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## **MICHIGAN BOARD OF DENTISTRY RULES COMMITTEE WORK GROUP MEETING**

### **MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2021**

The Michigan Board of Dentistry Rules Committee Work Group, met on August 20, 2021. The meeting was held via Zoom.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mark Johnston, DDS, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:** Mark Johnston, DDS, Chairperson  
Cheryl Bentley, RDH  
Janet Kinney, RDH, MS  
Martha Morgan, RDH  
Edward Sarkisian, DDS  
Mamnoon Siddiqui, DDS, MS (arrived 7:18 a.m.)  
Kathleen Weber, CDA, RDA, BAS

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Andria Ditschman, Senior Policy Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Kerry Przybylo, Manager, Boards and Committees Section  
Stephanie Wysack, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section

**Public Present:** Tonia Socha-Mower – American Association of Dental Boards  
Robert Zena, President – American Association of Dental Boards

#### **WELCOME**

Ditschman explained the process for the meeting today.

## **RULES DISCUSSION – Dentistry – General Rules**

Bentley questioned whether the language for prescriptive authority for dental therapists was correct.

Ditschman stated that it is based on MCL 333.16656.

Socha-Mower stated that the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB) requested to be added as an approved continuing education sponsor.

Zena explained what the AADB did when approving courses and stated that courses were approved based on how the program applied to the field and is used to protect the public.

Discussion was held.

### **Canadian Endorsement for dentists**

Ditschman provided an overview of the requirements under the new legislation.

Ditschman shared The National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB)/Le Bureau national d'examen dentaire du Canada (BNED) examination brochure that provided the content of the examination that is given.

Johnston stated that the examination appeared to be equivalent except for the OSCE examination that was written, not hands-on.

Bentley asked if an applicant has over five years of licensure/experience, should they have to take a clinical examination to become licensed in Michigan.

The Rules Committee agreed that the requirements for a Canadian licensed applicant should be equivalent to that of a licensed applicant coming from another state.

Johnston clarified that the ADEX provided only a clinical examination.

Discussion was held.

Ditschman suggested adding language that required the clinical examination for both the Canadian licensed applicants and licensed applicants from other states without a certain number of years of licensure/practice requirement.

Johnston suggested adding the year 2029 to allow for the five years after only the ADEX was available.

The Rules Committee agreed with the above suggestions.

### **Canadian Endorsement for dental hygienists**

Ditschman stated that the new legislation only covered licensure, therefore registered Canadian dental hygienists would not qualify under the new rules.

Ditschman shared the National Dental Hygiene Canadian Examination (NDHCE) brochure.

The Rules Committee agreed that the clinical examination requirement should be written to mirror that being written for dentists.

### **Canadian Endorsement for dental assistants**

Ditschman stated that the new legislation only covered licensure, therefore registered Canadian dental assistants would not qualify under the new rules.

Ditschman shared the National Dental Assisting Examining Board (NDAEB) site for examination information.

Johnston and Weber agreed that the educational requirements listed did not appear to be equivalent to the requirements for licensure in Michigan.

Weber stated that there was an available route, Pathway 2, for individuals who were missing key components in their education and take the Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) examination through the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB).

Ditschman will research the information and add language to the rule, if applicable.

Weber stated that the clinical examination requirement appeared to be equivalent.

Kinney asked about including a rule for dental therapists. Ditschman stated that at this time she could only find that they were registered in Canada, therefore would not qualify for licensure in Michigan under the new legislation.

### **Sedation**

Johnston stated that the Department and he had been receiving information from two different groups regarding sedation. Michigan is the only state that does not have a sedation permit.

Ditschman stated that the rules should address some form of regulation. She stated that the provisions under the Public Health Code were broad and would allow for the addition of the regulation to the rules, as long as it was not too burdensome on the licensee. She stated that discussion was being held with the Department and that stakeholders would most likely need to be called in as well.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ditschman stated that another Rules Committee Work Group meeting would need to be scheduled to follow up on rules that need more research.

Johnston adjourned the meeting at 8:57 a.m.

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