

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2016

BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS



**DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING**

This annual performance report is presented in accordance with
Alaska statute AS 08.01.070(10).

Its purpose is to report the accomplishments, activities, and the
past and present needs of the licensing program.

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Identification of the Board

Board Member	Date Appointed	Term Expires
Thomas Wells, DDS Dentist	Mar 01, 2010	Mar 01, 2018
Thomas Kovaleski, DDS Dentist	Mar 01, 2011	Mar 01, 2019
Robyn Chaney Public Member	Mar 01, 2009	Mar 01, 2017
Michael Moriarty, DDS Dentist	Oct 01, 2015	Mar 01, 2017
David Nielson, DDS Dentist	Mar 01, 2015	Mar 01, 2019
Paula Ross, RDH Dental Hygienist	Mar 01, 2015	Mar 01, 2019
Steven Scheller, DDS Dentist	Mar 01, 2013	Mar 01, 2017
Paul Silveira, DMD Dentist	Mar 01, 2011	Mar 01, 2019
Gail Walden, RDH, BSDH Dental Hygienist	Mar 01, 2013	Mar 01, 2017

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Identification of Staff

Stacia Erkenbrack – Licensing Examiner

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Narrative Statement

This year the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners held meetings on May 15, 2015, September 4, 2015, December 4, 2015, February 26, 2016 and May 13, 2016. A teleconference was held October 2, 2015.

Dr. Michael Moriarty, Seward, was appointed December 1, 2015 to replace Mary Ann Navitsky following her resignation. Dr. David Nielson, Anchorage, was appointed for a four year term starting March 1, 2015. Dr. Paul Silveira was reappointed for a 2nd four year term starting March 1, 2015, Paula Ross, RDH, was appointed for a 4 year term starting March 1, 2015. Stacia Erkenbrack, Licensing Examiner, has retired and her duties are being assumed by Sher Zinn, Licensing Supervisor.

Drs. Scheller and Nielson are to be commended for making written reports of board activities available to the newsletter for the Alaska Dental Society.

Dr. Scheller and Gail Walden, RDH, have worked diligently to review and organize the proposed changes for the new Dental Anesthesia Regulations. This has been an active board project for over two years with input from other state's regulations, proposed ADA regulations, Alaska Department of Law, members of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners and over 100 pages of written comments from licensees in the State of Alaska.

I would like to thank Angela Birt, Jasmin Bautista, Ed Riefle, Sara Chambers, Janey Hovenden, Martha Hewlett, Todd Araujo, Harriet Milks, Sher Zinn and Stacia Erkenbrack. The support and attendance of these individuals keep the board informed and organized in completing the work of the Alaska Board of Dental Examiners.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Wells DDS
President, Alaska Board of Dental Examiners

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2017

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Sep 23, 2016	Anchorage, AK	9	2
	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$2,370.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$1,400.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$536.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$4,306.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Dec 09, 2016	Anchorage, AK	9	1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$2,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$1,200.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$536.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$3,736.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
TBD	Anchorage, AK	9	1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$2,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$1,200.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$536.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$3,736.00

Board Meeting Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
TBD	Anchorage, AK	9	1
	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$2,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$1,200.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$536.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$3,736.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2017 (continued)

Travel Required to Perform Examinations

Not applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$0.00
Total Estimated Cost:			\$0.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

Not Applicable

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff
Oct 18, 2016	Denver, CO	1	0
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Airfare:		\$600.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hotel:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:		\$50.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conference:		\$480.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		\$240.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct Third-Party Offset:		\$0.00
	<input type="checkbox"/> Reimbursed Third-Party Offset:		\$0.00
Net Total Estimated Cost:			\$1,370.00

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Membership	AADB	\$5,385.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Membership in the AADB provides a national forum for exchange, development and dissemination of information to assist dental regulatory boards with their obligation to protect the public.

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
Teleconference	GCI	\$600.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Teleconferences are needed for the board to act in a Quasi-judicial manner or work on regulation projects. Total cost is for two teleconferences.

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
NPDB and AADB Clearance Reports	NPDB and AADB	\$680.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Regulations require background checks through the AADB and NPDB. Cost is for an estimated 85 new licenses for the fiscal year.

Summary of FY 2017 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings	\$15,514.00
Travel for Exams	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel	\$1,370.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training, Teleconferences	\$5,385.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets	\$0.00
Other:	1280.00
Total Requested:	\$23,549.00

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Recommendations for Proposed Legislation for FY 2017

No Recommendations
The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

Recommendations
The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

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Regulation Recommendations for FY 2017

