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Changing your mailing address? Send your name, mailing address, and license number to:

Board of Dentistry
Processing Department
Address/Name Change
899 North Capitol Street NE
First Floor
Washington, DC 20002

LETTER FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Licensees,

Welcome to the Fall 2017 edition of the Board of Dentistry's newsletter. I am honored to continue my term as Board Chair. Inside of this newsletter you will find valuable information regarding your practice and the activities of the Board.

Changes in Regulations and Other Issues

In the Counsel's Column, our legal staff provides the details on **regulatory changes** (see page 5), the **registration of dental assistants** (p. 5), the **continuing education audit** (p. 6), **dental assistant supervised practice** (p. 8), and how to obtain a **board advisory opinion** (p. 8). Also provided in this edition is information about **recommending medical marijuana** to dental patients (p. 4), and the **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program** (p. 14).

Board Member Recognition

In this edition, we also salute dedicated Board Members of the past and present: former Board Member Sybil L. Gant, RDH, BS (p. 2), outgoing Vice Chairperson Jezelle Sonnier, DDS (p. 2); Board Chairpersons of the past (photo on p. 9); and hear from new Board Members Judith Henry, DMD, MPH (p. 10), John R. Bailey, DDS, MS, FICD (p. 11), Yolanda I. Josey-Baker, RDH, MPH (p. 12), Consumer Member Dianne Smith, Esq. (p. 13), and Iris Jeffries Morton, MS, DDS (p. 14). Our Board Member Highlights box (p. 11) notes current Board Member awards and appointments.

Open Session Visitors

We have been fortunate to have visitors attend the Open Session portion of our Board meetings who have provided presentations, offered their input regarding regulatory matters, or asked for assistance (p. 16). Among our visitors was Howard University Dental School Dean Dexter A. Woods, DDS (p. 9).

We look forward to seeing you at Open Session, held the third Wednesday of each month, at 9:30 am. Time is allocated at each Board meeting to allow the public an opportunity to speak to the Board. Please notify us in advance if you plan to attend a meeting by sending an email to hpla@dc.gov.

Best Regards,

Renee A. McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD
Board Chairperson



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Board Chairperson

Upcoming Board Meetings

The DC Board of Dentistry

MEETS

THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

OPEN SESSION AT

9:30 AM

at

899 N. Capitol St NE
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20002

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FORMER BOARD MEMBER HONORED: SYBIL L. GANT, RDH, BS

Former Board of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Member **Sibyl L. Gant, RDH, BS**, was recently recognized by the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) for 25 years of service, at its annual meeting in Orlando, Florida.



Sibyl L. Gant, RDH, BS

Ms. Gant served on the DC Board of Dentistry for 12 years, from 2001 to 2013. A native Washingtonian and a graduate of Howard University, she received a Certificate in Oral Hygiene (from the College of Dentistry) and a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development.

THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD VICE CHAIR JEZELLE SONNIER, DDS

Jezelle Sonnier, DDS, served on the DC Board of Dentistry from February 2008 to November 2016. To show their appreciation, Board Members presented Dr. Sonnier with a certificate of appreciation.

Board Chairperson Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins said: "Dr. Sonnier has served honorably and professionally. When I began my term, she embraced me as a new Board Chairperson. She was instrumental in getting the Board active in national organizations. She has been head of internal and external communications for the Board and editor of Board newsletter."

Dr. McCoy-Collins noted Dr. Sonnier's fairness, open thinking, vision and professional ethics, and recognized her work with CODA (Commission on Dental Accreditation) with the Howard University College of Dentistry.

"The Board has made leaps and bounds due to Dr. Sonnier's dedication and contribution."



Board Chair Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins (left), presents certificate of appreciation to out-going Board Vice Chair Dr. Jezelle Sonnier (right).



Board Vice Chairperson Wesley Thomas, DMD, FICD, Board Member Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, MPH, Health Licensing Specialist Thomasine Pointer, Assistant General Counsel Carla Williams, Esq., former Vice Chairperson Jezelle Sonnier, DDS, Board Chair Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD, Board Member John R. Bailey, DDS, Consumer Board Member Dianne Smith, Esq., Investigator Rebecca Odrick, and Health Licensing Specialist Lakisha Thompson. Not pictured: Member Judith Henry, DMD, MPH.

BOARD OF DENTISTRY SWEARING IN WITH MAYOR BOWSER



On May 25, 2017, the Board of Dentistry participated in the Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) Swearing-In ceremony and Board Member Convocation. In photo above (left to right): Board Executive Director Vito R. DelVento, DVM, MS, Board Member Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, MPH-Dental Hygiene, Mayor Muriel Bowser, Board Member John R. Bailey, DDS and Board Member Iris Jeffries Morton, MS, DDS.

NAME/ADDRESS CHANGES PRACTICE CLOSURES

Pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.13, all licensees of the Board are required to notify the Board in writing of any: (a) change of address of place of residence or place of business or employment within 30 days after the change of address; or (b) legal change of name within 30 days after the change. Failure to do so may result in the initiation of disciplinary proceedings against the licensee. Please keep in mind the address you provide will be viewable by the public on the Board's website.

DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?

CALL OR SEND US AN EMAIL!

If you have any questions regarding your application status for licensure or registration, please contact the Board of Dentistry at:

(202) 724-8813

vito.delvento@dc.gov



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Department of Health
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration
Division of Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy



District of Columbia Dentists:

Effective, July 27, 2017, Dentists licensed in good standing to practice in the District of Columbia may now issue **recommendations to patients for the use of medical marijuana** in the District of Columbia.

To issue recommendations, you must register with the District's Division of Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy (MMIT) for authority to access the electronic recommendation form at:

<https://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program>

Please allow 72 hours for your registration to be approved. The MMIT no longer accepts paper recommendation forms.

You are strongly encouraged to review and familiarize yourself with the District's laws and regulations governing the medical marijuana program and your duties and obligations as a recommender. You may review the laws and regulations on the MMIT website at:

<https://doh.dc.gov/service/medical-marijuana-program>

Please note the following:

- You can only submit recommendations for District of Columbia residents.
- You must have a bonafide patient-practitioner relationship with the patient and responsibility for the ongoing care and treatment of the patient.
- You must maintain appropriate patient records.
- You must **personally** conduct a physical examination of the patient, and assess the patient's medical history and current medical condition before issuing a recommendation.
- Patients must submit a patient application to the Department of Health after the patient recommendation has been submitted to participate in the program.
- There is additional information and directions under the **Dentist** link on the MMP website.

Please submit all questions in writing to: doh.mmp@dc.gov.

Sincerely,

Arian Gibson
Program Manager
Division of Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy

The United States Congress has determined that marijuana is a controlled substance and has placed marijuana in Schedule I of the Controlled Substance Act. Growing, distributing, and possessing marijuana in any capacity, other than as a part of a federally authorized research program, is a violation of federal laws. The District of Columbia's law authorizing the District's medical marijuana program will not excuse any person from any violation of the federal laws governing marijuana or authorize any registrant to violate federal law.

COUNSEL'S COLUMN

NEW REGULATORY CHANGES

By Elliott LaParne
Summer Legal Intern

The Board of Dentistry (Board) has recently made a number of regulatory changes involving new teaching licenses for dentists and dental hygienists, continuing education requirements for dentists and dental hygienists who treat patients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression (LGBTQ), and the administration of anesthesia.

"...the Board is establishing new regulations concerning certifications to allow anesthesia administration. These new regulations identify three classes of certifications to allow the administration of different levels of anesthesia."

Teaching License

First, the Board has enacted new teaching license regulations for dentists and dental hygienists. The Board requires that dentists and dental hygienists obtain a teacher's license if they wish to teach their designated subject matter. The Board established specific eligibility requirements for both dentists and dental hygienists; these requirements involve both educational and professional prerequisites to ensure that proper teaching occurs. Once an individual obtains a teacher's license, this license expires every two years – on December 31st of each odd-numbered year.

Continuing Education

The Board will also establish new continuing education requirements for dentist and dental hygienist teacher's licenses involving patients who identify as LGBTQ. Beginning

with licenses whose renewal period ends December 31st, 2019, a person in inactive status who submits an application to reactive his or her license must submit proof of having completed two (2) hours of continuing education on cultural competency or specialized clinical training focusing on patients who identify as LGBTQ¹.

Anesthesia Administration

Finally, the Board is establishing new regulations concerning certifications to allow anesthesia administration. These new regulations identify three classes of certifications to allow the administration of different levels of anesthesia. These regulations will set forth qualifications to obtain a certification in each of the three classes as well as the application procedures, equipment requirements, and continuing education requirements².

UNREGISTERED DENTAL ASSISTANTS

By Elliott LaParne
Summer Legal Intern

The Board of Dentistry (Board) wishes to address the issue of unregistered dental assistants practicing in the District of Columbia. The Board wants to remind the dental community that as of September 17th, 2012, it is a mandatory requirement that dental assistants obtain a registration. This registration must be received from the Board and will be only given to individuals who meet specific requirements, such as achieving a high school or equivalent diploma.

All tasks performed by a dental assistant must be under the direct

supervision of a licensed dentist. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the licensed dentist to determine the specific treatment a patient will receive and which aspects of the treatment will be delegated to the dental assistant.

The Board finds the practicing as a dental assistant without a registration to be a serious concern. If the Board determines that a dental assistant is practicing without a registration, penalties may be imposed against both the dental assistant as well as the supervising dentist or dental practice owner.

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¹The Board has drafted the proposed rulemaking, and anticipates publishing it for public comment this fall.

²The Board's Legislative Affairs Subcommittee is working to finalize this proposed rulemaking and considering informal comments from the public at this time.

COUNSEL'S COLUMN

AUDIT SEASON IS UPON US!

By Nazaneen Pahlevani
Summer Legal Intern

Dentists and Dental Hygienists will soon be renewing their licenses, which must be renewed on or before December 31, 2017. At the time of renewal, you will be required to attest to having completed the continuing education requirements. **After the renewal period, the Board will conduct a random audit to ensure compliance with the continuing education requirements** necessary for license renewal. It is imperative that you respond to the audit within the time period allotted, provide all documentation requested, and under no circumstances falsify your documents. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action by the Board. The following 'Q&A' addresses common questions regarding the renewal process and subsequent audit.

