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BODEX UPDATE

It has been a busy month at the Board given the Board meeting, legislative session and media attention. With respect to the media attention, please know that the Board staff spent a significant amount of time responding to the reporter's request for information and written responses to questions. Unfortunately, not all of the information provided to the reporter was used in the news segment and once information is provided, we have no control how it is used or presented. It is important to remember that the Board follows all laws relating to the conduct of open meeting laws and the release and disclosure of public information.

At the February 6, 2015, meeting, Board actions included the following:

- Approved a 3 hour course in Ethics offered by CNA Insurance pursuant to A.A.C. R4-11-1203(6).
- Held a one-hour Board training session from Dr. Michel Sucher, the Board's Medical Director, relating to the Board's Monitored Aftercare Treatment Program.
- Approved six non-disciplinary consent agreements. Four of the five consent agreements required continuing education in the area of crown and bridge which still remains the number one complaint filed at the Dental Board. Two of the five consent agreements required record keeping.

One of the above-referenced cases was on the Board's consent agenda for consideration of a non-disciplinary letter of concern. The matter was pulled from the consent agenda for full discussion by the Board and as a result, the Board voted to offer the licensee a non-disciplinary consent agreement for risk management continuing education. If the licensee did not accept the proposal, he would be invited for a formal interview before the Board. This case involved a general dentist administering Botox that was not part of a dental treatment plan.

- Approved two disciplinary consent agreements. Both of these cases involved implants and required implant continuing education. These cases were on the Board's consent agenda for consideration of a non-disciplinary consent agreement and a letter of concern. As communicated to licensees, the Board has the option to pull any case on a consent agenda for discussion and consideration. In these situations, the licensee is notified of the recommended change and as noted in the previous paragraph, if they do not agree, they will be invited for a formal interview before the Board. The Board can also pull a case from the consent agenda and upon further discussion, vote to terminate a case.
- Approved four letters of concern as follows:
 - Dr. Wildcat should ensure patient records are complete, concise and understandable to any dentist.
 - Dr. Sundevil should complete periodontal charting prior to treatment and thoroughly document all discussions with the patient concerning treatment options.
 - Dr. Wildcard should verify that cement is completely removed from all restorations and ensure follow-up x-rays are diagnostic.
 - Dr. Overtime should have more complete documentation of informed consent for surgical extractions.
- Terminated one proposed letter of concern following Board discussion.

- Approved eight letters of concern and approved continuing education audits for eight licensees. The majority of letters of concern stated that the licensee “should ensure he/she is knowledgeable about the continuing education requirements.”
- Dismissed seven cases and approved continuing education audit for these cases.

As a reminder, licensees should strongly consider renewing their license ONLINE! The pros definitely outweigh the cons in doing this!

Thank you for your cooperation and for reading the Board’s update. By the time the Update is published, I will be in Spain hiking the Santiago Trail. I’m optimistic that I will return although I do have some trepidation about the physicality of the hike and the fact that I am undertaking this with 7 other women including my sister. That said, this will definitely be an adventure and may alter my perspective on life based on feedback from others who have taken the journey.

GO CARDINALS!