REPORT FOR THE 2011 MISSISSIPPI DENTAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

New Board appointments for Districts I and VI were made on 08/05/2010, to be effective 07/01/2010, and these new Board members are Frank Trice Dalton, DMD, District I, and Donald E. Price, DDS, District VI. New appointments for Districts II and III will be made this year, to be effective 07/01/2011. Following the 07/01/2011 appointments, the Board structure will remain unchanged until 07/01/2014, at which time the Board will begin its cycle of new appointees with the State-at-Large Dentist position. All Board members serve six-year, non-consecutive terms.

Visit the Board's web site at **http://www.dentalboard.ms.gov**, and e-mail the Board at **dental@dentalboard.ms.gov**. The web site has a wealth of information, as well as most, if not all, of the forms utilized by the Board. The laws and regulations are an integral part of the web site, and licensees are encouraged to visit the site often to keep abreast of any changes effected by the Board. Also, the site has selected information from the Board's databases to be used for licensure verification and/or recruiting purposes. All of the Board's forms and applications are formatted in Adobe Acrobat PDF forms, which means that applications and forms may be completed on a personal computer.

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Don't forget to thoroughly review each edition of *The Dental Digest* which is mailed to all licensees and permit holders. The newsletter always has a variety of important and useful information. All of the Board's amendments to its laws and regulations are reported in its newsletter, and Board determinations as to permissible procedures for licensed Mississippi dentists and dental auxiliaries working under the direct supervision of licensed Mississippi dentists are noted in the "*Things to Note*" section of each newsletter. If you have any questions about an item appearing in the newsletter, please feel free to contact the Board's office for clarification.

The Board has a blast e-mail feature wherein e-mails may be sent from the Board to licensees and permit holders who have provided e-mail addresses to the Board. This feature enables the Board to more expeditiously provide information to its licensee population as to Board determinations, adoption/amendment of regulations, and important reminders. If you have an e-mail address and have not notified the Board of such, or if you have changed your e-mail address, please notify the Board of this information to ensure you are included in these most important e-mails.

All Board meetings are open to the public except when the Board makes a determination that it is necessary to go into Executive or Closed Session, and this usually is reserved for personnel and disciplinary actions. All disciplinary action hearings are held in Open Session; however, the Board's deliberations following the hearing are held in Closed or Executive Session. Furthermore, no items will be added to the Board meeting agendas as of two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled Board meeting date. Board meeting and licensure examination dates through 12/31/2011 are as follows:

05/13/2011
06/02-03/2011 (CITA Examinations)
08/19/2011
11/18/2011

At its 03/12/2010 meeting, the Board considered documentation, personal appearances, and the results from its 2009 survey regarding whether to allow administration of local anesthesia for licensed Mississippi dental hygienists under the direct supervision of licensed Mississippi dentists. At that meeting, the Board voted to make no changes to Board Regulation 29 to allow the administration of local anesthesia by licensed Mississippi dental hygienists.

At its 03/12/2010 meeting, the Board voted to affiliate with the Professionals Health Network (PHN), effective 07/01/2010, for monitoring and treating its impaired dentists and dental hygienists. The PHN's web site address is http://www. professionalshealthnetwork.com.

At its 03/12/2010 meeting, the Board approved Delta Technical College (DTC) in Horn Lake, MS as a radiology seminar provider for those applicants applying for Mississippi radiology permits.

At its 03/12/2010 meeting, the Board considered a request as to whether licensed Mississippi dental hygienists are allowed to use lasers for bacteria reduction and/or reduction of pocket depths. The Board noted this question had been addressed by its 02/24/2006 determination, wherein the Board opined that licensed Mississippi dental hygienists and dental assistants **ARE NOT** allowed to perform sulcular debridement of periodontal pockets using a Diode dental laser.

At its 05/14/2010 meeting, the Board finalized its responses to the 2010 "*Survey of Legal Provisions for Delegating Intraoral Functions to Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists*" from the American Dental Association (ADA). A PDF of the *Survey* is posted on the Board's web site as the first item under Frequently Asked Questions for dental auxiliaries.

At its 05/14/2010 meeting, while discussing the aforementioned ADA *Survey*, the Board determined that dental auxiliaries **ARE ALLOWED** to place matrices.