During what time period do I have to complete my continuing education hours?

Your hours must be completed during the requisite time period of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2017.

I just received my license, do I have to complete continuing education this year?

No. It is not required for first-time renewal applicants.

Can I get all my continuing education hours online?

No. No more than eight (8) continuing education units for approved internet courses may be accepted in any renewal period.

Can I satisfy the continuing education CPR certification requirement online?

No. This requirement must be fulfilled in person.

What changes have been made to the continuing education requirements since the last renewal period?

Currently, there are no changes. However, the Board has proposed adding the following requirements to take effect for the 2019 renewal period:

DENTAL HYGIENISTS:

- Two (2) hours of continuing education as part of the continuing education requirements on cultural competency or training focusing on clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression ("LGBTQ"), and
- One (1) hour of ethics in an approved continuing education program.

CE CERTIFICATES SHOULD INCLUDE:

- The name and address of the sponsor of the program.
- The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors.
- The dates on which you attended the program.
- The hours of credit claimed.
- Verification by the sponsor of completion, by signature or stamp.

DENTISTS:

- Two (2) hours of continuing education as part of the continuing education requirements on cultural competency or training focusing on clients who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender nonconforming, queer, or question their sexual orientation or gender identity and expression ("LGBTQ"),
- Two (2) hours of ethics in approved continuing education programs,
- Increase the total number of continuing education hours required from twenty-five (25) to thirty (30).
- Decreases the number of required continuing education hours in infection control from four (4) hours to two (2) hours.
- Completion of two (2) hours of continuing education in the abuse and misuse of controlled substances, and in opioid prescription practices for licensees who are authorized to prescribe controlled substances in the District.

Audit Season (continued from page 6)**How long should I retain my continuing education certificates?**

It is your responsibility to maintain documentation of successful completion of your continuing education courses until the next renewal period. If you are subsequently audited, you must be able to produce those documents to submit to the Board. Failure to provide accurate proof of completion of all continuing education requirements during an audit may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

What information should my continuing education certificates include?

- The name and address of the sponsor of the program.
- The name of the program, its location, a description of the subject matter covered, and the names of the instructors.
- The dates on which you attended the program.
- The hours of credit claimed.
- Verification by the sponsor of completion, by signature or stamp.

Can I renew my license first, and then complete my continuing education hours?

Yes. However, you are attesting to having your continuing education requirements completed by midnight on December 31, 2017. Therefore, failure to provide accurate proof of completion of all continuing education requirements during an audit may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

What happens if I am unable to complete my continuing education hours by December 31, 2017?

If you are subsequently audited, you must provide a written explanation to the Board, along with any continuing education documents you have. Then, the Board will determine the appropriate disciplinary action to take.

How do I know if I am being audited?

You will receive an audit notice letter via mail, from the Board, after the renewal period has ended. To ensure that you receive proper notification of the audit, make sure that the Board has your current address on file. As part of your professional requirements, you are obligated to notify the Board, in writing, of any changes of address of your place of residence, place of business, or employment within thirty (30) days after the change.

Failure to receive the letter does not relieve you of your responsibility to comply with the audit. Failure to submit your documents may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

This is not the first time I am being audited? What is the selection process?

Random audit selections are computer generated, meaning an individual can be audited in back to back audits. Completion and submission of the Continuing Education courses are required regardless of whether you were selected in a previous audit.

Do I need to submit the information regarding each continuing education program I participate in if I am not being audited?

No. Do not submit this information unless you have received an audit notice.

How can I successfully complete the audit?

- Complete all continuing education and renewal requirements during the requisite time period of January 1, 2016, to December 31, 2017.
- Read the audit letter and follow the appropriate instructions.
- Respond to the audit with your continuing education documents within thirty (30) days as requested.
- Keep a copy of your records in case the original submission is lost or misdirected.

What if I did not get enough hours done between January 2016 and December of 2017 and I get audited, can I take some more courses and submit those?

No. They had to be completed during the requisite time period. You will need to provide the Board with a written explanation as to why you did not complete your requirements as well as any continuing education documentation you have. Then, the Board will determine the appropriate action to take.

Can I use the old continuing education hours I accumulated in past years to satisfy my hours for the current renewal period?

No. All continuing education hours must be completed during the requisite time period.

What if I have moved, and the movers lost my stuff?

Contact the organizations that sponsored your continuing education and ask for duplicates of your certificates. Once you have made every effort to obtain duplicates, if you are still unable to obtain them, you will need to provide the Board with a written explanation as well as any continuing education documentation you have. Then, the Board will determine the appropriate action to take.

If I get audited, and I have not met the required continued education requirement, can I decide that I want to surrender my license?

No. You cannot surrender your license in lieu of being audited. You signed the attestation at the time you renewed your license. If you cannot prove that you have completed what you attested to, the Board can take disciplinary action against you for submitting a false and misleading statement.

What happens if I fail the audit?

If you fail the audit, you will receive written notice from the Board. If the Board initiates formal disciplinary action, you will receive notice and an opportunity for a hearing before any action is taken against your license.

