

NYSDA Council on Dental Education & Licensure

16 September 2016 – *Final*

The NYSDA Council on Dental Education & Licensure met via videoconference on Friday, 16 September 2016. Present were: Dr. Terrence Thines, Chair; Dr. Gail E. Schupak (NYC); Dr. Deborah Pasquale (2); Dr. Anthony Ficara (3); Dr. John Milza (4); Dr. Leo R. Cacciotti (6); Dr. Patricia L. Carlson (7); Dr. Eugene Pantera (8); Dr. Christopher Tota (9); Dr. James Fitzgerald (N); Dr. Rekha C. Gehani (Q); Dr. Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou (S), and Dr. Keith Margulis (B). Also in attendance were Dr. Prabha Krishnan, NYSDA Board of Trustees Liaison to CDEL; Dr. Mark J. Feldman, NYSDA Executive Director; Ms. Laura Clark Leon, NYSDA Assistant Executive Director, and Dr. Dolores Cottrell, Executive Secretary, State Board for Dentistry. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The Council adopted the minutes from the April 2016 meeting as well as today's meeting agenda.

PGY1 and CIF

NYSDA will introduce legislation next year that would recognize the curriculum integrated format (CIF) evaluation in conjunction with the PGY1 model in New York to expedite license approval. The goal of this legislation is to create and provide an exam that eliminates or addresses many of the ethical issues involved in using live patients in clinical licensure examinations. The legislation does not eliminate the PGY1 pathway which will exist but it will allow for any applicant to obtain a New York license after completing one year of a clinical based residency rather than completing fully a multi-year program. It is important to note that the legislation will only apply to a true CIF exam and if a resident from another state applies and has taken a non-CIF exam, he/she will have to fully complete the PGY1 requirement.

The American Student Dental Association is opposed to the CIF model, misidentifying it with live patient testing and calling into question its validity and reliability. However, the CIF model as outlined in the draft legislation which was distributed to CDEL is completely in line with NYSDA's and the ADA's policies with respect to education, licensure and live patient testing. NYSDA believes that as ASDA learns more about this new initiative, its members will embrace it as it is exactly like the normal competency exam they all take in dental school.

Anesthesia

The NYS Education Department is poised to release its call-for-comments with respect to proposed amendments to the state's anesthesia regulations. The SED anticipates that the proposed rules, which will establish five categories of anesthesia certificates, will be presented for adoption prior to the end of this year. The definitions and practice requirements will go into effect July 1, 2017. The certification requirements and education and training will take effect January 1, 2018. The ADA, at its upcoming Annual Session in Denver, is set to take on several proposed amendments to sedation and anesthesia guidelines.

Certified Dental Assisting

Dr. Thines updated the Council on the first meeting of the SED's task force on certified dental assisting, of which he is a member. Dr. Cottrell noted that the group, which includes members from NYSDA CDEL and staff, has been expanded to include Dr. David Lawrence of Monroe Community College and Ms. Gabriele Hamm of Hudson Valley Community College. There is strong support for the development of a NYS-specific dental assisting certification exam. The next meeting of the task force is in late September; the CDEL will be notified of progress made with respect to facilitating valid dental assisting certification options in order to enhance the ability of the dental team to provide quality oral health care.

Opioid Abuse CE and Training

Earlier this year, the NYS Legislature passed, and Governor Cuomo signed into law, S.8139A/A.10727, which related to providing training in pain management for healthcare professionals. The NYS Dental Foundation has developed a course to fulfill this mandate which should be available to dentists within the next few weeks. NYSDA fought to make this a one-time mandate, but currently, the law states that dentists must take an approved 3-hour course every registration period.

Good and Welfare

Dr. Tota reported that Touro College of Dental Medicine has opened at New York Medical College in Valhalla, Westchester County. Touro, which anticipates being able to enroll 440 students when at full capacity, will include a four-year pre-doctoral program, a continuing education program for practicing dentists and a 132-chair community dental clinic focused on providing affordable treatment to patients in underserved communities in the Hudson Valley and the Bronx.

Staff will distribute a survey to set up the spring CDEL meeting, which most likely will be an in-person conference.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.