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Governor Brownback Signs New Dental Legislation

On May 8, 2012, Governor Sam Brownback signed H.B. 2631. The bill, sponsored by the Kansas Dental Association, makes several additions and changes to the Kansas Dental Practices Act for the purpose of expanding dental service in the state.

1. Estate Employment Of Dentists. K.S.A. 65-1424 was amended to permit the estate or agent for a deceased or substantially disabled dentist to employ dentists, for a period of not more than 18 months following the date of death or substantial disability of the dentist, to provide service to patients until the practice can be sold or closed. Further, upon application showing good cause, including a good faith effort to sell or close the dental practice, the Board may extend the time in six-month increments for a period of not more than one additional year for which the practice can be sold or closed.

2. Extended Care Permit III. K.S.A. 65-1456 was amended to allow the Board to issue an Extended Care Permit III (ECP III) to a dental hygienist. To obtain an ECP III, a dental hygienist must have performed

2,000 hours of dental hygiene care, or have been an instructor at an accredited dental hygiene program for three academic years within the past four years, and completed a course of study of 18 seat hours approved by the board. An ECP III will be limited to performing certain tasks and procedures as further outlined in the new law.

3. Additional Dental School Seats. The law directs the Kansas Board of Regents to endeavor to add additional seats at the UMKC School of Dentistry or other locations with the requirement that the students provide services in underserved areas of Kansas for a minimum of four years after graduation.

4. Special Volunteer License. The law establishes a special volunteer license for dentists who are retired from active practice and wish to donate their expertise for the treatment of indigent and underserved persons in Kansas. The Board issues the licenses subject to certain requirements, including documentation that the dentist has never been the subject of any disciplinary action in any jurisdiction and the dentist will not be paid for the work performed.

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Board Honors Former Executive Director Betty Wright

At the Board's public meeting on Friday, May 25, 2012, Betty Wright was formally honored and recognized for her five years of dedicated service as the Board's former Executive Director.

Ms. Wright's career with the Board began on December 20, 2005, and ended with her retirement on September 19, 2011. During her tenure, Ms. Wright was instrumental in the development of a more robust investigative process in order to handle the increasing caseload of complaints that the Board receives on an annual basis. Additionally, Ms. Wright oversaw the implementation of online license

renewals, streamlined the licensing process, engaged in the development of the new sedation regulations, and addressed various legislative changes to the Kansas Dental Practices Act.

Board President, Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S., presented Ms. Wright with a certificate of recognition for her service. The certificate was signed by all 16 current and former Board members that worked during Ms. Wright's tenure as Executive Director. Ms. Wright's influence and impact on the Board will be noticeable into the foreseeable future.



Betty Wright receives a certificate of recognition from President Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S.



BCLS Card Now Required For License Renewal

Under K.A.R. 71-4-1, each licensee must obtain a current "basic cardiac life support for the health care provider" certificate. The certificate is in addition to the required continuing education hours.

Any of the following American Heart Association certified, American Red Cross certified, or American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) courses are acceptable to fulfill this new regulatory requirement for license renewal:

(1) Basic Life Support (BLS) for healthcare providers;

(2) Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) for healthcare providers; or

(3) Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) for healthcare providers.

Additionally, online courses are acceptable only if there is a "hands-on" portion for the certification course. The Board will not accept any online course that does not have a demonstrable "hands-on" portion for the certification course.

Welcome New Licensees

With the dental and dental hygiene school graduation season quickly coming to a close, the Board's administrative staff has been extremely busy answering licensing questions and processing applications for new dentists and dental hygienists. The goal of the Board's staff is to be highly efficient, yet intentionally thorough, when reviewing each application for completeness and accuracy.

Between May and June 2012, the Board office received approximately 200 applications. In that same period, 25 new dentists and 95 new dental hygienists were added to the licensee roles. The remaining applications require applicant action to be completed.

The Board wishes each new licensee a long and beneficial career in the Kansas dental community.