DENTAL ASSISTANT SUPERVISED PRACTICE

Dental Assistants Level I & II are permitted to work under the supervision of DC licensed dentists for a period of 90 days while awaiting their registration with the following conditions:

- The applicant must **submit an application** for a dental assistant registration to the Board.
- The supervised practice form must be **approved by the Board** before the applicant can begin supervised practice.
- The supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the applicant **has a current application pending** before the Board.
- The applicant must complete the **criminal background check** procedures.
- The applicant must complete a **90 day supervised practice form** including all necessary signatures.
- The supervised practice form must be returned to DOH in a **sealed envelope** and hand delivered to the Health Licensing Specialist.
- The **supervisor is fully responsible** for the supervised practice by the applicant.
- The supervisor may be **subject to disciplinary action** for any violation committed by the applicant.
- The supervised practice is limited to a period of **90 days** from the date of approval by the Board and cannot be extended.
- The supervised practice is limited to the **specific dentist and office address** noted on the supervised practice form.

The above information is available on the DOH website WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV.

COUNSEL'S COLUMN REQUESTING ADVISORY OPINIONS

By Nazaneen Pahlevani
Summer Legal Intern

The public can request an advisory opinion from the Board to obtain information regarding the Board's position on certain matters. Although the Board cannot provide the public with legal advice, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.08(9), anyone can seek an advisory opinion from the Board on issues regulated by the Board.

The following are examples of questions that someone might seek an advisory opinion for: Am I allowed to perform Botox on my patient? Is a mall kiosk allowed to provide teeth whitening services? Is it within the scope of practice of a dental hygienist to provide services in nursing homes, private homes, and schools? Am I allowed to sell dietary supplements in my practice?

To seek an advisory opinion, submit a written request to the attention of Carla Williams, by mail or email at:

Mailing address: Carla M. Williams
Assistant General Counsel
Office of the General Counsel
D.C. Department of Health
899 North Capitol, NE, 6th Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Email address: carlam.williams@dc.gov

HOWARD UNIVERSITY DEAN VISITS BOARD



Dexter A. Woods, DDS, Dean of the Howard University College of Dentistry, attended Open Session at the September 2016 board meeting, to commend the Board on adopting dentistry teaching licenses for the District of Columbia. Dean Woods also thanked the Board for sending a DC representative to the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) conference. In photo above (left to right): Consumer Member Dianne Smith, Esq., Board Member John R. Bailey, DDS, Board Chair Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS, FACD, FICD, Dean Woods, former Board Vice Chair Jezelle Sonnier, DDS, Board Vice Chair Wesley Thomas, DMD, FICD, Board member Judith Henry, DMD, MPH, and Board Member Yolanda Josey-Baker, RDH, MPH-Dental Hygiene.



Board of Dentistry Past Chairpersons

At right, current Board Chair **Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins** greets three former DC Board of Dentistry chairpersons (left to right): **Dr. St. Elmo Crawford**, **Dr. Robert Ray**, and **Dr. Daniel Howard**.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Residents of the District of Columbia may apply to serve on a DC Board or Commission. Mayor Bowser established the **Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA)** to conduct outreach and engagement to identify energetic community and business professionals to fill critical appointed roles. Need more information?

MOTA Contact Information

Online: www.mota.dc.gov

Email: MOTA@dc.gov

Phone: (202) 727-1372



Judith Henry, DMD, MPH

MEET BOARD OF DENTISTRY MEMBER JUDITH HENRY, DMD, MPH

"I am honored to be serving as a Board Member especially in my hometown... I have a newfound respect for the responsibilities of the Dental Board. I am truly impressed with the professional background and character of all the members of this Board of Dentistry, and their sincere commitment under the leadership of our distinguished Board Chair."

When were you appointed to the Board?

I was sworn in February 2016.

Can you tell us (briefly) about your background?

I am a native Washingtonian, educated in the DC public school system.

I received my BS from Howard University, DMD from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, and an MPH from the University of Illinois. I have been in health care for over 30 years.

What unique perspective do you bring to the Board?

My experiences include clinical practice as well as health care administration. I was fortunate to have had my first administrative position as a Clinical Director in Boston, Massachusetts, in the late 1980s. After receiving my MPH, where my focus was Health Policy and Administration, I held several administrative positions working with Medicaid Managed Care.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

First, let me say, I am honored to

be serving as a Board Member especially in my hometown. Prior to my appointment the scope of my experience with a Dental Board was applying for a license in one of the many states where I have been licensed. I have a newfound respect for the responsibilities of the Dental Board. I am truly impressed with the professional background and character of all the members of this Board of Dentistry, and their sincere commitment under the leadership of our distinguished Board Chair.

Any message you would like to convey to licensees?

I will take this opportunity to address my young colleagues. You can never take too many CE [continuing education] classes. Include courses in basic business management. You want to be in control of your business. Understand basic concepts of human resource management. Even if you have a staff of one, you must adhere to Federal/State employment and licensing laws.

For the Independent Contractors, when you work in someone else's office, that office operates under your license, too. Protect your License. If there is an office violation, the Board may hold you responsible as well as the owner. Remember, the Office Manager's role is administrative only. Office Managers must be licensed to assist chair side, place or expose patients to radiation. Office Managers cannot dictate clinical protocol to any assistant, hygienist or dentist. Violations should be reported to the Board.

