



COUNCIL ON DENTAL PRACTICE
September 23, 2022

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Jackson, Lois, Chair (NY)
Quartey-Sagaille, Tricia (2)
Lawless, Gregory (3)
Korkosz, Adrienne (4)
Sorge, Kevin (5)
Silvestri, Mario (6)
Andolina, Jr., Richard (7)
Hinchy, Nicole (8)

Mourad, Frederick (9)
Hills, Donald (N)
Koppikar, Prabhakar (Q)
Smith, Craig (S)
Herman, Richard (B)
Khanna, Sambhavna (New Dentist Representative)
Madonian, Margaret (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Practice met on Friday, September 23, 2022, via Zoom. All members attended with the exception of Drs. Korkosz, Silvestri, Koppikar and Khanna. Board of Trustee Liaison Dr. Madonian was unable to attend as well. Dr. James Hoddick, Second District Representative to the ADA Council on Dental Practice; Ms. Betsy Bray, Director, Health Affairs; and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, Manager, Health Affairs, also attended. Mr. Greg Hill, NYSDA Executive Director, attended a portion of the meeting.

Dr. Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The Council adopted the minutes from its meeting on March 25, 2022, as written, by unanimous consent, following a motion by Dr. Hills and seconded by Dr. Sorge. Dr. Jackson began by thanking former chair Dr. Demas for his leadership and knowledge. She then asked the members to introduce themselves and to describe their background experience and professional accomplishments.

Chair Report

Dr. Jackson gave an update on Resolution 5, vaccine administration by dentists, which was passed at the HOD meeting in June. She said it was decided that NYSDA would wait until a new lobbyist is hired to determine the best way to move forward. Dr. Jackson also mentioned an article published on September 8 by the AGD about dentists administering vaccines.

ADA Council on Dental Practice Report

Dr. Hoddick presented a PowerPoint presentation of his report that explained the structure of the CDP's subcommittees and summarized their activities. The members were provided a copy of the presentation for review. Dr. Hoddick mentioned three CDP reports being submitted to the ADA HOD meeting. These pertained to financial literacy among new dentists and dental students, pediatric screening for sleep-related breathing disorders and prioritizing the mental health of dentists. Emerging issues being discussed include Augmented/Artificial Intelligence (AI), Teledentistry and COVID-19. A whitepaper on cybersecurity has been developed that will be published shortly. Teledentistry information is being developed and will be disseminated soon as well.

Dr. Hoddick reported that a standard form for consolidating dental implant and implant restoration data was now available from the ADA catalog. This is the result of the Council's resolution presented to NYSDA's HOD in June of 2021. Other topics mentioned were the renaming of the ADA's Oversight and Technology Subcommittee to the Digital Technology and Innovation Subcommittee, the availability of opioid prescribing webinars on the ADA website, and the Ambassador Program being developed to help prioritize the mental health of dentists.

Dr. Hoddick asked for a moment of personal privilege to say this will be his last meeting as ADA Council representative. He informed the members that Dr. Payam Goudarzi would be appointed as the new ADA CDP representative at the ADA House meeting in October.

Dental Workforce Shortages

ADA Dental Workforce Website Presentation

Ms. Katie Call, manager, ADA Digital Media, Marketing and Dental Team Activities, was invited to give a presentation and overview of the practice resources available on the ADA's website to help address the dental workforce shortage. Among the resources and tools available are downloadable, customized brochures and flyers to help recruit dental team members; training and hiring resources; a listing of CODA-approved dental assisting and hygiene schools; and a practice location map.

Ms. Call mentioned that the ADA has redesigned its Member App and that it will feature a member-to-member chat, digital wallet for documents and a career pathways section.

NYSDA Resolution 6, Expanding Opportunities for Joining the Dental Workforce

Dr. Jackson discussed Resolution 6, passed at the HOD meeting and referred to the Council for review. As the resolution originated from the Ninth District Dental Association, Dr. Jackson asked Dr. Mourad to speak on the resolution. Dr. Mourad said he has spoken to colleagues who have been having problems hiring staff. He supports the resolution. Dr. Jackson pointed out that the resolution asks that NYSDA "explore the possibility of ways to encourage the expansion of

additional hygiene and/or certified dental assistant programs at dental schools, hospitals and/or trade schools” in NY. She asked the Council for its ideas and opinions.

Dr. Andolina suggested that the information the ADA developed be disseminated to the NYSDA Board and component dental societies. He also suggested that this information become a priority item, listed with practice management resources, on the NYSDA and component websites.

Dr. Jackson questioned whether it was NYSDA’s role to create more resources or should we be focused on disseminating the information already available to membership? The Council agreed that promoting the ADA-developed tools and resources should be the primary focus.

