

**MINUTES UTAH DENTIST
& DENTAL HYGIENIST MEETING**

June 4, 2021 9:00 A.M.
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

CONVENED: 9:04 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 1:20 P.M.

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Bureau Manager: Larry Marx
Board Secretary: Lisa Martin

Compliance Specialist: Lisa Lynn
Investigation: Matt Hunsaker

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gloria Miley, Public Member
Daniel Poulson, DDS
Shannon Sorensen, DDS
Bryon Talbot, DDS

Ron Bowen, DDS
Ruediger Tillmann, DDS
Jason Chandler, DMD

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Kathleen Young, RDH

Kathleen Harris, RDH

GUESTS:

Kim Michaelson
Val Radmall, UDA
Lisa Dunton, Fortis College
Maddie Ure, Fortis College
Aubrey Bell, Fortis College
Natalie Bullough, Fortis College
Alexis Gleave, Fortis College

Whitney Harrison, Fortis College
Courtney Iverson, Fortis College
Stephanie Kevern, Fortis College
Kristin Labruzzo, Fortis College
Chloe Larsen, Fortis College
Maurena Nauman, Fortis College
Abby Robinson, Fortis College

Note: Other guests may have been in attendance electronically but were not identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Call Meeting to Order

Dr. Bowen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Read and Approve March 5, 2021 Minutes (0:03)

Dr. Tillman made a motion approving the minutes as revised.

Dr. Poulson seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

INVESTIGATION UPDATE (0:07)

Mr. Hunsaker reviewed the investigation update with 42 cases received, 47 closed cases, 21 letters of concern, 3 administrative filings, 1 revocation, and 2 licensees on probation.

KELLI JACOBSEN, UPHP UPDATE (0:20)

Mr. Marx introduced Ms. Jacobsen the manager of the new UHPH program.

Ms. Jacobsen reviewed the changes from the URAP program to the UHPH program as well as the reason behind the changes. Ms. Jacobsen reviewed her work history and the program as it is now set up. Ms. Jacobsen introduced Dr. Simpson.

Dr. Simpson reviewed the process if an individual has a situation of return to active use and the 3 levels of action based upon the level of use.

Ms. Jacobsen reviewed a level 3 participant that voluntarily extended their contract which was originally agreed upon in 2015. Ms. Jacobsen stated the participant returned to Tramadol use and has notified the UHPH program on the DEA and DOPL investigations. Ms. Jacobsen stated the participant voluntarily stopped working, obtained an evaluation, entered an in-patient treatment, and was recommended to refrain from practice for up to 6 weeks. Ms. Jacobsen stated upon return to practice at the end of March the work-site reported return to use behaviors. Ms. Jacobsen stated the recommendation from the UHPH program is to refrain from practice for at least 12 months and if upon return to practice the participant would be restricted from solo practice. Ms. Jacobsen stated follow-up will depend upon pending legal actions.

COMPLIANCE UPDATE (1:05)

Dr. Christensen has submitted all required reports, has no missed check-ins and all negative tests.

Dr. Hibbert has submitted all required reports, has no missed check-ins and all negative tests.

Dr. Shulze has submitted all required reports and a request for early termination of probation.

Dr. Heiner has a suspended license until required evaluations and treatment are completed and submitted.

Dr. Hickman will have his initial interview with the Board.

Ms. Larsen will have her initial interview with the Board.

Dr. LaFeber has submitted all required report.

DR. RICHARD SHULZE, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW (1:17)

Dr. Bowen conducted the interview asking how Dr. Shulze is doing.

Dr. Shulze stated things are going very well and has switched medication and it has been very beneficial. Dr. Shulze stated his family and employment are both very positive. Dr. Shulze stated he is limiting his practice to three days a week. Dr. Shulze stated he has been on probation as of February 2018. Dr. Shulze stated he has struggled to sign up with insurance due to the probation which is the main reason he is requesting early termination of the probation.