Be the best provider you can be. Understand your limitations and know when to REFER.

Establish good relationships with specialists. Over the years, I have found my specialist colleagues to be wonderful resources even if I had to communicate long distance.

Enjoy this profession with its profound contribution to total healthcare. It can be truly rewarding.

Regulations Online! Know the regulations that define your scope of practice. Please take a moment to locate your regulations online at:

<http://doh.dc.gov/service/licensing-boards>

Select "Dentistry," then "DC Municipal Regulations" for Dentistry, Dental Hygienists, or Dental Assistants.



John R. Bailey, DDS, MS, FICD

MEET BOARD OF DENTISTRY MEMBER JOHN R. BAILEY, DDS, MS, FICD

"I became interested in the board because there was no one on the board to represent the views of the dental educators in the city. It is important that all of the stakeholders are represented and the educators can offer a different perspective on the matters that come before the board."

When were you appointed to the Board?

I was appointed to the Board of Dentistry in January 2014 by Mayor Vincent Gray.

Why and how did you get involved with the Board? What sparked your interest in service as a Board member?

I became interested in the board because there was no one on the board to represent the views of the dental educators in the city. It is important that all of the stakeholders are represented and the educators can offer a different perspective on the matters that come before the board.

Can you tell us (briefly) about your background?

I received my teaching experience at DC Teachers College which is now a part of The University of the District of Columbia. After teaching on the pre-school to middle school level, I attended Howard University College of Dentistry and graduated in 1988. I began teaching dentistry in 1992. I was in part-time private practice and eventually owned my practice. I closed my practice and became a full time professor in 2002. In 2005 I was appointed to the North East Regional Board as a dental examiner and continue in that role today.

What Board-related issues interest you the most?

I find the work of the dental board to be very exciting. Protecting the public and addressing the legislative issues before the board are my main focus.

What would you tell someone thinking about applying to serve on the Board?

The work on the board is very rewarding and I would recommend anyone who wishes to affect change and improve the profession should consider becoming a board member.

BOARD MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS (AWARDS)

Dr. John R. Bailey has been honored with the Community Spirit Award by the **DC Dental Society Foundation**.

Dr. Judith Henry has been appointed as an examiner with **The Commission on Dental Competency Assessments**.

Dr. Wesley Thomas was inducted into the **International College of Dentists** at the American Association of Dental Boards meeting in Denver in October 2016.



Yolanda I. Josey-Baker, RDH, MPH

MEET BOARD OF DENTISTRY MEMBER YOLANDA I. JOSEY-BAKER, RDH, MPH

"I got involved with the Board of Dentistry as an attendee, attending the public open session... I came as a representative of the DC Dental Hygienists' Association to keep our membership informed on any issues of interest to our members."

When were you appointed to the Board?

I was appointed in January 2014.

Why and how did you get involved with the Board?

What sparked your interest in service as a Board member?

I got involved with the Board of Dentistry as an attendee, attending the public open session meeting that anyone can attend who is interested in matters that the board is working on, has general questions that can be answered or information that may need board attention. I came as a representative of the DC Dental Hygienists' Association to keep our membership informed on any issues of interest to our members. My mentor, Judy Neely, a former dental hygiene board member, was instrumental in encouraging my other interest, not only clinical patient care. My interest in policy and how the process of proposing regulations are put into law. My interest and participation as a delegate in the American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA),

House of Delegates was fulfilling work and gave me experience that has been useful as a board member.

What Board-related issues interest you the most?

The board related issues that interest me the most are those related to the licensing process. When the board receives completed applications for review, it is with due diligence and great responsibility that the board members make sure that application submitted is accurate. Any discrepancies can cause a delay in the applicant getting their license in a timely manner. I also like that licensees can request hearings before any final action is taken against their ability to practice in the District of Columbia.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

As the lone dental hygienist member on the Board of Dentistry, I am very pleased that no complaints have been received by the board concerning dental hygienists. I am most surprised by repeat complaints against some dentists. Also, the seeming lack of seriousness

that licensees take in responding to requests from the board.

Any message you would like to convey to licensees?

As a board member, it is the duty and responsibility of the Board of Dentistry to protect the public, the residents of the District of Columbia. Licensees should read and know the regulations governing the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in the District of Columbia. Come out to an open public meeting and see your board at work.

What would you tell someone thinking about applying to serve on the Board?

If you have the interest and time commitment to devote to this public service position, I encourage you to apply. It is a life experience that has broadened my knowledge of the legislative process. With guidance of the staff and legal staff, it is encouraging how the board members work cohesively towards addressing issues relating to the practice of dentistry and ensures that the residents of the District of Columbia receive safe and quality dental care.

Yolanda I. Josey-Baker RDH, MPH, is a native Washingtonian and graduate of Howard University earning her certificate in Dental Hygiene, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, and a Masters of Public Health. A member of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. A current and active member of the American Dental Hygienists' Association and the District of Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association. Co-author of an article published in the Journal of Dental Education, entitled, "Information Seeking Strategies of Dental Hygienist." She is also a Notary Public for the District of Columbia and member of the National Notary Association.