ANTICIPATED REGULATIONS FOR FY 2017

- 12 AAC 28.005, GENERAL PROVISIONS, Establishes requirements for administering moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general anesthesia by a dentist.
- 12 AAC 28.010, PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR USE OF ANESTHETIC AGENTS, Alter the title to read "Permit requirements for deep sedation and general anesthesia" and amend the permit requirements for deep sedation and general anesthesia.
- 12 AAC 28.015 PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR MODERATE SEDATION, Establishes requirements for administering moderate sedation in a dental office or clinic by a dentist and obtaining a permit to administer moderate sedation.
- 12AAC 28.030, OTHER THAN PERMIT HOLDERS, Is proposed to alter provisions as to who may administer moderate, deep sedation, or general anesthesia other than permit holder.
- 12 AAC 28.040 WRITTEN CONSENT, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC 28.050, MEDICAL HISTORY, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC 28.060 REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMINISTERING GENERAL ANESTHETIC, **REPEAL**.
- 12AAC 28.065 EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF PERMITS, Establishes expiration and renewal permit requirements to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, and general anesthesia by a dentist.
- 12 AAC 28.070 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT, To alter provisions related to suspension or revocation of a permit to administer moderate sedation, deep sedation, or general sedation.
- 12 AAC 28.075 ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, Establishes on-site inspection requirements by the board or its designated representative to assess competence and or compliance.
- 12AAC 28.350 EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL OF CERTIFICATION, Alter section title to read "Local anesthesia certification," and to amend the provisions related to certification to administer local anesthetic agents by a dental hygienist, as well as provisions for revocation.
- 12 AAC 28.600 ADMINISTRATION OF PARENTERAL SEDATION, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC28.610 PARENTERAL SEDATION PERMIT, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC 28.620 EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC 28.630 EQUIPMENT, FACILITIES, AND STAFF STANDARDS, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC 28.640 MANDATORY REPORTING, **REPEAL**
- 12AAC 28.650 APPLICATION TO ADMINISTER NITROUS OXIDE SEDATION, Establishes regulations for administration of nitrous oxide sedation by a dental hygienist.
- 12AAC 28.655 APPROVAL OF COURSE OF INSTRUCTION, Addresses board approval of a course of instruction in administration of nitrous oxide sedation.
- 12AAC 28.660 REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSE OF INSTRUCTION IN NITROUS OXIDE SEDATION, Establishes requirements for course of instruction for administering nitrous oxide
sedation.
- 12AAC 28.665 NITROUS OXIDE SEDATION CERTIFICATION, Establishes requirements for certification and revocation to administer nitrous oxide sedation by a dental hygienist.
- 12AAC 28.670 REGISTRY, Establishes registry of all board approved courses of instruction and all dental hygienists certified to administer nitrous oxide sedation.
- 12AAC 28.720 ADMINISTRATION OF NITROUS OXIDE, **REPEALED**
- 12AAC 28.903 MANDATORY REPORTING, Establishes mandatory reporting of incidents to the Board.
- 12AAC 28.990 DEFINITIONS. Further define terms used in AS 08.32, AS 08.36, and 12 AAC 28.

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2016's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

The Board's Mission:

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of Alaskans by ensuring that practitioners possess competency, ethical standards, and integrity necessary to offer or deliver quality services to consumers.

Goals and objectives for FY16 and how they were met:

1. Continue communications with the Department of Law and work closely with the Attorney General's office to improve procedures for investigations, disciplinary actions, and licensing.

CBPL Investigations has streamlined its process for handling investigations.

2. Continue to pursue a better relationship with legislative branch of state government for the purpose of improving communications on issues affecting the health of the public.
3. Support a cooperative relationship with dental education institutions so that they continue to supply an adequate number of quality-trained allied health professionals. We have supported this relationship to the best of our ability.
4. Assist the division to monitor fines commensurate with costs incurred for investigations, hearings, disciplinary actions.

The Board is aware of budget reports, license fees collected, investigative costs and legal costs.

5. Inform dental professionals in our state of current issues before the board that impact practice and public safety. We sent out an invitation for public comment on the sedation regulations in Mar/April 2016.
6. Continue any unfinished regulation changes from FY2015. Completed March 2016.
7. Implement on-site inspections for sedation/anesthesia providers. Currently, we are still in the process of implementing changes.

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Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2017's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

Describe any strengths, weaknessness, opportunities, threats and required resources:

Goals and Objectives FY17. Include strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats, as well as any resources needed:

1. Be involved in the implementation of SB74 for expansion of telemedicine/tele-health and prescription drug monitoring and reporting.
2. Evaluate clinical examination options available to dental and dental hygiene candidates.
3. Hold licensees accountable to practice ownership statutes and the guidelines of the ADA code of Ethics regarding advertising.
4. Finalize sedation regulations and work toward implementing on-site inspections.
5. Designate a board member spokesperson and provide professional training.
6. Continue communications with the Department of Law and work closely with the Attorney General's office to improve procedures for investigations, disciplinary actions, and licensing.
7. Continue to pursue a better relationship with the legislative branch of the state government for the purpose of improving communications on issues affecting the health of the public.
8. Inform dental professionals in our state of current issues before the board that impact practice and public safety.
9. Review current radiology regulations and make recommendations for changes to improve process. Status HB29

Three Top Areas the Board Could Reduce its Costs or Service

1. Be cognizant of expenditures when using Department of Law with regard to investigative hearings or disciplinary actions.
2. Be cognizant of expenditures in relation to Board matters. I.e., travel, extra meetings. Use teleconference and electronics when needed.
3. Use electronic options as much as possible for obtaining licensure

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: 9/30/2010
Board Sunset Date: 6/30/2019

Audit Recommendation: CDBPL's chief investigator should take steps to ensure complaints and cases are investigated timely.

Action Taken: A permanent Chief Investigator was hired, and a full time investigator was assigned to the Dental Board.

Next Steps:

Date Completed: Action Completed 2012.

Audit Recommendation:

Action Taken:

Next Steps:

Date Completed: