

BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

Petition by Victor A Sandoval, DDS for an Advisory)
Opinion as to whether third year dental students enrolled)
in the UNLV School of Dental Medicine may participate) AO-06-0518(A)
in a pilot rural rotation program providing for dental)
practice at a public health clinic in Elko, Nevada)
consistent with NRS 631.215.)
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At a public meeting of the Nevada State Board
of Dental Examiners, held on May 18, 2006 at
its offices located in Las Vegas with video-link
to Reno.

- Dr Tony Guillen-----PRESENT
- Dr. Rick Thiriot-----PRESENT
- Dr. William O’Gara-----PRESENT
- Dr. Donna Hellwinkel-----PRESENT
- Dr. Michael Lloyd-----EXCUSED
- Dr. William Pappas-----PRESENT
- Dr. Joel T. Glover-----PRESENT
- Mrs. Rosanne “Missy” Matthews-----PRESENT
- Mrs. Sharon Peterson-----PRESENT
- Mr. James “Tuko” McKernan-----PRESENT
- Mrs. Bonnie Bryan-----PRESENT

ADVISORY OPINION

The Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners (“the Board”) makes the following findings
of fact and conclusion of law:

I. Procedural History

1. On May 18, 2006, Victor A. Sandoval, DDS filed a request that the Board issue
an Advisory Opinion regarding whether third year dental students participating in a rural
rotation program providing dental services in Elko, Nevada under the supervision of Nevada
licensed dentists who would be contracted with the UNLV School of Dental Medicine as
adjunct professors at the Great Basin Center for Rural Health Education and Services would
be consistent with provisions of Chapter 631. This petition has been designated by the Board
as AO-06-0518(A).
2. Dr. Sandoval discussed the outline for a pilot project involving 6 third year dental
students providing general dentistry oral health services at a public health clinic in Elko and
under the direct supervision of (2) Nevada licensed dentists who would be contracted with the
UNLV Dental School as adjunct professors. Dr. Sandoval referenced his first visit to the Board
in October 2005 regarding the desire of the school to pursue a program like what he was now
describing to address rural practice needs for dentistry. Mr. Gerald Ackerman, B.S., M.S.,
C.H.E.S., assistant director for the Center for Education and Health Services Outreach in Elko

described the continuing education and services being provided by his facility in Elko and the efforts to compatibly integrate with the medical and dental schools in Nevada.

3. The petition is within the purview of the Board's jurisdiction pursuant to NRS Chapter 631 and NAC Chapter 631; specifically, NRS 631.215 regarding the scope of practice for dentistry and NAC 631.279 as well as NRS 233B.120 issuing advisory opinions.

4. The Board issued a public notice of this petition for an advisory opinion in accordance with state law. Comments and descriptive information from Dr. Sandoval and Mr. Ackerman were provided on May 18, 2006.

5. Board Legal Counsel, Mr. John Hunt, indicated that UNLV School of Dental Medicine would need to provide an informed consent and/or notice to patients that the dental services provided to them was by UNLV dental students.

II. Comments of the Participants

A. Victor A. Sandoval DDS' Comments

6. On May 18, 2006, Dr. Sandoval submitted a student evaluation form and gave comments regarding the initiation of the pilot rural rotation program that six students would be participating in through the UNLV School of Dental Medicine in Elko.

7. Mr. Gerald Ackerman gave comments regarding how a similar program has functioned for medical students at his facility in Elko and how he envisioned the program working with the dental students. He indicated that the dental students would also rotate between the fixed facility in Elko and the mobile dental units serving the area for Nevada Health Centers.

III. Board Decision

8. Pursuant to NAC 631.279 through authority of NRS 631.190, and NRS 233B.120, the board having the discretion to issue an advisory opinion regarding the applicability and/or interpretation of any statutory or regulatory provision of Chapter 631.

9. The Board finds that participation of third year dental students from the UNLV School of Dental Medicine in the rural rotation program providing dental services in Elko, Nevada under the direct supervision of Nevada licensed dentists is consistent with Chapter 631.

THEREFORE, based upon the findings and conclusions, it is hereby ORDERED on May 18, 2006 that:

1. The UNLV School of Dental Medicine Rural Rotation Program for third year dental students in Elko, Nevada is deemed consistent with the waiver provided for pursuant to NRS 631.215(2)(c).

Student Name: _____

Preceptor Name: _____

**UNLV School of Dental Medicine
Rural Rotation Program**

STUDENT EVALUATION

On a scale of 0-4 please rate the student in the following categories:

0 = Unacceptable
1 = Fair
2 = Average
3 = Good
4 = Excellent

I. Professionalism

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| 0 1 2 3 4 | 1. Punctuality / Reliability |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 2. Preparation for Clinical Activities |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 3. Professional Attire |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 4. Professional Demeanor |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 5. Communication Skills |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 6. Receptiveness to Constructive Criticism |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 7. Interactions with Staff and Colleagues |

II. Clinical Performance

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| 0 1 2 3 4 | 1. Clinical Skills |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 2. Clinical Judgment |
| 0 1 2 3 4 | 3. Time Management |

III. General Observation

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| Yes | No | 1. Would you hire this student to work in your facility? |
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Comments: _____

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Community Outreach: Rural Rotations

Project Description

A pilot project has been initiated that will place six 3rd-year students from the UNLV School of Dental Medicine at the Great Basin Center for Rural Health Education and Services in Elko, Nevada, to treat patients during the month of August, 2006. This is a new, state-of-the-art facility that offers medical and dental care to local residents.