Dianne Smith, Esq.

MEET BOARD OF DENTISTRY CONSUMER MEMBER **DIANNE SMITH**

"It is a real privilege to serve on this Board and protect the interests of people receiving dental services in DC. It is rewarding to work on important issues and with a Board that is so committed to its work and that takes its responsibilities so seriously."

When were you appointed to the Board?

I was appointed to the Board on July 14, 2015, and reappointed on February 17, 2016.

Why and how did you get involved with the Board? What sparked your interest in service as a Board member?

I was told by a friend, a retired DC judge, of the opening for a consumer board member on the Board of Dentistry. I met with the chairperson of the Board to discuss the opening. The responsibility of the consumer board member is to protect the interests of the public and need not be a dentist. I found the description of the Board's duties very interesting and believed I could make a contribution to protecting the public as a member of the Board.

Can you tell us (briefly) about your background?

I am an attorney licensed to practice in the District of Columbia. I served as a law clerk to Judge Patricia Wald on the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (1982-83) and was an associate

attorney at the Williams and Connolly law firm (1983-90); an associate and deputy independent counsel investigating the administration of several programs of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (1990-98); and an associate general counsel at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (1998-2013). I am a hearing examiner for DC's Board of Professional Responsibility (for attorneys) and serve on the Board of Montgomery County Sister Cities, Inc. and TCT, a company developing a treatment for pancreatic cancer. I am a graduate of the University of Wisconsin (BS, JD) and the College of William and Mary (MA).

What unique perspective do you bring to the Board?

I have found that my legal training and practice has been useful in many of the Board's activities, including review of claims against dental practitioners and the development of regulations relating to the practice of dentistry in DC.

What Board-related issues interest you the most?

Much of the Board's work relates to

the proper practice of dentistry in DC, licensing, and regulation, all of which I have found to be extremely important and interesting to me.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

I have been surprised by the variety of issues that the Board addresses and impressed by the dedication and professionalism of the Board members in addressing these many issues.

What would you tell someone thinking about applying to serve on the Board?

You should do it. It is a real privilege to serve on this Board and protect the interests of people receiving dental services in DC. It is rewarding to work on important issues and with a Board that is so committed to its work and that takes its responsibilities so seriously.

Any message you would like to convey to licensees?

Please read and be aware of the rules and regulations that apply to you as a DC dental practitioner.

Visit our website!

Go online at <http://doh.dc.gov/service/licensing-boards> and click "Dentistry"



Iris Jeffries Morton, MS, DDS

MEET BOARD OF DENTISTRY MEMBER IRIS JEFFRIES MORTON, MS, DDS

"My advice to anyone seeking to serve on the Board is to be dedicated to the city and the profession and to have time and be committed to serve on the Board for the protection of the citizens of the District of Columbia. I consider it an honor and a privilege."

When were you appointed to the Board?

I was appointed in May 2017.

Can you tell us (briefly) about your background?

I am a general dentist by profession and have held a DC license to practice dentistry in the District of Columbia since February 1978. After graduating from Howard University College of Dentistry in 1977, I completed a residency program in general dentistry in 1978. Since the commencement of my career in dentistry, I have worked at the VA Hospital, in the DC public health department, owned my own private practice for

22 years and am now an associate professor and Clinic Director for Oral Diagnosis and Radiology at Howard University College of Dentistry.

I have served on the Dental Advisory Board for Washington DC and Montgomery County and conducted numerous health fairs and career days throughout the city. I volunteered at N Street Village for Women for eight years. I currently serve as a member of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments. I have been recognized as an outstanding alumna from Bennett College in Greensboro, NC and Howard University College of Dentistry.

What Board-related issues interest you the most?

As a Member of the DC Board of Dentistry, I will work to ensure that the Board's high ethical and professional standards are maintained.

What would you tell someone interested in serving on the Board?

My advice to anyone seeking to serve on the Board is to be dedicated to the city and the profession and to have time and be committed to serve on the Board for the protection of the citizens of the District of Columbia. I consider it an honor and a privilege.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM

The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) aims to **improve the District's ability to identify and reduce diversion of prescription drugs** in an efficient and cost effective manner that will not impede the appropriate medical utilization of controlled substances; and to enhance patient care by providing prescription monitoring information that will assure legitimate use of controlled substances in health care, including palliative care, research and other medical and pharmacological uses.

PDMP DATABASE ACCESS for program law, final rulemaking, notices, guides and forms:

<http://doh.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program>

BOARD ACTIVITY

HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION'S HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS CO-SPONSOR OPIOID CONFERENCE



A conference entitled **"Extended Release/Long-Acting Opioids: Assessing Risks, Safe Prescribing"** was sponsored by the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, and held at the MedStar Washington Hospital Center in 2014. Providers from the disciplines of dentistry, nursing, medicine, and pharmacy gathered to discuss the impact of opioid abuse in the District and the strategies professionals can employ to ensure that opioids are prescribed appropriately. There is a great need for opioid education amongst practitioners, keynote speaker Beth B. Murinson, MS, MD, and PhD, told participants. Dr. Murinson, Neurologist/Co-chief of the Chronic pain Program at Washington DC VA Medical Center, and Associate Professor and Director of Pain Education in the Department of Neurology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, said that although pain is the major incentive that motivates patients to seek care, there is little emphasis on pain management in mainstream medical school curriculum.



