

IDBE Report - November 16, 2018

The Iowa Dental Board meeting was held on November 16, 2018. Representatives of many organizations including the Iowa Dental Association and their lobbyist, the Iowa Dental Hygiene Association and their lobbyist, the Department of Public Health, Delta Dental, Dental Assistants Educators Association, Carver Medical Health University of Iowa, nurse anesthetist Mindy Miller and the CRNA lobbyist, AGD region 10 director, Dr. Chad Wagener, an orthodontist, and a pedodontist were in attendance.

Teledentistry guidelines were suggested and discussed. Teledentistry is a developing area for dental treatment. The necessary regulations to oversee teledentistry are difficult to establish. Continued discussion will be done before regulations are enacted.

A presentation about information technology and the ongoing, increasing costs of IT and the ever-changing software was done. The costs to provide the software and technology for the dental board are substantial. Future costs will continue to increase. Funding is challenging.

Multiple Notices of Intended Action (NOIA) were discussed. A NOIA is a notice to the public that the board plans to enact a regulation. Public members may comment on the intended action.

A notice concerning opioid usage will be filed. The NOIA will propose standards for opioid prescriptions, continuing education, and Prescription Monitoring Program compliance. Beginning January 1, 2020, all prescriptions must be submitted electronically.

A notice concerning expanded functions will be filed. The purpose of the notice is to update the requirements for expanded functions. The proposed changes are lengthy and involved. Notably, there is a proposal to allow expanded function staff to recement a crown and a bridge when the dentist is not available. Also, an expanded function staff could decrease N2O while monitoring a patient with N2O should there be a crisis. The staff could turn the oxygen off at procedure's end. Regarding expanded function level 2 staff there are many proposed changes. The role of the expanded function

level 2 staff is continuing to evolve and expand. Please access the Iowa Dental Board meeting notes for November 16, 2018 and read them.

https://dentalboard.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2018/11/brd_nov_2018.pdf

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed rulemaking. Written comments in response to this rule making must be received by the Board no later than 4:30 p.m. on January 10, 2019.

Comments should be directed to:

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There was intense discussion involving moderate sedation providers and deep sedation/general anesthesia providers. The proposed education standards for dental auxiliaries include ACLS, DAANCE offered by the AAOMS, and courses approved by the board. More discussion will be done on this issue.

Public health settings for dental services was discussed. Currently there are limitations on the settings for dental services. A proposal was made to remove all limitations for public health settings for dental services. Medical providers do not have limitations for public health medical services.

A continuing education course on Silver Diamine Fluoride offered by Mary Kelly RDH was approved.

As always please consider attending the dental board meetings and enrolling as a subscriber to receive the news and updates from the board. Comments are appreciated by the board. The board gives serious consideration to licensee comments.

The next board meeting will be January 24-25, 2019.

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