Clinical Services:

Students will provide oral health care, within the scope of general dentistry, for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and medically-compromised patient, including:

- Patient Assessment and Diagnosis
- Comprehensive Treatment Planning
- Health Promotion / Disease Prevention
- Informed Consent
- Anesthesia, Pain, Anxiety Control
- Routine Restoration of Teeth
- Routine Replacement of Teeth
- Routine Periodontal Therapy
- Routine Pulpal Therapy
- Routine Hard / Soft Tissue Surgery
- Evaluation and Treatment of Routine Dental Emergencies
- Evaluation of the Outcomes of Treatment
- Specialty Referral

Patient Population:

Over half of the patient population of this facility pays for its dental services under a "sliding scale" mechanism. Others are covered by Medicaid and Nevada Check-Up. Twenty percent of patients are covered by private insurance. The area is a population designation of a "Health Profession Shortage Area" by the federal government.

Supervision and Oversight:

Students will treat patients under the direct supervision of Nevada-licensed dentists who are affiliated with the UNLV School of Dental Medicine. The supervising dentist(s) will ensure that all procedures meet the standard of care.

Professionalism:

In addition to clinical skills, students will be expected to demonstrate the Knowledge, Skills, and Values of a dental professional and uphold the highest standards of the UNLV School of Dental Medicine at all times. Students will wear scrubs and name tags that identify them as students at UNLV School of Dental Medicine.

Assessment / Evaluation

At the end of each day, the supervising dentist will sign a daily production summary for each student to monitor the scope of clinical activities. Upon completion of the Rotation, the Supervising Dentist will provide the School of Dental Medicine with a written evaluation of the student, using the following criteria:

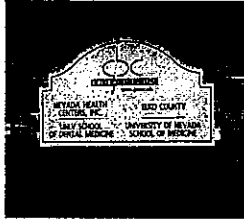
- Clinical Skills
- Patient Management Skills
- Professionalism

The Great Basin Center for Rural Health Education and Services

Partnership Model

Community Need

- No primary care providers accepting Medicare and Medicaid
- Poor oral health care access for Medicaid and uninsured
- Access for veteran care
- No facility accepting sliding fee for the uninsured and underinsured



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Educational Needs

- Facility to conduct discipline as well as interdisciplinary training
- Facility to conduct inter-institutional training
- Fixed training site for medical student and medical resident training
- Increased focus for family practice model
- Fixed training site for possible dental students and residents to do training
- Facility and space to develop new training programs for rural and frontier Nevada

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Educational, Community and Other Partners

- Great Basin College
- University of Nevada, School of Medicine
- University of Nevada, Las Vegas, School of Dental Medicine
- Elko County
- Northeastern Nevada Regional Hospital
- Regional mines
- Local business
- Service clubs
- VFW
- State of Nevada
- Nevada Health Centers, Inc.
- Veterans Administration
- Elected representatives

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Funding Sources - Leveraging of Funds



- State of Nevada - \$250,000
- Mines - \$103,000
- Great Basin College - \$100,000
- Elko County - \$365,000 (three years)
- Fund for Healthy Nevada
- HRSA
- AHEC
- \$250,000 NSHE budget request (health care theme)

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Current and Future Projects

- Current
 - Training of Students
 - Medical
 - Physician Assistants
 - Community Health Center
 - Medical
 - Dental
 - Community Health Nursing
- Future
 - Veterans' healthcare access telemedicine clinic—July 1 start date
 - Radiology Technology (Fall of 2005)
 - Alzheimer's clinic (next two months)
 - Family Practice Rural Residency
 - Nursing facility expansion
 - Laboratory technology
 - Ultrasound imaging
 - Dental student training

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Dental Student Supervision and Anticipated Projects Under Direction of UNLV School of Dental Medicine

- Dentists in Elko are clinical adjunct faculty of the School of Dental Medicine
 - Compressed video and classroom linkage to UNLV School of Dental Medicine
 - Area Health Education staff support (Community project development and student support)
 - Direct flight service for on site visits by UNLV faculty
 - Direct supervision by Nevada licensed dentists
- Dental Students would rotate between the fixed and mobile dental facility
 - Students would participate in clinical as well as community education, screening and prevention projects under supervision of dentist.

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Primary Care Impact

- June 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006
 - 7,367 office visits
- Patient Mix October 2005- March 2006

- Sliding Fee	2,259	38%
- Private Insurance	1,181	20%
- Medicaid	1,052	18%
- Medicare	992	17%
- Pending Medicaid	242	4%
- Public Funding	93	2%
- Grant Funding	84	1%
- OB Global	47	1%

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Dental Impact

- The impact of the facility is estimated by the number and type of patients served. 468 patients were served in a six-week period (January 17 to February 28).
- This facility also serves as the home base for the mobile dental operation. From June 1, 2005 to February 28, 2006, the mobile facility has seen 1,613 patients and provided 6,141 treatments.
- The facility has made it possible for seniors to receive no-cost care through a grant from the Division for Aging. In Elko, 12 patients are in progress and 14 more are being scheduled.

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Patient Mix Elko Dental

Encounter Listing	
From 8/1/2003 to 8/31/2004	
DATE	P. Slt.
Elko Dental Center	
Office Fee	57%
Direct Paying	2%
Medicaid	1%
Medicare	0%
DB Other	0%
Private Insurance	1%
Public Paying	0%
Elko Dental Center	100%

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