Mr. Marx stated Dr. Shulze did have check-in issues; however, he never had a positive test while on probation.

Ms. Miley made a motion recommending early termination of probation.

Dr. Poulson seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

DR. WILLIAM HICKMAN, INITIAL PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW (1:27)

Dr. Poulson conducted the interview asking Dr. Hickman about the circumstances that have resulted in a stipulation.

Dr. Hickman stated he had a stipulation in 2003 and in 2016 he surrendered the license. Dr. Hickman stated he has been practicing massage therapy for the past 5 years. Dr. Hickman stated his goal has been to return to dentistry.

Dr. Poulson asked if Dr. Hickman has obtained any continuing education for dentistry in the past five years.

Dr. Hickman stated he has completed about 55 hours of continuing education hours.

Dr. Poulson asked when the last time Dr. Hickman treated dental patients.

Dr. Hickman stated he last practiced in December 2013 as a general dentist. Dr. Hickman stated he has been acting as a dental assistant at High Park Dental in Arizona. Dr. Hickman stated Arizona has an extended practice for dental assistants and he has been reviewing diagnosis with the provider at the clinic.

Dr. Poulson recommended reviewing the Arizona laws for concerning the expanded dental assistants and requirements that Dr. Hickman may not have at this time. Dr. Poulson asked about the submitted proposed supervisor.

Dr. Hickman stated when the Utah license was issued he began looking for employment as a dentist. Dr. Hickman stated the proposed supervisor is a part owner of the clinic which he would be practicing; however, he doesn't act as an employer supervisor role.

Dr. Poulson suggested the Board consider requiring the CPT portion of a regional exam be completed and submitted prior to approval of a practice plan as Dr. Hickman hasn't practice dentistry in the past five years.

Dr. Hickman stated he would be willing to complete the request exam although he is not familiar with how to schedule sitting for the exam.

Dr. Poulson made a motion requiring a regional board exam be successfully completed prior to treating patients.

Dr. Tillman seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hickman asked if there are any other concerns or potential requirements from the Board.

Ms. Lynn asked for an update on the three required evaluations.

Mr. Marx stated the required evaluations were completed when Dr. Hickman obtained his massage therapy license. Mr. Marx stated the manager from that group has reviewed the recommendations with Mr. Marx.

Ms. Lynn asked about the proposed supervisor.

Dr. Bowen requested the proposed supervisor be available during the September meeting.

An appointment was made for Dr. Hickman to meet with the Board on September 4, 2021.

MS. LINDSEY LARSEN, INITIAL PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW (2:03)

Dr. Tillman conducted the interview asking Ms. Larsen the circumstances that have resulted in a stipulation.

Ms. Larsen stated she obtained her dental hygiene license eight years ago and approximately three years ago she began struggling with alcoholism. Ms. Larsen stated the first time she went to recovery she wasn't ready for the program. Ms. Larsen stated after 13 months of sobriety she had a relapsed and the last time she had a drink was May 7, 2020. Ms. Larsen stated the last time she used any drugs was in December 2020.

Dr. Tillman asked about the status of the required evaluations.

Ms. Larsen stated the mental health evaluation is scheduled.

Ms. Miley asked about Ms. Larsen's license status.

Ms. Larsen stated the license was initially issued in May 2013. Ms. Larsen stated she has worked off and on while struggling with her personal struggles. Ms. Larsen stated the majority of her work has been temporary work. Ms. Larsen stated she has struggled to obtain a supervisor.

Mr. Marx suggested allowing the option for Ms. Larsen to work in a temp type situation as that has been how she's been able to work in the past.

Dr. Bowen asked when the evaluations will be completed.

Ms. Lynn stated all the evaluations will be due August 8, 2021.

Dr. Poulson made a motion recommending waiting until the evaluations result in a fit-for-duty result prior to starting work in a temp type situation.

Dr. Tillman seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

An appointment was made for Ms. Larsen to meet with the Board on September 3, 2021.

