Call to Order
   - Roll call/ Quorum

Board Member Moore called the meeting to order and Ms. Stratton conducted the following roll call:

Dr. D. Kevin Moore ................................. PRESENT (President)
Dr. David Lee ........................................... PRESENT (Secretary-Treasurer)
Dr. J. Brian Allman ..................................... PRESENT
Dr. W. Todd Thompson .................................. PRESENT
Dr. Ronald West ........................................... PRESENT
Dr. Ronald Lemon ....................................... PRESENT
Dr. Elizabeth Park ........................................ PRESENT
Ms. Betty Pate .......................................... PRESENT
Ms. Joan Shadler ....................................... PRESENT
Mrs. Jana McIntyre .................................... PRESENT
Ms. Gabrielle Cioffi ("Ms. Cioffi") ....................... PRESENT
2. Public Comment: The public comment period is limited to matters specifically noticed on the agenda. No action may be taken upon the matter raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the agenda as an action item. Comments by the public may be limited to three minutes as a reasonable time, place, and manner restriction, but may not be limited based upon viewpoint. The Chairperson may allow additional time at his/her discretion.

Dr. Richard Dragon commented that their entire Executive committee of the NDA was on the phone. They introduced themselves as: Dr. Mark Funke, President of NDA. He stated that he was working with the ADA and NC State Medical officer. Dr. David White, Chairman of Nevada Government affairs, and also a practicing dentist. Jason Doucette, Secretary of the NDA. Dr. Kelly McGinley, counsel of membership for the NDA; Eddie De Andrade; Dave Mahon, Officer at Large NDA; Bob Talley, Executive Director NDA.

Dr. Antonina Capurro, Nevada Dental Health officer, was present and stated that she was available to help with the Board’s directive and provide any information that may be helpful.

Jessica Woods, President of the NDHA stated that she was here to support efforts of the board.

Caryn Solie, member of the NDHA, stated that she was here to support the efforts of the board.

Dr. Jim Rice was present on behalf of the SNDH advisory board, and represents the city of Las Vegas.

Tod Goldman, on behalf of the NDHA, his entity is the Executive Management for the organization.

Sara Mercier stated that she supported the board’s efforts.

Dr. Prada, a pediatric dentist for absolute dental was present on the call.

MOTION: Board Member Thompson moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Board Member Park. All were in favor, motion passed.

3. New Business: (For Possible Action)

- Board to issue statement, to be posted to board’s website, regarding COVID-19 outbreak and any potential mandated closures, recommended precautions, etc.
- Potential office closure recommendations (whether State recommendations or at owners’ discretion/open only for emergency treatment, etc.)
- Concerns of supplies shortage of protective gear
- Should Board recommend office closures, determine recommended length of time to remain closed
- Questions dental offices can ask patients related to their health
- Turning away patients that are sick
- Extra precautions to take if and when treating patients
- Concerns of licensees being required by employers to work
- Dental Hygienists’ concern of live-instruction CE requirements for license renewal

Board Member Moore stated that he would like to start this section and hopes the board has had an opportunity to read the webpage notice before it is published. Board Member Thompson stated that he read over the recommended suggestions to be published and agreed with them. Further, he stated that every office is different and every community is different, and therefore believed it was a good start to leave some authority to the dental offices on how to respond and take action. Board Member Moore inquired if there were any suggestions that any Board Member would like the Board to consider adding or changing to the proposed language. Board Member Thompson suggested that they correct some of the typographical and grammatical errors. There was some discussion related to office closures of non-
essential businesses. It was recommended leaving the closure of offices to the discretion of each dentist. Board Member Allman stated that the Governor noted that medical offices would remain open. There was additional discussion about leaving the owners to use their expert opinion to determine which treatments would be deemed elective and non-elective services. Some discussion of how Board member’s offices are handling the situation.

