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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
NITROUS OXIDE / MINIMAL SEDATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES
April 27, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Nitrous Oxide / Minimal Sedation Subcommittee of the Board of Dentistry was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on April 27, 2016 in Hearing Room 5, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: Charles E. Gaskins, III, D.D.S, President

SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER PRESENT: John M. Alexander, D.D.S.

ADVISORS PRESENT: Tegwyn Brickhouse, D.D.S., Pediatric Department Chair, VCU School of Dentistry
David C. Sarrett, D.M.D., Dean, VCU School of Dentistry, Anesthesia Committee Chair of the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL)
Robert A. Strauss, D.D.S., Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Professor and Residency Program Director, VCU School of Dentistry

STAFF PRESENT: Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director
Elaine J. Yeatts, DHP Policy Analyst
Huong Vu, Operations Manager

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Carl Atkins, DDS**, a pediatric dentist, reported he has had to stop procedures to settle children because of blood pressure cuffs. He added there is no known issue with nitrous oxide and no national standard for monitoring nitrous oxide beyond observation.

RECOMMENDATION ON THE MONITORING REQUIREMENTS OF NITROUS OXIDE AND MINIMAL SEDATION: Dr. Gaskins stated that at the last Board meeting, there were comments regarding the minimal sedation monitoring requirements, as well as their effect on pediatric care. He added the subcommittee is convened to suggest changes in those requirements. He asked Dr. Sarrett to share information with the Subcommittee regarding work currently underway on the ADA's "Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students" document.

Dr. Sarrett reported he is currently serving as Chair of the Anesthesia Committee of the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL), which is reviewing the ADA's "Guidelines for Teaching Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students". He commented that there is a proposal to require a 60 hour course for all modes of administration of moderate sedation. He stated that general dentists are the ones who use the ADA guidelines, which do not focus on children. He added that the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) plans to have new guidelines in May.

Dr. Gaskins asked Ms. Yeatts for the timeline if the Board decides to take legislative action. Ms. Yeatts said any proposed legislation must be at the Governor's office by August, 2016, so the Board would need to adopt a proposal at its June business meeting. Ms. Reen added that amending the

regulations could either be done through a fast-track action or, if there is a controversy, the standard regulatory process which takes about two years.

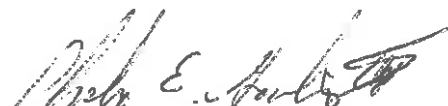
Dr. Gaskins called for discussion of the current provisions in 18VAC60-21-280. Discussion on how to amend the various provisions for monitoring minimal sedation, how to create exceptions for pediatric patients, and any clinical need for requiring blood pressure, pulse oximetry, and intraoperative monitoring of vital signs. Separating nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia into a separate section of the regulations was then discussed. There was agreement that intraoperative monitoring for all nitrous oxide only and minimal sedation patients should be limited to continuous visual observation of responsiveness, color, and respiration. Ms. Yeatts facilitated a review of the minimal sedation provisions to identify the content for the new section.

Ms. Reen asked if the subcommittee wanted to schedule another meeting to review the draft regulatory proposal, or have it circulated for individual review. The preference was to have it circulated and to have Dr. Gaskins address the comments/edits received. Ms. Yeatts noted that it is important that everyone respond individually to only Ms. Reen.

Dr. Gaskins asked for review of the general provisions in 18VAC60-21-260 for any needed changes. It was suggested and agreed that section D.2, which addresses patient information and records, should be expanded to require recording of height and weight or, when appropriate, Body Mass Index. Ms. Yeatts agreed to include the change in the draft that will be circulated.

ADJOURNMENT:


Dr. Gaskins thanked everyone for their input and adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.



Charles E. Gaskins, III, President



Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director



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