DR. NICHOLAS LAFEWER, PROBATIONARY INTERVIEW (2:45)

Dr. Tillman conducted the interview asking how Dr. LaFeber has been doing.

Dr. LaFeber stated he has been practicing three days a week & Dr. Fisher has been a good support. Dr. LaFeber stated he has attended the White Cap continuing education course as well as a hands on endodontic course. Dr. LaFeber stated he and his supervisor meet in person a few times a month to review different techniques and charts. Dr. LaFeber stated Dr. Fisher has been in office once to work with staff and reviewed equipment.

Dr. Poulson asked about the submitted letter concerning contact with patients about restitutions.

Dr. LaFeber stated he has contacted past patients to either re-do work, pay to have the work redone with a different provider, or has paid refunds for unsatisfactory work.

Dr. Tillman asked about the completed continuing education courses.

Dr. LaFeber stated the submitted certificate is a misprint from the course provider; and the course completed was a level 1 endodontic continuing education.

Dr. Tillman asked about Dr. LaFeber supervising dental students in the office.

Dr. LaFeber stated there have been some pre-dental students in the office to observe office work.

Dr. Tillman stated at this time with a probationary license; student observation should not be part of the practice.

Dr. Poulson made a motion requiring Dr. LaFeber stop observation opportunities in his clinic.

Ms. Miley seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Tillman stated concerns about the direction that Dr. LaFeber is headed. Dr. Tillman recommended obtaining additional hands-on continuing education with correct documentation.

Dr. Poulson recommended including continuing education with basic dental skills that is not prohibited by the current restrictions and stipulation.

Dr. Bowen made a motion to have Dr. Fisher submit monthly report including frequency of meetings, topics reviewed, & quality of care.

Ms. Miley seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

An appointment was made for Dr. LaFeber to meet with the Board on September 4, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

REGIONAL EXAMS (3:14)

Dr. Bowen stated several Board members have evaluated and administered the manikin exam options.

Ms. Young stated the CDCA has a better product; however, other providers may be waiting to see how accepted manikins will be moving forward.

Dr. Sorenson stated her support in accepting the manikin exam.

Dr. Chandler stated his support of accepting patient based and manikin based exams.

Dr. Poulson stated the manikin exam is not equivalent to a patient based exam, and supports patient based exams until the manikin options are improved.

Dr. Tillman gave his history with participating as an examiner for both WREB & CDCA. Dr. Tillman agreed with Dr. Poulson in supporting patient based exams until the manikin options are improved.

Dr. Bowen stated his opposition to accepting the manikin exams.

Dr. Radmall stated the majority of general dentists are in support of accepting the manikin exams. Dr. Radmall stated examiners are those that are opposed to the transition.

The Board requested this topic be addressed again in the September meeting.

CONTINUING EDUCATION, ETHICS REQUIREMENT (3:44)

Dr. Bowen proposed requiring an ethics course as part of the required continuing education hours.

Dr. Poulson asked about the ability for licensees to find ethics courses.

Dr. Bowen stated ethics courses are readily available.

Dr. Tillman stated his support of the idea.

Dr. Chandler asked how the requirement would be enforced.

Dr. Tillman made a motion to add 2 hours of ethics education for each renewal cycle.

Ms. Miley seconded the motion.

The Board motion passed unanimously.

ANESTHESIA CLASS DEFINITIONS (3:54)

Mr. Marx stated as of the rule change the Division has received a lot of calls concerning which class they hold. Mr. Marx recommended changing the Class C from one entheral drug to allow more than a single remove the word single.

Dr. Radmall stated some issues that have arisen as of the change including the required renewal requirements for the higher levels of sedation.

Dr. Bowen asked what changes would be required to correct the concerns that have been presented.

Mr. Marx stated he will compose a proposed rule change for the September meeting.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: SEPTEMBER 3, 2021

ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 P.M.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

9/10/2021

Date Approved

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Chairperson, Utah Dentist & Dental Hygienist
Licensing Board

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Date Approved

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Bureau Manager, DOPL