

CDHEA Liaison Report
DHBC Meeting – Oct 7-8, 2022
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PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE:

Members of the Board

President – Dr. Carmen Dones, RDH Educator Member

RDH Member – Sonia “Pat” Hansen

Public Health Dentist Member – Dr. Timothy Martinez, DMD

Public Member – Susan Good

Public Member – Sherman King

Public Member – Erin Yee

Also present: Executive Officer Anthony Lum, Legal Counsel Michael Kanotz, Mary McCune of CDA, Evangeline Ward, Lisa Kamibayashi, Dr. Vickie Kimbrough, a WLAC student Paul Kim, and Heidi Lincer, Chief of the DCA's Office of Professional Examination Services.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 7

The Licensing and Examination sub-committee met to discuss the results of the Alternative Pathway to Licensure Taskforce's research and recommendation for consideration to the Full Board.

Lis Kambayashi from WLAC, the student from WLAC, and Dr. Kimbrough provided comments in support of the new language.

The Subcommittee **PASSED** THE RECOMMENDATION for the

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Requested Sunset Amendments to the Business and Professions Code

Section 1917

The dental hygiene board shall grant initial licensure as a registered dental hygienist (RDH) to a person who satisfies all of the following requirements:

~~(a) Completion of an educational program for registered dental hygienists, approved by the dental hygiene board, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and conducted by a degree-granting, postsecondary institution.~~

~~(b) Within the preceding three years, satisfactory completion of the dental hygiene examination given by the Western Regional Examining Board or any other clinical or dental hygiene examination approved by the dental hygiene board.~~

(a) Completion of either of the following:

(1) Satisfactory completion of a California educational program for RDHs, approved by the dental hygiene board, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and conducted by a degree-granting, postsecondary institution. If an applicant fails to apply for licensure within three years of completion of a dental hygiene board-approved California educational program for RDHs, the applicant shall be required to satisfactorily complete a dental hygiene licensure examination approved by the dental hygiene board; or

(2) Satisfactory completion of a non-California educational program for RDHs, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, recognized by the dental hygiene board, and conducted by a degree-granting, postsecondary institution within the United States or Canada, and within three years of the application date satisfactory completion of a dental hygiene licensure examination approved by the dental hygiene board.

~~(e)(b)~~ Satisfactory completion of the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination.

~~(d)(c)~~ Satisfactory completion of the examination in California law and ethics as prescribed by the dental hygiene board.

~~(e)(d)~~ Submission of a completed application form and all fees required by the dental hygiene board.

~~(f)(e)~~ Satisfactory completion of dental hygiene board-approved instruction in gingival soft-tissue curettage, nitrous oxide-oxygen analgesia, and local anesthesia.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8

Agenda Items:

PASSED

ITEM #5. Licensing and Examination Committee Report (pgs. 35 and 180, DHBC Materials)

a. Background: The Alternative Pathways to Licensure Taskforce made the recommendation to change BPC 1917 to remove the clinical examination requirement if an applicant has graduated from a California RDH program within last 3 years, if the applicant graduated from an out-of-state program within the last 3 years but fulfilled all other requirements by the DHBC for licensure, and if he or she fulfilled all other remuneration and testing requirements detailed by BPC 1917.

Board comments: Public member Susan Good inquired who was on the taskforce and if any public members were on the taskforce. EO Anthony Lum responded with the that no public Board members were on the taskforce; the majority of the members were educators.

Public comments: Allison Wagstaff spoke on behalf of CDHA in support per the taskforce's findings, citing the elimination creates a fair and equitable testing approach, is in line with DDS and RDA testing requirements for licensure.

Evangeline Ward spoke against the recommendation as an RDH Educator, saying it would bring us down to the level of RDAs in the long term.

Motion made to accept legislative amendments as recommended by the Alternative Pathways to Licensure Taskforce

Board member Susan Good questioned who is responsible if an RDH is found to be conducting malpractice, said that just because other professions have eliminated clinical exams it is the DHBC's responsibility to do what is right for their own Board, and that she was never okay with the manikin exam in the first place.

The DHBC oversees the issuance and revocation of licenses; statistics demonstrate the high (>95%) pass rate of both in-person and manikin exams but live patient exams create an undue economic and emotional burden on students, and the lack of enforcement cases (<20 per year) indicate RDHs conduct competent, safe care.

Carmen Dones also provided comment that DDSs have had licensure by portfolio and nurses have eliminated the practicum testing approach for years now.

Another comment behalf of CDHA again, noting that at the 2022 House of Delegates Board of Trustees meeting, the Board was in favor of eliminating the live patient exam

Also the DHBC already site visits and addresses deficiencies in schools that do not meet regulations.

Evangeline Ward again spoke against the motion, saying there are alternatives to the live patient exam but still wants something additional to test students, and she was worried about downgrading the profession.

Lisa Kamibayashi spoke in support, noting RDH competency out of school and access to care issues.

Finally, Heidi Lincer, Chief of the Dept. of Consumer Affairs Office of Professional Examination Services (OPES) spoke in support of the motion, saying the taskforce's consummate report falls in line with other boards and professions and that RDHs out of school have demonstrated exceptional competency, leading OPES to support eliminating the live patient examination requirement.

Additional Board discussion followed, with Susan Good suggesting a transition period to phase out the exam, random audits of 10% of graduates, and highlighting the concern of perceived incompetency or unprofessionalism by public commenters.

EO Lum responded again with statistics and provided examples of financial extortion by patients, and extremely burdensome remediation procedures that occur with live patient formats.

Carmen Dones noted that if a student planned to move out of state, he or she would still need to take a live patient exam, which is highly subjective compared to a manikin.

ITEM # 7. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Section 1119 (formerly 1115): Retired License.

This item received little discussion. Motion passes.

ITEM # 8. Discussion and Possible Action on Draft 2023 Sunset Review Report (pg. 190, DHBC Materials)

DHBC placed the direct supervision duties into the Sunset Review Report.

Mary McCune from CDA cited concerns with changing from direct to general supervision for SLN requirements, and she questioned if the RDHAP brick-and-mortar designations were actually a problem or issue. Sade Morel asked if brick and mortar practices would be grandfathered in if DHPA designations changed.