

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Dentistry  
Sterilization and Infection Control and CE Hours Committee Meeting  
April 24, 2015  
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 202-02  
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Committee Members present:

Paul S. Coombs, Jr., D.M.D., Committee Chairman  
Elaine A. Murphy, R.D.H.  
Sherie Williams-Barbare, R.D.H.

Committee Members with excused absence:

Douglas J. Alterman, D.M.D., Board Chairman  
Charles F. Wade, D.M.D., Past Board Member

Staff and others present were:

Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator  
Lisa Hawsey, Administrative Assistant  
Alex Imgrund, LLR Advice Attorney  
Phil Latham, SCDA  
Lori Paschall, CDA, FADAA  
Jennifer L. Thompson, Court Reporter, CVR-M

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CALL TO ORDER:

The Sterilization and Infection Control Committee Meeting was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 204, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER AND ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Dr. Coombs, Committee Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A quorum was noted as present. All votes herein were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA and MINUTES:

Dr. Coombs reviewed the meeting Agenda and Minutes of the last meeting.

**Motion:** Ms. Williams-Barbare made a motion to approve the Agenda as printed and to approve the Minutes for January 16, 2015 as amended to use the terminology of Sterilization and Infection Control in regards to the Committee and its work. Ms. Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Summary Review of Committee's Work on Sterilization and Infection Control and on the Need for Certain Continuing Education Hours:

Sterilization and Infection Control:

Dr. Coombs summarized the Committee's work to date on sterilization and infection control. He referenced other states' work in this area. Mr. Imgrund clarified that this work and a draft on sterilization and infection control requirements will be placed into the Board's Regulations. Existing Regulation 39-10 was discussed. The process of filing of regulations was discussed. Mr. Imgrund will ask for a Notice of Drafting to be written (NOD) when it is decided whether the existing Regulation 39-10 (4) will be rewritten or the entire Regulation 39-10 will need to be rewritten completely. Discussion resulted in wanting to use CDC guidelines to simplify the requirements for clarity and keeping the requirements current. It was agreed to rewrite Regulation 39-10 completely to conform to the CDC guidelines. It will be titled **Sterilization and Infection Control Standards**.

**Continuing Education Hours:**

It was discussed that any continuing education requirements for certain subject areas to be required will be within the stated number of hours already required. It was discussed that this will be placed into Regulation 39-5 (F). Hours for sterilization update and for recordkeeping were discussed. It was agreed that it be 2 hours out of the 28 hours for dentists biennially and 2 hours for dental hygienist out of the 14 hours biennially. Drafting of the wording was done so that the draft can be reviewed before the next meeting of the Board of Dentistry. Mr. Imgrund directed that amending Regulation 39-5 for additional continuing education language will also be in the NOD.

Continuing education hours were discussed for ethics as well. It was determined that this discussion would need to be done with the Board.

Discussion followed on the draft for the new Regulations to rewrite 39-10 and amend 39-5. Drafts were done and redone in the meeting.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Ms. Williams- Barbare to approve the last draft to rewrite Regulation 39-10 and amend Regulation 39-5 and to share the draft with SCDA and Dental Assistants Association. Ms. Murray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no New Business.

**LEGAL:**

There was no Legal Business.

**DISCUSSION:**

There were no discussion topics.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The next Business Meeting of the Board will be Friday, July 10, 2015. There were no other announcements.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business Dr. Coombs adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox  
Administrator