

Kansas Dental Board Meeting Agenda

9 a.m., August 5, 2011

Landon State Office Bldg, Room 108, Topeka, Kansas

Dr. Glenn Hemberger, DDS, President
Richard Darnall, DDS, Vice Pres
Ms. Susan Rodgers, RDH, Secretary

Dr. Michael Milford, DDS, member
Dr. Roger Stevens, DDS, member
Mr. Jim Showalter, public member

Ms. Denise Maus, RDH, member
Dr. Charles Squire, DDS, member

9:00 a.m. Call to order and welcome.

TAB A Approval of the Agenda

TAB B Approval of minutes of May 6, 2011

TAB C Report of President, Glenn Hemberger, DDS
Welcome new member, Dr. Charles Squire, DDS

TAB D Request for reconsideration of Board Order – Dr. Brian Jenkins

----- Public Forum – open comments on topics from public

TAB E **Issue:** The dentist signs an agreement to be a participating member of a dental benefit company. In this agreement, the fees are set by the insurance co. and the dentist agrees to “write-off” the difference between his fees and the pre-agreed fee. The dentist may, however, increase his/her fee if the lab fee and materials used is above the “standard”.

Case: In a case presented to the dental board, the increase fee far exceeded the increase fee from the lab. The insurance company did not care, however, if and how much the fee was increased as long as the patient agrees to the increase before treatment was initiated.

Question for the Dental Board:

- 1) Did the dentist use the Insurance Co. as a means to draw patients into his/her practice with the patient believing that the fees would be covered? As such, is this a “bait-and-switch” approach?
- 2) Is this really dishonest if the patient is informed before treatment about the increase in fee and agrees to pay to receive a “better” product?
- 3) Is it really a better product or is the patient being deceived?
- 4) Should the dental board get involved in contract disputes between doctor-patient-insurance companies? The board has long taken a position of not judging the fee a dentist charges as long as the patient agrees.

Issue – is it misleading for a dental practice to advertise or continue the name of the business including the names of deceased and/or retired dentists in the practice name? Statutes enclosed

TAB F Does the board have a position on the ADA recommendation that “states considering licensing new categories of allied personnel follow ADA policy and maintain separate examinations for dentists and the allied dental personnel?”

TAB G Investigations report — Dr. Darnall
Inspections report — Dr. Johnson

TAB H Executive Report – Betty Wright
Licensee report, licensed since last report: 39 dentists, 87 hygienists, and 6 ECP's
Their names are listed on attachment
Specialty licenses granted: Brandon James, DDS – Prosthodontics
Kenneth Frick, DDS – Endodontics
Jonas Lichty, DDS - Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Rachel Bellan, DMD – Orthodontics
Brian P. Smith, DDS - Orthodontics

TAB I Hygiene Externship program approved – Creighton University School of Dentistry

TAB J HAPN Report

Next meeting date- Nov 4, 2011

Adjournment