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Board Approves ECP III Course Developed At UMKC

At its regularly scheduled public meeting on Friday, January 18, 2013, the Board welcomed Becky M. Smith, D.D.S., and Bonnie Branson, R.D.H., Ph.D., of UMKC School of Dentistry (UMKC). With the collaboration of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Oral Health, UMKC has developed a training course for the Extended Care Permit III (ECP III) under K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 65-1456.

The training course is offered as an online course and will conclude with a

practical lab component and competency exam held on-site at UMKC. The online components include use of an electronic blackboard with various learning modules, including review of the ECP III law, atraumatic restorative techniques, temporary restoration placement, denture adjustments and soft relines, extraction of mobile primary teeth, and pharmacological agents.

The online course also implements the use of online instructional

videos for the various learning modules. The first course will open for online study in or around March 2013 and a practical lab component and competency exam will be held at UMKC in or around July 2013. After review, the Board unanimously approved the ECP III training course.

For more information about the ECP III training course, dental hygienists are encouraged to contact UMKC.

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Board Opposed To Proposed RDP Legislation

On Friday, February 15, 2013, the Board held a special meeting to receive and review 2013 House Bill 2157, which is proposed legislation that would add a new class of licensees called registered dental practitioners (RDP) to the Kansas Dental Practices Act (Act). Currently, the Act only grants the

Board the legal authority to issue licenses for dentists and registered dental hygienists. Additionally, the Board has the legal authority to issue sedation permits to dentists and extended care permits to registered dental hygienists. Last year, the legislature granted the Board

the authority to issue an Extended Care Permit III (ECP III). The ECP III approval process is well underway.

After extended discussion regarding the proposal, the Board decided to oppose 2013 House Bill 2157 as written.

Dental Professionals Urged To Control Your Controlled Substances

The Board's Investigative Committee continues to see an increasing number of complaints alleging the excessive and improper prescribing of controlled substances and the failure to secure controlled substances within the dental office. The abuse and non-medical use of prescription drugs, quite often opioid pain kill-

ers, continues to increase at an alarming rate.

Generally, the core standard is that a controlled substance may only be prescribed, administered, or dispensed for a legitimate purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of professional practice. The role of a dentist, dental hygienist, and den-

tal office team with controlled substances remains critical to patients' health and safeguarding society against the diversion of controlled substances.

All practitioners are urged to review the Drug Enforcement Agency's online information at: www.DEAdiversion.usdoj.gov/

Board Member Richard Darnall, D.D.S., Retires

At the Board's public meeting on Friday, January 18, 2013, retired Board Member Richard Darnall, D.D.S., was recognized for his service and dedication to the Board. Dr. Darnall served on the Board for over six years prior to his retirement from both the Board and the practice of dentistry. Public Member Jim Showalter, C.P.A., accepted a recognition plaque on Dr. Darnall's behalf.

Dr. Darnall diligently served the Board in a number of capacities, includ-

ing President, Vice-President, and Chair and long-standing member of the Board's Investigative Committee. Dr. Darnall devoted countless hours of personal time to each position his fellow Board members elected him to serve.

Originally licensed to practice dentistry in 1979, Dr. Darnall's practice as an oral surgeon exceeded 33 years. His time and service to the Board is greatly appreciated.



Public Member, Jim Showalter, C.P.A., accepts a recognition plaque for Richard Darnall, D.D.S.

Jeff Stasch, D.D.S., Appointed To Board

At its regularly scheduled public meeting held in Topeka on Friday, January 18, 2013, the Board welcomed its newest dentist member, Jeff Stasch, D.D.S. Appointed by Governor Brownback to succeed Michael Milford, D.D.S., as a dentist member of the Board for the First Congressional District, Dr. Stasch will serve a 4-year term. Under the Kansas Dental Practices Act, Board members serve 4-year terms up to a maximum of two terms. Dr. Stasch looks forward to his Board term.

Continuing Education Audits

The continuing education requirements are found in K.A.R. 71-4-1 and K.A.R. 71-4-2. Each year, some licensees are chosen at random by computer to submit continuing education proof. On occasion, some of those randomly chosen for audit are unable to provide proof of continuing education certificates. Failure to properly report continuing education hours or failure of an audit could result in disciplinary action.



Board Members Volunteer At KMOM

On March 1 - 2, 2013, the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation held the Kansas Mission of Mercy dental clinic (KMOM), at the Kansas Coliseum Pavilion II building in Wichita, Kansas. According to the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation, led by Executive Director Greg Hill, the first day of the event resulted in the treatment of 828 patients with \$814,434 in free dental care. More than 1,100 volunteers, including about 150 dentists, 150 dental hygienists, and 175 dental assistants, from the community helped provide services.

Co-founder of the event and the Board's newest member, Jeff Stasch, D.D.S., called the tenth year of KMOM a "continued opportunity to provide good quality dental care to communities across the state." Board Members Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S., Jeff Stasch, D.D.S., and Susan Rodgers, R.D.H., provided dental services to patients treated at the KMOM event.

Dodge City is the site for the 2014 KMOM. The event will be held from February 28—March 1, 2014, at the Dodge City Western State Bank Expo Center. Those interested in participating in the 2014 KMOM are encouraged to contact the Kansas Dental Charitable Foundation: www.ksdentalfoundation.org.

Above: Board President Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S. (left), and Board Member Jeff Stasch, D.D.S. (right).

Below: KDA's Brett Roufs, D.D.S. (left), and Greg Hill (right).



Left Frame: Board Members Susan Rodgers, R.D.H. (left), and Jeff Stasch, D.D.S. (right).

Right Frame: Board President Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S., works on a patient with his dental team at the KMOM event.



Investigative Committee Report

From December 2012 through February 2013, the Investigative Committee opened 32 new cases. During this same time period, the Committee closed 27 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 4 disciplinary actions taken. Copies of the Board Orders can be found on the Board's website.



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Frequently Asked Question: Is there an approved class for a dental hygienist seeking an ECP III?
Answer: Yes. UMKC School of Dentistry is forming a class now. Please contact UMKC for details.

Board Officer Elections

Glenn Hemberger, D.D.S., was elected President. Charles Squire, D.D.S., was elected Vice-President. Susan Rodgers, R.D.H., was elected Secretary. Elections are held at the first meeting of each year.

Future Board Meetings

Friday, May 3, 2013
Friday, August 9, 2013
Friday, November 8, 2013
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.

