

**KBD Education Committee Report:**

**March 7, 2014**

In attendance: Dr. Jamie Hargan, Mara Beth D. Womack RDH, Mary Jones RDH and Mary Ann Burch RDH

**The KBD Education Committee discussed:**

- Review of the education items discussed at the January 29, 2014 meeting in Lexington @ BCTCS
- Pending response to the questions posed the General Counsel for KBD.
  - "The way the law is written, would a DH student who has taken an introductory 2.5 or more hour prerequisite course and a "hands on course" of at least 12 hours as part of his/her curriculum be allowed to apply for a laser debridement certificate upon graduation?"
  - "The way the law is written would a licensed DH who successfully completed a semester long local anesthesia /NO2 course be allowed to use it as CE hours for license renewal? If so, how many hours?"

The KBD Education Committee discussed the following issues at the **March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014** meeting held at the KBD office.

- Discussed concerns brought forth by West Kentucky Technical College educators from the Paducah DA & DH Programs. Those in attendance were, Jennifer Miller RDH and Carrie Hopper CDA, MS.
  - Approval of the coronal polishing course listed on the "approved" list of CE's on the KBD website that do not meet the criteria set forth in the regulations.
    - Education committee recommends are that the list of "approved" CE courses be thoroughly reviewed and corrected. Verification that all "approved" courses meet the criteria set forth by the KY statutes and regulations.
  - Concern about courses for radiation safety and techniques on the KBD "approved" list located on the website.

One of the concerns voiced by the educators was that of public safety.

"How is teaching the radiology safety technique portion of course in the dental office protecting the public while using "live" patients rather than mannequins?"

"Concern with how practitioners are following the ADA criteria for federal and state ionizing radiation safety guidelines."

- Concern regarding the guidelines and consistency with informal training of dental assistants.
  - KBD website needs a definition of competency as a guideline for practitioners who are required to sign off for registered dental assistants as mandated by the KY law.
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- Registration process and guidelines with the KBD for the designation of Registered Dental Assistants and Dental Auxiliary.
  - What does the title "registered dental assistant" mean?
  - Clarification on the KBD website is necessary to communicate to practitioners which duties staff are permitted to perform in the clinical setting.
- Clarification of medical emergency courses to fulfill the requirements for general supervision and Public Health RDH must be a 3 hour course presented in a "LIVE" format.

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Dr. Deborah Ray, Mary Jones RDH, Mara Beth Womack RDH and Mary Ann Burch RDH were present.

- The Education Committee discussed the fact that Laser Courses that are offered at the KDA annual session by Dr. Howard Golan do not need to be approved by the Board of Dentistry. This course does not fulfill the requirements for the Laser Debridement by RDH.
- The committee also discussed the "Hard & Soft Tissue Lasers in General Practice" course offered by Robert Convissar, DDS, FAGD. This course does not meet the requirements for the Laser Debridement by RDH.
- Neither of these courses must be approved by the Board to serve as part of the 30 hours of CE required for License renewal for DMD or RDH.

Only courses that are required by Statutes and Regulations, which are listed on the Board website, require Board approval. See attached information from the website.

- Students at BCTCS Dental Hygiene program asked if they could take the Laser Debridement by RDH pre-requisite course at the KYDHA annual meeting and have it apply toward the requirements for the 2.5 hours pre-requisite course for certification in Laser Debridement by Dental Hygienists before they would be allowed to take the 12 hour hands on portion. The committee will seek an opinion from David Beyer, General Counsel relative to the law .
- Another question which will be submitted to David Beyer is in regard to a faculty member who enrolls in a semester long Local Anesthesia/Nitrous Oxide course and seeks Continuing Education credit. A letter from the Instructor verifying successful completion was deemed sufficient as documentation to submit with the application and fee required for the Local Anesthesia/Nitrous Oxide certification.
- The committee agrees with the suggestion made by Jessica Poynter that a list of CODA accredited Dental Assisting Schools in Kentucky be posted on the website to use as reference. It was suggested that DANBY organization be used as a reference as needed for programs outside of Kentucky.

### **Info from the website:**

The ONLY courses requiring Board-Approval are the following:

- anesthesia safety and emergency procedures (required for renewal of a dentist's sedation or anesthesia permit)
- refresher courses for dentists and dental hygienists who have not actively practiced in two calendar years (required to obtain a license or resume practice)
- refresher courses for either block anesthesia, infiltration anesthesia, or nitrous oxide analgesia for dental hygienists (required if not administered in the last year)
- medical emergencies courses (required for dental hygienists to obtain or maintain general supervision registration)
- courses to start intravenous access line (required for IV line registration for dental hygienists or registered dental assistants)
- laser debridement for dental hygienists (required for laser use registration)
- coronal polishing courses for registered dental assistants (required to perform coronal polishing)
- X-ray safety and technique courses (required for registered dental assistants)

#### Approved Course List

The spreadsheet below is a list of courses that have been approved by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry. Please note that the Board office does not have access to course dates

***Individuals that are interested in courses on the list must contact the provider directly for additional information.***

Course List Updated January 10, 2014

#### [Approved Course List](#)

Course Guidelines Approved by the Board

- Refresher courses for either block anesthesia, infiltration anesthesia, or nitrous oxide analgesia for dental hygienists  
(201 KAR 8:562 Section 11(7))  
[Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Course Approval Guidelines](#) [PDF-1610K]
- Medical emergencies courses for dental hygienists to obtain or maintain general supervision registration  
(201 KAR 8:562 Section 12(1); KRS 313.040(7))  
[Medical Emergencies Course Requirements](#) [PDF-272K]

- Courses for intravenous access line registration for dental hygienists or registered dental assistants (201 KAR 8:562 Section 13, 201 KAR 8:571 Section 7)  
[IV Placement Approved Course Curriculum](#) [PDF-42K]
- Courses for laser debridement registration for dental hygienists (201 KAR 8:562 Section 14)  
[Laser Use by Hygienists Course Approval Guidelines](#) [PDF-306K]
- Coronal polishing courses for registered dental assistants who wish to perform coronal polishing (201 KAR 8:571 Section 5)  
[Coronal Polishing Course Approval Guidelines](#) [PDF-277K]
- X-ray safety and technique courses for registered dental assistants or dental auxiliaries (201 KAR 8:571 Section 6, KRS 313.050(2))  
[Radiation Safety Course Approval Guidelines](#) [PDF-1580K]
- Dental assistants may meet the radiography technique requirement either by completing an approved technique course or by being trained on the job by a supervising dentist  
[Radiography Technique Training](#) [PDF-226K]

#### Requests for Course Approval

Should include:

- cover letter stating if request is from a Course Provider or a Licensee seeking certification;
- course description;
- course outline and the number of clock hours, and
- other pertinent information.

to:

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