

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
ANESTHESIA COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: September 23, 2019

Location: Tennessee Department of Health
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Richard A. Gaw, D.D.S.
Brian D. West, D.M.D.
George A. Adams, D.D.S.
John R. Werther, D.M.D.
Stephen J. Maroda, Jr., D.D.S.

Staff Present: Dea Smith, Executive Director
Jennifer Putnam, Assistant General Counsel

Dr. John Werther called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m. A roll call of members present was taken and all members except Dr. Stephen Maroda were present at the start of the meeting. Dr. Maroda joined the meeting by phone at 4:40 p.m. during the discussion regarding adding a dental anesthesiologist to the committee.

The committee met to review and discuss the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry/DOCS request for their sedation course to be given a board approved designation. This was fourth time the material had been reviewed due to deficiencies such as incomplete CVs and malpractice history from the previous three submissions.

The committee discussed and J. Kathleen Marcus, J.D., the new regulatory counsel for DOCS education, answered questions that the committee had and apologized for the previous submissions deficiencies. After review, Dr. George Adams made the motion to approve the course. Second was by Dr. Brian West. Motion carried.

The course submitted by Sedation Education Academy was reviewed by the committee. Dr. Werther stated that the course had not submitted the following information required by the board's policy:

- Complete course breakdown including teaching and lecture assignments as well as clinical teaching assignments of all faculty and the time spent in each activity.
- Complete list of malpractice and disciplinary actions for all faculty in all current and prior states in which licensed.
- How much sedation does each participant perform?
- Does the participant perform the dentistry as well on the sedated patient?
- What is the student-instructor ratio in the course?

- Who is the primary educational director in charge of and responsible for determining that a participant has been trained to competence?

Dr. Werther also indicated that he would like a NPDB report and a statement from the malpractice companies to be submitted on all faculty. Dr. West made the motion to deny the course until the information that Dr. Werther mentioned was submitted. Dr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Matthew Yezerski requested the committee add a dental anesthesiologist to the Anesthesia Committee since dental anesthesiologist is now a recognized specialty. He recommended that the committee members change from two oral and maxillofacial surgeon to one oral and maxillofacial surgeon and one dental anesthesiologist. Dr. Adams endorsed the idea but Dr. Werther was against the recommendation. Ms. Putnam informed the committee that it was best to have an odd number of members for voting purposes. Dr. Adams was against adding three oral and maxillofacial surgeons. Ms. Putnam suggested if the committee wanted recommend adding a dental anesthesiologist member, that they could also consider adding a member that rotated between the current specialties on the committee and general dentistry. Dr. Maroda was unsure if a dental anesthesiology member was needed until the committee knows how many dental anesthesiologists are practicing in the state.

After discussion, Dr. Adams made the motion to recommend to the Board to add a dental anesthesiologist member to the committee and a dentist with a comprehensive sedation or deep sedation/general anesthesia permit that would rotate every two years. The rotating dentist could be a general dentist or a specialist every two years. Dr. West seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Yezerski also suggested that the committee recommend the Board change the requirements to obtain a deep sedation/general anesthesia permit to only requiring "An advanced education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation that affords comprehensive and appropriate training necessary to administer and manager deep sedation or general anesthesia". This requirement would replace the current requirements in 0460-01-.07(7)(a)1.(i)(I)-(III). After discussion, Dr. West made the motion to table this until a later meeting. Dr. Maroda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed information that had been submitted regarding some of the faculty of the Academy of Dental and Medical Anesthesia, a comprehensive conscious sedation course provider that was approved by the committee and Board in 2018. Information had been submitted that indicated that several of the faculty had discipline in other state and criminal convictions. Dr. West made the motion that a letter be sent to ADMA requesting that they update the committee on the discipline and convictions and how this has been remedied. The committee will then review any additional submissions. Dr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the Dental Facility Inspection form that will be presented to the Board for approval at the October meeting. After discussion, some committee members wanted to remove the comment section on the form. It was suggested that it be added that all "no's" marked on the form should be explained. Dr. Gaw made the motion to add to the comment section that all "no's are to be explained. Dr. Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.