



COUNCIL ON DENTAL HEALTH PLANNING & HOSPITAL DENTISTRY
October 28, 2016

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Speisman, Richard (Chair)
Rubin, Marsha (NY)
Fried, Alvin (2)
Sternlicht, Jeffrey (3)
Baim, Loren (4)
Scutari, Pasquale (5)
Noren, Scott (6)
Anders, Patrick (8)

Tegtmeier, Carl (9)
Burakoff, Ronald (N)
Quarcoo, Stephen (Q)
Logan, Keri Ann (S)
Glied, Allen (B)
Cuomo, Anthony (BOT Liaison)

The Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry met on Friday, October 28, 2016, at the Marriott Hotel in Albany. The Council met jointly with the Upstate Dental Residency Directors. Drs. Logan, Scutari, Glied and Cuomo were unable to attend. Dr. Patricia Hanlon substituted for Dr. Logan. Drs. Richard Herman, ADA CAPIR Representative, Mark Feldman and Judith Shub, Ms. Tara Ricard and Ms. Jacquie Donnelly, NYSDA staff, were also present.

In addition to those serving on the council, the following dental residency directors and administrators attended: Dr. Frank Barnashuk, University at Buffalo; Drs. Robert Christian and Ilze Eglitis, Albany Stratton VA Medical Center; Dr. Gregory Glavich, VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System; Dr. Gary Goldstein, NYU Langone/Luthern AEGD Upstate NY; Dr. Matthew Hall, St. Joseph's Hospital; Dr. Anthony Lister, Roswell Park Cancer Institute; Dr. Rosa Martinez, Westchester Medical Center; Dr. Renee Pellegrino, Rochester Regional; Dr. Sean McLaren, University of Rochester Medical Center; Drs. Rachael Rossitto and Maureen Sullivan, Erie County Medical Center; Drs. James Rozanski, Evelyn Salgado and Ms. Tracey Roth, Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare; Dr. Diana Sandu and Ms. Lisa San, Ellis Hospital; Drs. Patrick Smith, Jean DiFlorio, and Terry Thines, SUNY Upstate Medical University; and Dr. Michael Yunker, Eastman Institute for Oral Health.

Invited guests representing the NYS Department of Health included: Dr. Ron Bass, Director, and Mr. Akbar Khan, Bureau of Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Policy; Drs. George Gostling and Mike Koslowsky, Office of Health Insurance Programs; and Dr. Dionne Richardson, State Dental Director, Division of Family Health.

Dr. Speisman called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and requested approval of the minutes from the council's previous meeting on April 15, 2016. The council voted to accept the minutes,

as written. The chairman introduced the guests and new council members and asked the attendees to introduce themselves after which he turned the meeting over to the chair of the residency director's group, Dr. Patrick Smith.

NYSDA Membership Presentation

Ms. Tara Ricard, NYSDA Assistant Executive Director, Marketing & Communications, discussed NYSDA's advocacy efforts and the benefits of membership in the professional association for new dentists.

Curriculum Integrated Examination Format Discussion (CIF)

Dr. Speisman introduced Dr. Feldman to discuss NYSDA's efforts to develop and gain acceptance for a Curriculum Integrated Examination Format. This format is consistent with the ADA's policy for licensure, examinations and reciprocity. The CIF has been piloted and is acceptable to both the dental schools and the examination community. It is hoped that the format will help facilitate license reciprocity nationwide.

Medicaid Coverage for Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD)

The group discussed issues involving Medicaid coverage for patients with ID/DD who require oral health care under general anesthesia in the OR, reviewing issues raised during the Oral Health Care Summit in 2015. Dr. Burakoff brought up the successful use of silver diamine fluoride sealants as an alternative to invasive treatments for decay. Participants cited reimbursement problems and delays. Mr. Bass responded and requested documentation to further research the issues raised. Dr. Speisman provided Mr. Bass with data from Rochester General Hospital comparing billed D-codes with actual reimbursement for services provided to developmentally disabled patients for his review along with the hospital's profit and loss statement for ambulatory cases done in the OR. Dr. Speisman discussed the issue of inadequate reimbursement for these cases and the inability to attract younger, appropriately trained, dentists to provide care to the ID/DD population. The issue is compounded by the increasing debt load for recently graduated dentists. Dr. Speisman asked Mr. Bass to consider meeting with a group of dentists who provide care to this population and the policymakers in the DOH to look for solutions to this impending access to care problem. Mr. Bass stated that he would discuss this with his superiors.

NYS Department of Health Priorities

Dr. Dionne Richardson, described her history and qualifications and the changes in the organization of the DOH. She gave an overview of priorities the State is addressing including community water fluoridation, and caries prevention in children.

Residency Program Issues

Dr. Smith led a discussion of issues affecting the dental residency programs including changes in the numbers of applicants, issues with the Match program, CODA, electronic health records and foreign trained applicants.

Dr. Pellegrino discussed her conversation with Dr. Dolores Cottrell regarding foreign trained applicants. Dr. Cottrell indicated that she is willing to meet with the directors to discuss the issues involving foreign trained applicants. The council will explore alternatives to facilitate the process of vetting the educational requirements for foreign trained dentist. Dr. Pellegrino added that, according to Dr. Cottrell, residency directors would be held legally liable for allowing residents who had not successfully completed the SED's evaluation of their foreign training by the comparative education department, to treat patients in their programs. She also noted that the sponsoring hospital would also be at risk should an adverse event occur to patients being treated by one of these unvetted residents as their malpractice insurance would not apply.

Dr. Thines discussed the new anesthesia regulations going into effect at the end of the year and NYSDA's efforts to establish alternative training pathways to increase the number of certified dental assistants.

Office for Persons with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) Oral Health Task Force Report

Dr. Tegtmeier presented an update on the OPWDD Task Force and the delay in the implementation of a managed care enrollment. He reported that OPWDD has not decided yet to support an application to identify the ID/DD population as a medically underserved population. Dr. Tegtmeier explained the issues involving the use of MIPS (immobilization devices), identifying centers of excellence and interest in a dedicated IPA.

New Business

There was no additional new business before the council or the directors' group.

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Adjournment

There being no additional business before the council, the chair adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m., following a motion by Dr. Fried, seconded by Dr. Anders.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Speisman D.D.S." in a cursive script.

Richard Speisman, D.D.S., Chair