

NYSDA Council on Dental Education & Licensure
24 September 2013
Meeting Minutes - *Final*

The NYSDA Council on Dental Education & Licensure met via videoconference on Tuesday, 24 September 2013. Present were: Dr. Rekha Gehani, Chair; Dr. Anthony Ficara (3); Dr. John Milza (4); Dr. Leo Cacciotti (6); Dr. Patricia Carlson (7); Dr. Donald Tucker (8), Dr. Christopher Tota (9); Dr. James Fitzgerald (N), and Dr. Steven Snyder. . Also in attendance were Dr. Edward Miller, NYSDA Board of Trustees Liaison to CDEL; Dr. Mark J. Feldman, NYSDA Executive Director, and Ms. Laura Leon, NYSDA Assistant Executive Director. Mr. Lance Plunkett, NYSDA General Counsel, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m. The Council adopted the minutes from the March 2013 meeting as well as today's meeting agenda.

Licensure Related

The Council reviewed latest statistics about licensure, including surveys released by the American Dental Educators Association, which, taken together, conclude that the number of licenses issued by the New York State Education Department is relatively steady and that outside factors such as poor business climate, over-regulation and, for non-New Yorkers, a desire to return home," have more of an impact on practice location choices than does PGY1.

At its last meeting, the Council had voted unanimously in favor of the following:

RESOLVED: That Council on Dental Education & Licensure support the continued study of concepts such as but not exclusive to a portfolio approach to licensure as an enhancement to the existing PGY1 model, and that the results of such study be reported to the CDEL for further review.

Dr. Feldman reported on a meeting he, NYSDA President Dr. Joel Friedman and PGY1 Workgroup Chair Dr. Paul Leary, had had with the examination community and the NYS Board for Dentistry. The parties discussed the possibility of a true curriculum-integrated approach, wherein students would have the ability to be assessed by non-faculty dental examiners throughout the year within their regular course of patient care on patients of record. Details for this test model are ongoing, and the Council could expect to receive an update on this concept at its spring 2014 meeting in Albany.

ISTOP

As of 27 August, all health care professionals must have begun consulting the State's Prescription Monitoring Program Registry. Mr. Plunkett provided a review of pertinent data on this important new requirement. A copy of Mr. Plunkett's memorandum on ISTOP is attached to these minutes, and should be shared with colleagues.

Mr. Plunkett concluded by reminding all that on 27 March 2015, all prescriptions will be issued electronically. NYSDA is currently investigating vendors to provide this capability to our members and CDEL will be updated as this proceeds.

Dental Laboratories

The ADA Council on Dental Benefits, Practice & Related Matters will bring the following recommendation to the upcoming ADA Annual Session:

52. **Resolved**, that in order to enhance dental patient health and safety, the ADA urges all state dental boards to register US dental laboratories, and be it further **Resolved**, that licensed dentists who own dental laboratories for the custom manufacture of dental prostheses exclusively for their practice's patients be exempted from registering.

It should be noted that registration is vastly different, and much simpler, than certification, and that the proposal is meant to protect the public's safety and welfare.

Additional

There is the possibility that up to two new dental schools will open soon in New York State, each using a model whereby clinical training would take place via community based dental education. Under this model, much of the clinical treatment is done offsite of the dental institution. We will be learning more about these schools and will keep the Council apprised of developments in between now and the spring meeting.

Good and Welfare

Dr. Gehani welcomed new CDEL members, Drs. Milza, Cacciotti, Snyder and Tota, and also NYSDA BoT Liaison, Dr. Miller. She made note of the meritorious service of recently retired Council members, Dr. Frank Vigliotti and Dr. Paul Leary.

There being no further issues to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.