Councilmember Speaks to conference attendees: Chair of the DC Council Committee on Health, [former] **Councilmember Yvette Alexander**, provided an update on healthcare legislation in the District.



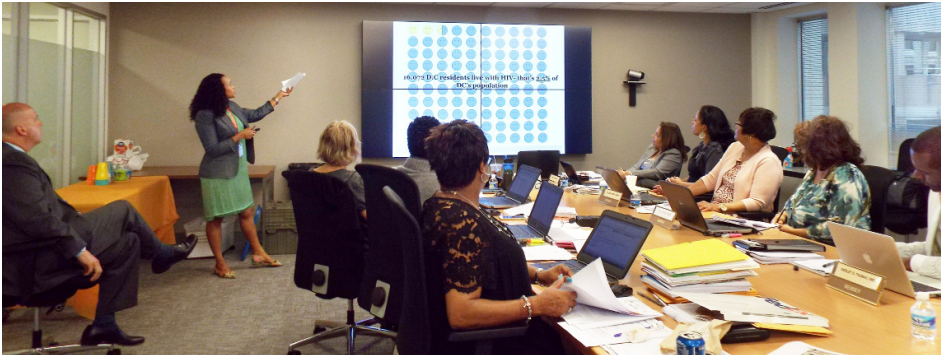
Board Chair **Renee McCoy-Collins, DDS**, and conference panelist **Guy Champaine, DDS**, speak with Chair of Medical Board, **Dr. Janis Orlowski**. The other panel participants were Kate Malliarakis, PhD, ANP, Chair of the COIN Committee for Impaired Nurses, pharmacist Elaine Yip, PharmD, and physician assistant Debra Herrmann, PA-C. Photo of panel discussion at top of page.

The DC Department of Health now offers free courses to DC dentists, nurses, physicians, pharmacists, and physician assistants through the DC Center for Rational Prescribing (DCRx).

The two newest modules about opioids focus on practical tools for counseling patients about opioids as well as the history of opioid promotion and prescribing.

DCRx modules and other rational prescribing resources can be found here: <http://doh.dc.gov/dcrx>

OPEN SESSION



Jonjelyn Gamble, MSW, MPH, CHES, a public health analyst with the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD and TB Administration (HAHSTA), speaks to the Board about the untapped opportunities for identifying HIV infection during dental exams, as well as the challenges and benefits of Rapid HIV testing in the dental setting. In the District, 2.5% of residents live with HIV.

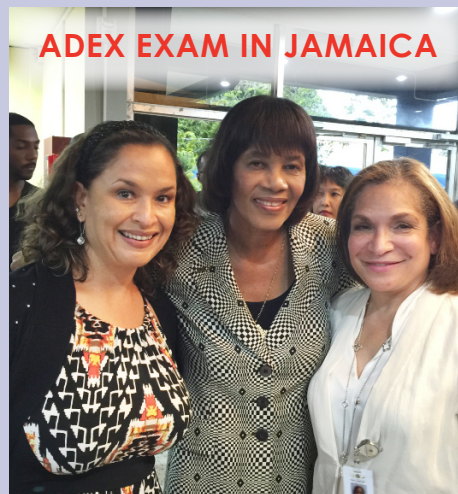


Arthur C. Jee, DMD, President of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners, provides information on the topic of Anesthesia.



Representatives from the **District of Columbia Dental Society** share concerns with board regarding the processing of applications.

Denise Toni Reeves, RDH, asked if the language in the current regulations, concerning practice in the dental office and providing community service done under general supervision, needs to be clarified regarding treatment rendered at day care centers and community health fairs.



Left to right: Former Board Vice Chair **Dr. Jezelle Sonnier** and **Dr. Renee McCoy-Collins** (with the former Prime Minister of Jamaica **Portia Simpson-Miller**), served as members of the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments team that administered the first American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) exam at the University of Technology, Kingston, Jamaica in May of 2015.



Left to right: Former Board Vice Chair **Dr. Jezelle Sonnier**, with **Dr. Maurice Miles**, former President of the Maryland Board of Dentistry, and **Dr. Arpana Verma**, a Member of the Maryland Board of Dentistry, at the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments meeting in Orlando, Florida.

DR. SHARON LEWIS: HRLA SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR



SHARON LEWIS, DHA, RN-BC, CPM, is the Senior Deputy Director at the Department of Health, Health Regulation and Licensing Administration (HRLA).

Dr. Lewis is responsible for the oversight of 19 professional boards, 62 health professions, Food Safety for over 7,500 establishments, Rodent and Vector Control, Animal Services, Pharmaceutical Control, Radiation, Health Care Facilities, Clinical Laboratories, Intermediate Care Facilities, Criminal background check and the Compliance and Investigations Division.

Under her leadership, HRLA staff conduct the survey operations for the licensing and certification of facilities and the licensing of professionals.

