

Iowa Dental Board

The Iowa Dental Board meeting was held Friday, September 1, 2023. The meeting was held at the Dental Board office for attendance in person or via Zoom. The in person and Zoom attendees were few including myself, Iowa Dental Association leadership and staff, Delta Dental, and Iowa Dental Hygiene Association lobbyist.

As per the previous meeting, the day's meeting was very brief. The usual reports including the Executive Director Report, Anesthesia Credentials Committee Report, Continuing Education Report, and the Dental Hygiene Committee Report were presented.

The Central Regional Dental Testing Service (CRDTS) presented their Remediation Services. The Remediation Services are designed for dentists referred by dental boards for remediation. CRDTS has designed a digital treatment experience for dentist training and evaluation involving endodontic treatment, periodontal treatment, and tooth preparation with decay removal. The creation and display of the different dental experiences was impressive.

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) eight-hour training requirement for DEA registered practitioners was discussed. The American Dental Association's (ADA) website was recommended for training requirements and courses to meet the requirements. The ADA website has a very comprehensive review of the requirements, frequently asked questions, and courses to meet the requirements. Very soon, the dental board will have training requirements and information on the dental board website.

Lastly, Teledentistry and Requirements for the Minimum Standard of Care were discussed. Rule 650-27.12(153) Teledentistry, establishes the standards of practice for teledentistry. Very simply, the standard of dental care is the same whether a patient is seen in person or through teledentistry encounters. Informed consent is required. Dental practice location, licensure, and credentials must be publicly displayed on a website or in writing to the patient. Direct supervision by a dentist of a dental hygienist or dental assistant is allowed. However, the dentist "must appear upon request using live video with a response time similar to what would be expected if the dentist were present in the treatment facility." For dentists considering teledentistry, please read and review the rule for a thorough understanding of the rule.

The next dental board meeting is scheduled in November 3, 2023. The meeting will be offered in person at the Iowa Dental Board office or via Zoom. The dental board truly respects and appreciates the attendance and involvement of dental licensees. Please consider attending the meeting.

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