OSHA Inquiries

Regularly, the Board office receives various inquiries regarding Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) standards that may be applicable in a dental office. Dental practitioners are encouraged to contact malpractice insurance carriers or OSHA in order to ensure safe and healthful working conditions within each dental practice. More information on OSHA inquiries may be found at the following link: <http://www.osha.gov/index.html>.

Board Staff Visits Flint Hills Technical College Dental Hygiene Department

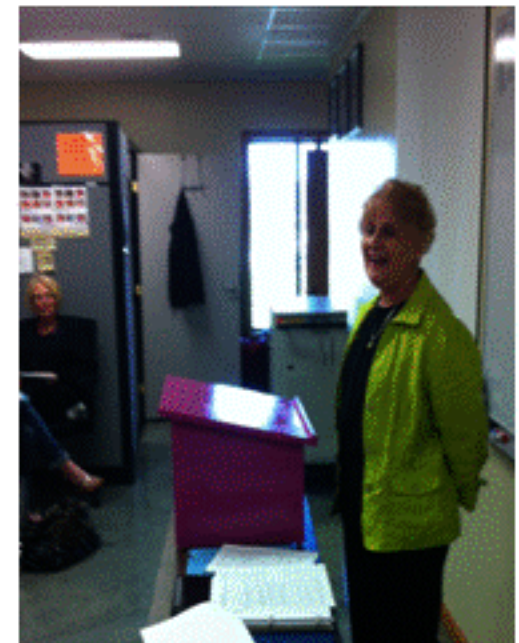
On Wednesday, April 18, 2012, the Board's licensing and continuing education specialist, Vanda Collins, and Executive Director, Lane Hemsley, visited Flint Hills Technical College (FHTC) Dental Hygiene Department. The visit allowed FHTC dental hygiene staff and students to become familiar with the Board's staff, mission, and internal processes. During the visit, the Board's

staff provided each dental hygiene student with a copy of the Kansas Dental Practices Act, answered various questions regarding licensing, and discussed the Board's disciplinary process.

The mission of FHTC Dental Hygiene Department is that graduates will participate in planned and supervised experiences directed toward teaching students to perform dental hygiene techniques with precision,

safety, and efficiency. Additional information about FHTC's Dental Hygiene Program may be found at the following link: <http://www.fhtc.edu/programs-and-majors/hyg.aspx>.

The Board's staff looks forward to another opportunity to visit FHTC as a new class prepares for a dental career. A special thank you to Cheryl Bosiljevac, R.D.H., and Gary Ace, D.D.S., for a unique opportunity.



Vanda Collins (right) addresses the FHTC dental hygiene students as Cheryl Bosiljevac (left) listens.

Billing Services Performed By An Administrative Services Provider

The Board encourages each dentist who has an agreement with an administrative services provider under K.S.A. 65-1424, K.S.A. 65-1470, and K.S.A. 65-1471 to remain cognizant of the billing services performed by the administrative services provider.

Each dentist remains subject to Board oversight for billing practices even when the billing services are performed by an administrative services provider.

Administrative services providers are also required to register with the Board. Forms are available on the website.

Each dentist should remain cognizant of the billing services performed by an administrative services provider



Investigative Committee Report

From February 2012 to June 2012, the Investigative Committee opened 68 new cases. During this same time period, the Committee closed 91 cases with outcomes ranging from findings of no violation to letters of concern or admonition regarding specific issues identified by the Committee. There have also been 2 disciplinary actions taken. Copies of the Board Orders can be found on the Board's website: www.kansas.gov/kdb.

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Frequently Asked Question: I just graduated. Can I see patients prior to licensure?
Answer: No. You must have a license to practice dentistry or dental hygiene.

Name and Change of Address

You may now submit a change of name or change of address through the Board's website using a fillable form on the Board's website: www.kansas.gov/kdb.

Future Board Meetings

Friday, August 10, 2012
Friday, November 2, 2012
All meetings held in Topeka.

Kansas Dental Well-Being Program

For assistance with drug, alcohol, and other personal problems, you may contact John Childers, Heart of America Professional Network, 6405 Metcalf Avenue, Suite 502, Overland Park, Kansas 66202 or (913) 236-7575.

