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Executive Officer's Message

In my columns, I want to provide information about the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC). In my last column I provided a list of accomplishments. In this column, I want to explain the purpose of the DHCC and how we achieve it. I also want to inform readers about the DHCC's Sunset Review.

The DHCC is part of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). The DCA is composed of more than 40 boards, bureaus, and agencies (e.g., Medical Board of California, Dental Board of California, Board of Accountancy, etc.) whose licensees provide services to California consumers. The primary purpose of each of these entities is to protect the public. The Department issues

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

more than 2.8 million licenses, certificates, and approvals to individuals and businesses in more than 250 professional categories.

How does the DHCC protect the public? It does this two ways:

1) Ensuring that all licensees meet basic licensing requirements. These requirements include:

- Successfully completing an educational program.
- Passing a background check.
- Passing a written examination that shows basic competency.
- Passing a clinical examination (currently WREB, CRDTS, or the California Clinical).

2) Enforcing licensing requirements once an individual is licensed.

Each agency, including the DHCC, has rules that govern its operations. These rules can be divided into three categories:

- Statutes – Laws that are passed by the Legislature.
- Regulations – Government orders that have the force of law. Regulations are promulgated by an agency. Proposed regulatory language must be shared with the public and presented at a public hearing.
- Policy – A plan or course of action that determines decisions or actions. To ensure that good policy is developed, the DHCC holds two meetings a year. These meetings are open to the public and the agenda and all handouts are available on the DHCC website prior to the meeting.

As busy as the past four years have been, it seems that the pace of business will not slow down, especially since the DHCC will be undergoing a Sunset Review.

Sunset Review is an assessment of whether a State agency is necessary, effective, and efficient. Sunset Review is conducted pursuant to a sunset date – an expiration date for the agency. The review focuses on the overall necessity of the agency, its cost-effectiveness, and its measures of successes and failures. A Sunset Review report is prepared and presented to the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee (JLSRC) which is composed of five Assembly members and five Senators. The agency undergoes a hearing before the Committee and at the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee may:

- Let the agency expire at the sunset date.
- Continue the agency as-is.
- Make recommendations for improving operations.
- Suggest legislation to aid the agency's mandate.

The term "agency" is used to mean any governmental entity subject to sunset review. The JLSRC has jurisdiction over any agency, authority, board, bureau, commission, conservancy, council, department, division, or office of State government, excluding any agency that is constitutionally created or related to postsecondary education.

The JLSRC is mandated to review State government agencies, departments, committees, and commissions. The DHCC has been selected to participate in this review cycle to ensure that it is fulfilling its mission and operating effectively. The DHCC is scheduled for a hearing before the JLSRC on March 17, 2014.

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Welcome new Committee members

The following four new members join current members Michelle Hurlbutt, RDH (President); J. Noel Kelsch, RDHAP; Timothy S. Martinez, DMD; Nicolette Moultrie, RDH; and Evangeline Ward, RDH.

Left to right: Timothy S. Martinez, DMD, Garry Shay, Public Member, Sherrie-Ann Gordon, Public Member, Evangeline Ward, RDH, Michelle Hurlbutt RDH Educator, Susan Johnson, Public Member, Joyce Noel Kelsch, RDHAP, Nicolette Moultrie, RDH (Not pictured: Susan Good, Public Member).

Susan Good

Public Member

On April 5, 2013, Susan Good of Fresno was appointed to the Dental Hygiene Committee of California. Good has been owner at Susan Good Consulting since 2010. She was district director for California Senate Majority Leader Dean Florez from 2002 to 2010, and served in various positions at the 21st District Agricultural Association, Big Fresno Fair, including director, president, and vice president from 2001 to 2005. She was district director for Senator Jim Costa from 1996 to 2002 and senior vice president at Bank One from 1988 to 1996. Good served in multiple positions at Coast Savings and Loan, including vice president, branch manager, assistant vice president, and director of advertising from 1978 to 1988.