MOTION: Board Member Lee motioned to approve the statement as presented with the discussed typographical and grammatical errors. Motion seconded by Board Member Park. Discussion: Some Board Members stated that their offices were trying to be proactive and sent messages to patients that if they are ill, are feeling ill, have traveled recently, or may have been exposed to the virus that they stay home and have their appointments rescheduled. Further, that they have asked them to not bring additional persons with them, and have started to screen patients prior to entry into the office. Board Member Moore asked for the NDA to provide their input. Mr. Mark Funke stated that many of the recommendations were not following the ADA’s recommendations and studies on how to approach. He noted that while dentists and dental hygienists are not the number one persons at risk, they rank at number 1.5 of persons most at risk of being infected, and therefore believe that the public should not be deciding if they should seek dental treatment or not. It was noted by the Board that the proposed memo did ask that dentist postpone providing elective services. Board Member Thompson noted that it would be left to the dentist to make well informed decisions when providing care to their patients, and that the Board should do their part to limit non-essential dentistry as much as possible over the next few weeks. Board Member Moore stated that it was at the dentist owner’s discretion to limit their practice to emergency care only. Board Member West stated that he was okay with putting the ADA’s recommendations forward in limiting non-essential dental treatment. Board Member Allman noted that not all owner dentists physically practice at all their locations, and therefore, recommended that they leave it to the treating dentist’s discretion whether or not to limit their practice to emergency care. After additional discussion, it was believed that ultimately the discretion to close offices and treat for emergency care only would be left to the treating dentist and/or hygienist.

Board Member Moore stated that the ADA recommendation is for dentists nationwide to limit their practices to emergency care, only, which would alleviate the burden of emergency rooms being overburdened with dental emergency patients, for a period of three weeks. Further, that it was up to the dentists to make well informed decision on practices. There was discussion on the possibility of mandating the recommendations by the ADA to Nevada dentists. There was some discussion of the length of time to enforce the ADA’s recommendations. Board Member Park commented that she would like the website to list the EPA link that products that will help eliminate the contagion from offices.

Board Member Thompson recommended some language changes to make the language less harshly worded. There was discussion regarding the idea of listing which services are deemed elective and non-elective, however, many board members disagreed to providing a list as there were a number of treatments that some dentists would have difference in opinions on, and felt it best to leave it to the discretion of the treating practitioner, to determine which procedures would be deemed elective and non-elective. After additional discussion to Board Member Moore proposed the following language as “The NSBDE concurs with the ADA that our healthcare practitioners do its part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in recommending that our dental healthcare provider postpone elective procedures for the next 2 weeks.” There were no further recommendations or changes to the remainder of the proposed language.

Continuing Education Discussion: There was lengthy discussion on the options to provide the licensees. The board appeared to favor the idea of having a waiver available, to be presented at a future meeting for approval, to licensees that they could submit to request
to allow for them to take more classes online and to grant an extension to renew or
complete the CPR requirements. Board Member Lee amended his motion to approve the
posting with the recommended changes as discussed. Board Member Allman amended
his second to the motion. No further discussion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

*b. Discussion and possible action regarding conducting Infection Control Inspections and
Anesthesia Evaluations amid COVID-19 outbreak, potential exposure concerns and safety
(For Possible Action)

Board Member Moore inquired on the Board members opinion regarding the possibility of conducting
inspections and evaluations during the shutdown. There was discussion of the concerns of conducting
the inspections while also noting the IC inspection did not require any patients to be present, while the
evaluations did. It was discussed postponing evaluations for two weeks and then revisiting the matter at
a future meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Park moved to postpone the anesthesia evaluations for 2 weeks, but to
continue with the IC inspections. Motion seconded by Board Member Lee. Discussion: Board Member
Thompson stated his concern that many doctors might choose to close their doors and many not be
willing to open their offices for inspections. Board Member Park noted that there was a backlog of
inspections, and that the inspections did not require patients to be in the office. All were in favor of the
motion, motion passed.

4. Public Comment: This public comment period is for any matter that is within the jurisdiction of the public body. No action
may be taken upon the matter raised during public comment unless the matter itself has been specifically included on the
agenda as an action item. The Chairperson of the Board will impose a time limit of three (3) minutes. The Chairperson may
allow additional time at his/her discretion.

Board Member Moore thanked the public attendees and the NDA for being a part of tonight’s
emergency meeting.

Richard Dragon thanked the board for the meeting tonight and the interaction with the NDA. He stated
that it was refreshing that they could communicate with the board and work together on such a topic.

David White thanked the board for considering the greater good of the citizens of Nevada and for doing
their part in helping slow the spread of the virus.

Caryn Solie thanked the Board for their efforts and for considering creating a waiver in relation to making
exceptions to the CE and CPR requirements given the pandemic.

5. Announcements

There were no announcements.

*6. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

Board Member Moore called for adjournment.

Board Member Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Board Member Cioffi.
All were in favor, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Frank DiMaggio, Executive Director