UNAPPROVED DRAFT

BOARD OF DENTISTRY
MINUTES OF EXAMINATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 8, 2013

TIME AND PLACE: The Examination Committee convened on March 8, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.

PRESIDING: Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: James D. Watkins, D.D.S.
Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: All members of the Committee were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Cutright asked if the Committee members had reviewed the February 1, 2013 minutes. No changes or corrections were made. Dr. Watkins moved to accept the February 1, 2013 minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

DISCUSS THE CLINICAL EXAM ADVISORY PANEL'S ADVICE: Dr. Watkins commented that the CA portfolio model won't work in VA. He made the following suggestions:

- Scaling down the CA model;
- Looking at other portfolio models; and
- Hiring examiners.

After much discussion, the Committee agreed by consensus to take the following actions:

- Ms. Reen is to draft and circulate for review a letter to Dr. Sarrett asking that the VCU School of Dentistry (School) assist in addressing the feasibility of instituting portfolio examinations for dental and dental hygiene candidates by developing descriptions of the models for exam content and administration that would be feasible for administration at the School. The request should ask if it is feasible to plan for the digital review and evaluation of student performance by an objective examiner.

- Request that the School share the model with current students and survey them to determine the interest level in having a portfolio option for licensure to practice in Virginia. The goal is to determine if there would be enough candidates to support implementation of a portfolio option.
- Look at policy options for the Board such as:
    - identifying one or more viable models for independent administration of a portfolio exam,
    - exempting the top 10% of the School's students from the clinical exam requirement, and
    - establishing a hybrid exam by combining the School's portfolio model with the PIE I non-patient based ADEX exam.

The Committee will meet to review the information collected and then reconvene the Clinical Exam Advisory Panel to discuss the information.

FUTURE OF DENTAL LAW EXAM:

Ms. Reen asked the Committee to consider the recommendation it wishes to make to the Board about the future of the Dental Law Exam. She advised that the expectation for licensees to voluntarily take the Exam for CE credit was not realized and, as a consequence, there were not enough candidates to make it financially feasible for testing agencies to contract for administration of the exam. She added that she is revising the exam to reflect recent regulatory changes, such as the Emergency Regulations for Sedation/Anesthesia Permits, so that it might be administered to respondents at the Board office.

Following discussion of the options - eliminating the exam, requiring it periodically for all licensees, and/or requiring the exam for applicants the Committee agreed by consensus to review other states' requirements for passage of law exams before making a recommendation to the Board.

CITA EXAM: Ms. Reen noted that the Board assigned the discussion of corresponding with the NC Board about acceptance of other exams, in addition to CITA, to the Committee. The concern identified was that the VA Board accepts all regional exams, so NC graduates can easily move to VA, whereas NC only accepts CITA, which limits the mobility of VA graduates and licensees. After discussion of the issue and the lack of response by the NC Board to the Board's prior request for acceptance of additional regional exams, by consensus, the Committee agreed to recommend that this matter not be pursued by the Board.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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Martha C. Cutright, D.D.S, Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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