

IOWA DENTAL BOARD

FEBRUARY 21, 2008 MEETING MINUTES DES MOINES, IOWA

TELECONFERENCE MEETING

The meeting of the Iowa Dental Board was called to order at 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 21, 2008, in the conference room, 400 S.W. 8th St., Suite D, Des Moines, Iowa, by the Vice Chairperson of the Board, Gary Roth, D.D.S.

Pursuant to the authority of and in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.8 (2007) the meeting was held by electronic means. This meeting was held by conference call to discuss a proposed position statement. It was necessary for the board to consider this while the legislature remains in session rather than waiting for the next board meeting in late April. It was impossible for the board to schedule a meeting on such short notice and impractical for the board to meet with such a short agenda.

Members present at this meeting:

Deena R. Kuempel, D.D.S., Chairperson
Gary D. Roth, D.D.S., Vice Chairperson
Debra L. Yossi, R.D.H., Secretary
Michael Rovner, D.D.S.
Eileen A. Cacioppo, R.D.H.
Elizabeth Brennan, Public Member
Suzan Stewart, Public Member
Alan Hathaway, D.D.S.
Lynn Curry, D.D.S.

Also present: Constance L. Price, Executive Director
Theresa O'Connell Weeg, Assistant Attorney General
Angela Davidson, Board Staff

Others present:

Tom Cope, Iowa Dental Hygienists Association
Larry Carl, Iowa Dental Association

REMOVAL OF TEMPORARY CEMENT BY REGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

This agenda item appeared in the February 7, 2008 teleconference meeting agenda and was rescheduled for consideration at this teleconference meeting.

Dr. Rovner reported at the January board meeting that he had been working with several entities concerning the issue of dental assistants removing temporary cement under the supervision of licensed dentists. A proposed position statement concerning this issue was submitted to the

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members of the board for consideration at this teleconference meeting. Ms. Price explained that if the board approves this position statement that it should clarify this on the board website under Expanded Function Course Resource List by adding the statement: "Orthodontic brackets and bands are included in the definition of a provisional appliance when referring to the Fabrication and Removal of Provisional Restorations course." The website should also include the wording: "Successful completion of the portion of this course that refers to the supragingival removal of the temporary cement will authorize dental assistants to perform this function."

Motion by Dr. Rovner, seconded Ms. Cacioppo, that the Board approves the proposed position statement regarding the delegation of the removal of temporary cement by dental assistants. Session Law of HF 686 which passed in the 2000 legislative session stated:

...The Board shall not, however, adopt rules that delegate to a dental assistant any of the following services:

1. Administration of local anesthesia;
2. Placement of sealants;
3. Removal of any plaque, stain, calculus, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish.

It is the position of the Iowa Dental Board, based on the understanding of the parties involved in the passage of this legislation and the manner in which this language has been interpreted since 2000 that the prohibition against the delegation of the removal of synthetic material applies to permanent material and does not prohibit the removal of temporary cement.

The motion made by Dr. Rovner also proposes that the board clarify this on the board website, Expanded Function Course Resource List referring to expanded function courses for dental assistants. Dr. Rovner also proposed that the sponsors of the course "Fabrication and Removal of Provisional Restorations" supplement the material accordingly with further didactic information, clinical assessment and post-course competency assessment.

Vote: Unanimous.
Motion Carried.

The board thanked the members of the Iowa Society of Orthodontics and the members of the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association for resolving this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

The board adjourned its meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


CONSTANCE L. PRICE
Executive Director