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BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 9, 2011

TIME AND PLACE:	The Examination Committee convened on September 9, 2011 at 1:40 p.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
PRESIDING:	Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S. Augustus A. Petticolas, Jr., D.D.S.
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Meera A. Gokli, D.D.S. Robert H. Hall, Jr., D.D.S. Jacqueline G. Pace, R.D.H.
STAFF PRESENT:	Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:	With all members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.
PUBLIC COMMENT:	No public comments were received.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Dr. Cutright asked if the Committee members had reviewed the August 18, 2011 and August 19, 2011 minutes. No changes or corrections were made. Dr. Petticolas moved to accept the August 18, 2011 and August 19, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.
REVIEW OF ADVISORY FORUM DISCUSSIONS:	Dr. Cutright stated that the conclusion of the Advisory Forum discussion meeting on August 19, 2011, was to pursue moving away from live patient clinical examinations. It was also agreed that representatives from Canada and California should be invited to address the Board about their programs. Dr. Petticolas said that based on Dr. Dishman's statements at the advisory forum regarding dental schools having the most knowledge about students' dental skills, one option to evaluate is relying on graduation from dental school to vouch for the skills of students and

avoid external testing for students that will work in Virginia.

Dr. Levin mentioned that up until 1969, dental examiners interviewed students and decided whether or not to grant licenses, but that system was found to be unfair.

Ms. Reen stated that the granting of a license without an examination might be based on the completion of a program that meets the Council of Dental Accreditation (CODA) requirements. She also mentioned that there are different types of accreditations such as fully accredited or provisionally accredited schools. This would provide common benchmarks regardless of where a person attended school. The Committee agreed to Ms. Reen's suggestion to get more information about CODA accreditations.

Ms. Pace suggested that the Board use some portions of the Portfolio system, OSCE, and other programs to create a hybrid system for Virginia.

Dr. Levin stated that we should always have the option of taking a regional examination.

Dr. Hall suggested that the Board remain with SRTA and push for manikin based exams.

PLAN NEXT STEPS FOR EXPLORING EXAM ALTERNATIVES:

Ms. Reen suggested focusing on how to gather the information needed to compare the different models to present to the Board and recommended developing questions to be answered about the various models.

Dr. Levin suggested that each Committee member compile 10 to 15 questions they may have about each program so that Ms. Reen can review and present to the program representatives.

It was agreed to recommend to the Board at its December meeting to work with SRTA on using manikin based examinations as opposed to live patients.

Ms. Reen stated that there are four types of plans:

- Curriculum Integrated Format
- OSCE
- Portfolio – Traditional and Hybrid Models
- New York's Fifth Year Model

The consensus was to take the following steps:

- Committee members will e-mail to Ms. Reen proposed questions to be asked of program representatives;
- Dr. Cutright and Ms. Reen will review questions by October 1, 2011 for final submission;
- Knowledgeable individuals in Richmond will be invited to present the OSCE and Portfolio programs to the Board at its December meeting;
- Invitations will be made for presentations on the Curriculum Integrated Format and New York's Fifth Year programs at the March Board Meeting;
- Participants in the Advisory Forum will be invited to attend the December and March Board meetings for the program presentations.

COUNCIL OF INTERSTATE TESTING AGENCIES EXAM:

Dr. Cutright stated that the Board President referred this matter to the Exam Committee to make a recommendation to the Board as to whether or not it should continue to accept the CITA exam. The matter was brought to the Board's attention because at the recent SRTA meeting it was determined that CITA states such as North Carolina do not accept any other exams.

Dr. Levin suggested recommending that the Board send a letter to CITA advising them the Board will no longer accept their exam. Dr. Hall recommended that the exam should still be accepted since it is a good exam. Discussion followed about the interests of dental students and the benefits of accepting all exams. The consensus reached was to recommend to the Board that it continue to accept CITA and also recommend that a letter be sent to the North Carolina Board of Dentistry encouraging acceptance of other exams in addition to its exam.

AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS:

Dr. Cutright stated that the Board President referred this matter to the Exam Committee to make a recommendation to the Board as to whether or not it should join ADEX.

Dr. Cutright suggested that a Board member or Dr. James Watkins should represent the Board at the ADEX meeting in November. Ms. Reen suggested that more information was needed about ADEX and offered to contact ADEX about their membership policies and costs. Ms. Reen said once she receives the information, she will confer with Dr. Hall as Board President regarding attendance. It was agreed that ADEX membership and costs will be added to the December Board meeting agenda. Dr. Hall stated that he would like Dr. Watkins to attend the ADEX meeting once all the information is received.

PLAN NEXT STEPS FOR LAW EXAM DEVELOPMENT:

Dr. Cutright mentioned that the Committee met on August 18, 2011 to revise some questions and answers to the Dental Law Exam. She explained that the Committee will need to update questions and answers to address changes in the statutes and regulations and to decide how to address the new regulations. Ms. Reen stated that the current exam does not have any questions pertaining to Dental Assistants II, Radiation Certification, Recovery of Disciplinary Costs, or Mobile Facilities. She said that the contract with PSI will expire at the end of 2012, and the Board will need to issue a new RFP and may be able to choose from multiple vendors for a new contract.

The consensus from the Committee was for Ms. Reen to send a request by e-mail to Committee members to review new regulatory provisions and to identify questions or topics they would like to add to the law exam.

The next Committee meeting will be scheduled after the December 2, 2011 Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S
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Date

February 1, 2013
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