LICENSEE CATEGORY	ISSUED 01/01-12/31/2010
General Dental and Provisional	48
Specialty	12
General Anesthesia	4
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	1
Enteral Conscious Sedation	5
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	73
Radiology Permits	409
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	**552**

At its 08/06/2010 meeting, the Board discussed Board Regulation 61 (Mobile/Portable Dental Units) and whether to assess both initial application fees and fees for follow-up site visits for approved mobile/portable dental units. The initial site visit fee would be included with the initial application fee. The Board referred this

matter to its Rules & Regulations Subcommittee for discussion and recommendations at an upcoming Board meeting.

At its 08/06/2010 meeting, the Board considered a question as to whether licensed Mississippi dentists are allowed to prescribe sinus medications. At that meeting, the Board determined that licensed Mississippi dentists are allowed to prescribe medications for the treatment of sinus problems, as such sinus problems are related to dental treatment.

At its 08/06/2010 meeting, the Board amended Board Regulation 45 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) to require that all dental offices have a minimum of one (1) Automated External Defibrillator (AED), or equivalent defibrillator, on or before 07/01/2012. Amended Board Regulation 45 is included as an insert with this report, and Section 2 is highlighted for your information and review. All Board regulations are available on its web site, and they are updated as frequently as possible to concur with Board amendments.

LICENSEE CATEGORY	CURRENT POPULATION
General Dental and Provisional	1,227
Specialty	254
General Anesthesia	52
Parenteral Conscious Sedation	33
Enteral Conscious Sedation	45
Dental Hygiene and Provisional	1,450
Radiology Permits	2,973
TOTAL ALL CATEGORIES	**6,034**

At its 11/05/2010 meeting, the Board again discussed Board Regulation 61 (Mobile/Portable Dental Units) insofar as more precisely stipulating what constitutes an "area," as the word is used in the Board's application for a mobile/portable dental unit, and more comprehensively defining the type/quality of care provided by mobile/portable dental units. This issue was referred to the Board's Rules and Regulations Subcommittee for recommendations at an upcoming Board meeting. Should the Board amend Board Regulation 61, amendments will be reported in the Board's newsletter, on its web site, and via blast e-mails to its licensees.

Under the State's Administrative Procedures Act, all rules or regulations adopted or amended by the Board must be filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office and go through an overall 60-day waiting period (30 days from the initial filing and 30 days from the final filing) before an adopted or amended regulation becomes effective. Anyone wishing to be apprised of adopted/amended rules should contact the Secretary of State and ask to be placed on that agency's mailing list for notices of such actions.

At its 11/05/2010 meeting, the Board considered a question regarding who is allowed to draw blood in a dentist's office. Several questions were addressed regarding platelet rich plasma, e.g., due to the fact that this blood must be drawn and processed within an hour, can blood be drawn in the dental office; can the dentist draw blood; can a dental auxiliary draw blood; can a registered nurse draw blood in a dental office; and is there anyone who can draw blood in a dental office. The Board determined that documentation must be maintained noting the licensure or certification of any individual performing Venipuncture in the dental office.

At its 11/05/2010 meeting, the Board considered a question regarding the new Automated External Defibrillator (AED) requirement in Board Regulation 45 (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation). This question regarded teaching institutions, such as the State's dental school, dental hygiene schools, and dental assisting schools, and the number of AEDs required for these institutions in the various clinical settings. The Board determined that a minimum of one fully functioning AED, or equivalent defibrillator, needs to be available in each clinical setting, i.e., those settings where patients receive care.

E-MAIL

Update Dental Board with my e-mail address each time I change it. Provide other changes, too-- employers, employees, address, name, phone, etc. DON'T FORGET.

GET E-MAIL BLASTS!

CITA

Go to web site at: www.citaexam.com/examiners.html to sign up as a Deputy Examiner for Mississippi license exams.

I GET CLINICAL CE!!

RENEWAL

2011-2013 dental biennial renewal begins 09/01/2011. Must renew by 10/31/2011.

RENEW ONLINE!

ANESTHESIA PERMIT

Got to have one if go beyond Anxiolysis. Contact Board for application & info. Must have ACLS and approved training! Review site visit form on Board's web site.

READ REGULATION 29

XRAYS

Always keep a copy in patient file even when referring the patient or sending info. to insurance co.

ACCURATE AND COMPLETE PATIENT RECORDS!

ADVERTISING

Read Reg. 43 before I do anything. Make sure all wording complies. Double-check what advertising reps. tell me. Check Board's web site for advertising FAQs and Reg. 43.

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