Sherrie-Ann Gordon

Public Member

On April 5, 2013, Sherrie-Ann Gordon of Los Angeles was appointed to the Dental Hygiene Committee of California. Gordon has served in various positions at AARP since 2006, including manager of multicultural markets and specialty programs, associate state director of multicultural outreach and senior operations associate and project manager.

Susan Johnson

Public Member

On December 3, 2013, Susan Johnson of Rescue was appointed to the Dental Hygiene Committee of California. Johnson was an independent residential sales agent at Leu Enterprises and at Keller Williams Realty from 2005 to 2010 and principal and owner of Tallent Johnson Consulting from 2001 to 2011. She was vice president and manager at various Bank of America banking centers from 1974 to 2000.

Garry Shay

Public Member

On April 5, 2013, Garry Shay of Reseda was appointed to the Dental Hygiene Committee of California. Shay has been an associate trial attorney at Stockwell Harris Woolverton and Muehl since 2012. He was senior trial attorney at Chernow and Lieb Law Offices from 2004 to 2012, trial attorney at Glauber Berenson and Salazar from 1999 to 2004 and associate at Richlin and Theofanis from 1997 to 1999. Shay was senior associate at Ingber and Ivey from 1988 to 1997 and managing attorney for the Law Offices of Gary A. Rosenberg P.C. from 1987 to 1988. He served as associate at Strantz Sobelsohn Elkin and Bradford from 1986 to 1987 and associate for the Law Offices of Lloyd Robinson and Associates from 1981 to 1986. Shay earned a Juris Doctorate degree from Southwestern Law School.

Reminders about citation and fine

As we reported in our last newsletter, new regulations effective December 14, 2012, allow the DHCC to issue a citation and a fine of up to $5,000 for any violation of dental hygiene laws, including unlicensed practice, unprofessional conduct, failure to identify yourself in the patient record, or even minor violations such as not notifying the DHCC of a name change within 10 days or a change in address (including email address) within 30 days.

To help licensees notify the DHCC promptly of any name or address change and avoid being fined, here is the link to the Name Change and Address Change form:

www.dhcc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_namechange_licensee.pdf

Please keep in mind that we do not take address changes over the phone. All address changes must be submitted in writing.

Changes in license applications and renewal fees

The Dental Hygiene Committee of California, like all other licensing entities within the Department of Consumer Affairs, is completely funded by the licensing and application fees paid by its applicants and licensees. To cover the cost of a licensing and enforcement program, it is necessary to periodically raise fees. Effective January 1, 2014, license application and renewal fees for RDH, RDHAP, RDHEF, and FNP will be raised to reflect the actual cost of providing these services. The fees are:

LICENSE RENEWAL FEE
(effective January 1, 2014) **$160**

DELINQUENT RENEWAL FEE
(effective January 1, 2013) **$80**

Options for licensees when they retire

Many licensees have reached a point in their career where they are considering retirement. Currently, the DHCC does not have any provisions in law allowing its licensees to have a retired status for their license. As a result, one of the many decisions they need to make is: ***What do I do with my license?*** Licensees have the following three choices:

1. **Continue to keep your license active** – simply continue taking the required continuing education classes (California Dental Practice Act, Infection Control, and a course in basic life support) and the required number of hours for renewal (25), complete the appropriate boxes (A or B and H or I) on the renewal form, pay the renewal fee, and return the renewal application in a timely manner.

2. **Change your license to inactive** – simply mark the appropriate box (b - inactive), mark either box H or I, write a check to the DHCC, and mail your renewal application in a timely manner. If you choose to reactivate your license after you have changed it to inactive, you can visit the DHCC web home page **(www.dhcc.ca.gov)**, click on the "Forms and Publications" button and look for the Application to Activate/ Inactivate License **(http://www.dhcc.ca.gov/formspubs/app_activate.pdf)** and follow the directions on this form. You may also wait until you receive your next renewal application form, mark the appropriate box, and enclose your check (payable to the DHCC).