Dr. Jackson suggested one way to address the workforce shortage and to recruit more dental hygienists and assistants could be through high school internship programs or job boards. She also believes that diversity could be addressed by targeting messaging in diverse or underserved communities and suggested engaging the Diversity Committee. Ms. Bray said at its most recent NYS Education Department meeting, the Department expressed its openness to new models to train dental assistants in an effort to address workforce shortages. A subcommittee was formed to investigate and propose new pathways for the certification of dental assistants.

Dr. Jackson appointed a subcommittee to study further the workforce issue so that the Council can provide a report to the Board. The subcommittee will consist of Drs. Jackson, Andolina, , Smith and Mourad.

Developments in Dental Practice

Augmented/Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Dr. Jackson pointed out that the use of AI in both dental claims review and dental practice is becoming more prevalent. She suggested including information in future NYSDA publications to keep abreast of AI in dentistry. Dr. Hoddick said the ADA is creating a landing page with information about AI that should be available in approximately three months.

ADA Clinical Practice Guidelines

Dr. Jackson informed the Council that information is available on the ADA’s website pertaining to evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and that members should check it periodically.

(<https://www.ada.org/resources/research/science-and-research-institute/evidence-based-dental-research>)

Screening for Substance Abuse

Dr. Jackson reminded the Council members that they should screen patients for substance use disorders as part of the patient’s health history. Dr. Hoddick said the ADA has screening tools available online. Ms. Bray added that the Committee on Substance Abuse and Well-Being would also be reviewing and promoting the screening tool.

Suggestions for Practice-Related Issues

Dr. Jackson asked the members for suggestions on what issues they believe the Council should be discussing. She asked if they are hearing concerns raised at their component meetings. Dr. Hills said that the only concern he hears is the cost of membership dues. Dr. Jackson said she hears complaints about the amount of CE required for dental licensure. She suggested that the Council create an informational piece as to what CE courses are mandated for licensure. She then asked the members what course topics would interest them. Suggestions included digital design and technology; minimal restorative invasive care; practice management and how to run a business; and courses targeted to residents and new dentists about how to start their career. Ms. Bray reminded the Council that the development of CE falls under the purview of the Dental Foundation.

Dr Jackson suggested that as the Council is charged with identifying practice-related information, it should routinely disseminate information in NYSDA print and online communications.

New Business

Monkeypox Virus

Dr. Jackson reminded the Council to check patients for lesions that could be a result of the Monkeypox virus. She also mentioned that people in NYS have recently been diagnosed with polio. This is a concern because many people, especially children, have not received the polio vaccine. The virus has been found in wastewater.

Administering Botox for Cosmetic Purposes

Dr. Jackson asked the members for their opinion on the administration of Botox for cosmetic reasons. She said she has received calls from members in her component who are interested in performing this procedure. Dr. Hills said he personally is not interested in doing so but believes that dentists should be able to have that choice. Dr. Jackson drew the Council's attention to NYSDA's scope-of-practice bill included in their handouts, which would eliminate the language of "restoring and maintaining dental health" from a section of the Education Law. Dr. Jackson said the bill has failed due to opposition from Assembly member Deborah Glick. Ms. Donnelly explained that the bill (A.7195/S.6383) would need to be reintroduced by NYSDA in next year's legislative session. If it were to pass, it could essentially allow dentists to inject Botox for cosmetic purposes. The Council agreed that the legislation should be reintroduced.

Dr. Hills made a motion, seconded by Dr. Quartey-Sagaille, that NYSDA reintroduce its scope-of-practice bill in the 2023-24 legislative session. The motion passed unanimously.

GNYDM Presentation Proposal

Dr. Jackson shared her idea for some form of dental practice-related presentation at the Greater New York Dental Meeting next year. She said she had spoken to GNYDM about such a

possibility and they were receptive to the idea. Ms. Bray said developing a dental practice-focused course at a future GNYDM meeting would need further study for feasibility and direction from the Board of Trustees. Dr. Herman said he would be interested to know Mr. Hill's opinion before moving forward.

Component Reports

The members reported on concerns and activities in their respective components. Dr. Andolina said workforce shortages are one of the main concerns in his component. Several members reported that dwindling membership, recruiting new members and participation in local committees are concerns. Dr. Quartey-Sagaille said her component has a new chairperson on its New Dentist Committee and that insurance reimbursement rates are a concern. Dr. Sorge spoke of the new dental hygiene program being developed at Mohawk Valley Community College. The Eighth District Dental Society and Erie County Dental Society are working to keep a dental lab tech school open in their area. Staffing shortages are a problem there. Dr. Mourad highlighted the relationship the Ninth District Dental Association has with Touro College and the dental students.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Adjournment

There being no additional business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 12:24 p.m., following a motion by Dr. Herman, seconded by Dr. Sorge.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois A. Jackson, DDS
Chair

