

MINUTES
TENNESSEE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Clinical Issues Committee

Date: November 7, 2008

Location: Tennessee Department of Health
227 French Landing, Poplar Room
Heritage Place Metro Center
Nashville TN 37243

Members Present: Randall P. Prince, D.D.S., Committee Chair
John M. Douglass, D.D.S.
Betty G. Fox, R.D.A.
Lawrence Hsia, D.M.D.
Michael P. Tabor, D.D.S.

Staff Present: Dea Smith, Executive Director
Thomas Miller, Assistant General Counsel

Dr. Randall Prince, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. The committee discussed the workforce issues that are being proposed on a national level by the American Dental Association (ADA), which is proposing the Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) and Oral Preventive Assistant (OPA). The American Dental Hygiene Association (ADHA) is proposing the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner (ADHP). The committee also received information from the Minnesota work group regarding the Oral Health Practitioner (OHP) and the Maine Sunrise Review of Oral Health Care Issues. The committee wanted to know where shortage areas are located within the state and who would be funding these programs. After discussion and review of the documents presented for review, Dr. Hsia made the motion to refer back to the full board the documents presented for review. Dr. Douglass seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The committee then discussed teeth whitening by non-dental professionals. After discussion, Dr. Hsia made the motion that the committee recommend the adoption of a policy that teeth whitening is the practice of dentistry. Dr. Tabor seconded the motion and the motion passed. The committee requested Thomas Miller to draft the policy in consultation with Dr. Tabor and Dr. Douglass.

The committee discussed dental assistant issues, specifically, the coronal polishing examination. Dr. Tabor requested that Mr. Miller research to see if the Board is required to administer the coronal polishing examination.

The committee did not discuss out-of-state examinations.

The meeting was adjourned.