3. **Let your license lapse** – if you choose this option, you will receive only one more written notification. After five years of nonrenewal, your license will cancel and no longer exist. If you wish to practice again, you will need to complete all of the licensing procedures as though you were never licensed. You will also be required to meet any new licensing requirements that may have added since your initial licensure.

Legislative Update

The DHCC tracked a number of bills this session, some of which were signed into law and became effective January 1, 2014. Here is an overview of some of the new laws:

- AB 512 extends the opportunity for out-of-state licensees to volunteer their services at sponsored free health events in California, allowing more services to be provided to those in need.
- SB 28 implements various provisions of the Affordable Care Act relating to determining eligibility for Medi-Cal.
- SB 562 requires the Dental Board of California to develop registration and operating regulations for mobile dental units and dental practices that routinely use portable dental units, and deletes restrictions limiting dentists to operating only one mobile dental clinic. This bill encourages access to care by allowing dentists to cover multiple sites with multiple mobile or portable units, either themselves or through the general supervision of dental hygienists.
- SB 809 establishes a funding mechanism to update and maintain the Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) and Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), requires all prescribing healthcare practitioners to apply to access CURES information, and establishes processes and procedures for regulating prescribing licensees through CURES and securing private information.

The DHCC will continue to actively track two-year bills related to teledentistry (AB 318 and AB 1174), wellness programs (AB 771), health care coverage (SB 456), and expediting the licensure process for military spouses (SB 532), as well as any other bills of interest that are introduced.

BOYS, JAMIE ELLEN
(RDH 24335)
Aromas, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions
July 5, 2013

BRIGGS, DEBBIE LOUISE
(RDH 22923)
Redding, CA
License Revoked
November 22, 2013

CORNEY, BETH ANN
(RDH 15519)
Ponte Vedra, FL
License Surrendered
March 22, 2013

GIDLOF, BETTY ANNA
(RDH 14865)
Palm Desert, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions
July 8, 2010

GRAY, JENNIFER
(RDH 27863)
La Mirada, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions
September 16, 2013

HULTGEN, TIFFANY ANN
(RDH 22805)
Santa Barbara, CA
License Revoked
February 6, 2013

JONES, MICHELLE FAIRCHILD
(RDH 25581)
Abingdon, VA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 3 years probation with terms and conditions
October 12, 2010

KIM, HEIVI MIN RYUNG
(RDH 21180)
San Francisco, CA
License Surrendered
September 27, 2013

NOURI, MARYAM
(RDH 27640)
Winnetka, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions
August 2, 2013

ODEN, BETH
(RDH 12288)
Tracy, California
License Revoked
July 24, 2009

PARK, SHARON MIAE
(RDH 27836)
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions
August 30, 2013

POTAPA, VIVIAN
(RDH 24565)
San Diego, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 10 years probation with terms and conditions
August 17, 2012

RAYMOND, MELISSA
(RDH 27772)
Paso Robles, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions
August 14, 2013

RINCON, MICHELLE JEAN
(RDH 11544)
San Jose, CA
License Revoked
January 10, 2010

RODRIQUEZ, JORGE
(RDH 18637)
Woodland, CA
License Surrendered
January 9, 2014

ROSARIO, THERESE
(RDH 24912)
Corte Matera, CA
Revoked, stayed, placed on 5 years probation with terms and conditions
May 27, 2012

RULLIER, GISSELLE
(RDH 27834)
El Cerrito, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions
August 29, 2013

SMITH, SARA LANI
(RDH 22000)
Ventura, CA
License Revoked
November 2, 2011

TARWID-AGUILAR, JILL
(RDH 27771)
Chula Vista, CA
Probationary License issued with 3 years probation and terms and conditions
May 8, 2013

WANG, SANDRA
(RDH 18278)
Santa Monica, CA
License Revoked
August 9, 2013

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