Dr. Lewis has 30 years of government service. She is a Registered Nurse and has a Doctorate in Health Care Administration.

Dr. Lewis is a Certified Public Manager, and has completed Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Govern-

ment, executive program on Strategic Management of Regulatory and Enforcement Agencies.

She was a clinical investigator for an Infusion Pump study for the Food and Drug Administration and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality's Patient Safety Improvement Corp.

Dr. Lewis is currently pursuing a Certificate in International Health. She is the author of a case

study on HIV testing published in a Health Administration Leadership and Management text. Dr. Lewis is an active participant in various health care provider associations.

Quilting is a hobby Dr. Lewis enjoys during her spare time. Her focus is to foster quality care for the constituents of the District of Columbia that receive health care services from programs that come under her purview as well the licensing of professionals.

DR. VITO DELVENTO: BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



VITO R. DELVENTO, DVM, MS, currently serves as the Executive Director to the Board of Veterinary Medicine and to the Board of Dentistry. Dr. DelVento joined the District of Columbia's Department of Health, Health Regulation and Licensing

Administration in March of 2010. As Executive Director, for the Board of Veterinary Medicine, he oversees the licensing and disciplining of approximately 300 Veterinarians. In 2013 Dr. DelVento also assumed the role as Executive Director to the Board of Dentistry where he oversees the licensing and disciplining of approximately 2500 Dentist, Dental Assistants and Dental Hygienists. He works closely with the various Boards and staff to promote best practices in health regulation, to develop policy

and to protect the general public. As Executive Director, Dr. DelVento facilitates the execution of daily administrative operations necessary to serve and support the needs of the Boards' missions and members.

When asked, "Why a veterinarian as the Executive Director to the Board of Dentistry?" DelVento jokingly replies that animals have teeth too! Actually, Dr. DelVento while in private practice developed a focus in equine dentistry and has extensive dental experience for greater than fifteen

years. Though horse teeth continually erupt and are much larger in size than human teeth, there are more similarities than differences between the species.

Prior to coming aboard with the DC Department of Health, Dr. DelVento was working in public health through the Food and Drug Administration where he oversaw the safety and efficacy of animal drugs.

Historically, Dr. DelVento has demonstrated a commitment to serve the District of Columbia in the interest of public health and

protection. He has served and has represented DC in many different capacities through a number of organizations and associations. He continues to develop relationships both locally and nationally that directly assist the District in staying abreast of best practices in the areas of veterinary medicine, dentistry, public health and public safety.

At present, Dr. DelVento resides in Washington DC. His interests include travel, international conservation and the preservation of endangered animal species.

RENEWAL NOTICE AND STATISTICS

LICENSURE RENEWAL

All licenses will expire on **December 31, 2017**. The renewal period is October 2, 2017 - December 31, 2017.

To renew go to: <https://app.hpla.doh.dc.gov/mylicense/PersonSearchResults.aspx>

BOARD STATISTICS

ACTIVE LICENSEES

as of September 19, 2017

License Type

Number of Licensees

Dentists	1,482
Dental Hygienists	586
Dental Hygienists with Local Anesthesia authority	93
Dental Hygienists with Nitrous Oxide authority	2
Dental Hygienists with Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide authority	33
Dental Assistants (I)	105
Dental Asstants (II)	657
Total Licensees	2,958

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Licensees must complete approved continuing education credits within the period of **January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2017**.

Dentists: Twenty-five (25) continuing education credits are required, which shall include current CPR certification and four (4) hours of Infection Control. No more than eight (8) can be online courses.

Dental Hygienists: Fifteen (15) continuing education credits are required, which shall include current CPR certification and two (2) hours of Infection Control. No more than eight (8) can be online courses.

Dental Assistants: For this renewal cycle, Dental Assistants are **NOT** required to submit proof of continuing education credits.

First-time Renewals (all license types): Continuing Education is **NOT** required for 1st time renewal applicants.

To view your continuing education requirements in their entirety, visit www.doh.dc.gov.

DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR CEUs UNLESS YOU RECEIVE AN AUDIT NOTICE.

VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

Licensing authorities and some health facilities often require a letter of verification of the licenses you currently hold or have held in the past. These letters of verification are sometimes called "letters of good standing," even though your DC license may have expired. If the jurisdiction or institution to which you wish the letter sent gave you a form, simply forward the form, with a check or money order payable to "DC Treasurer" in the amount of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) to:

Ms. LaKisha Thompson
Health Licensing Specialist
DC Board of Dentistry
899 North Capitol Street NE
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20002

On the form, be sure to include your name, along with the name and address where the form is to be sent. If the jurisdiction or institution that you wish the letter sent to did not provide a form, send the payment referenced above and a short note requesting a letter of verification. The note should include your name along with the name and address of where you want the letter of verification sent. Questions? Contact Ms. LaKisha Thompson:

Phone: 202-535-2323

Email: lakisha.thompson@dc.gov

BOARD PUBLIC ORDERS

January 1, 2016 - September 2017

Board of Dentistry Disciplinary Action Orders issued in FY 2016

Michael Sims - Consent Order 8/16

Richard Y. Lee - Order Assessing Fine for Noncompliance 10/15

Robert B. Johnson - Superseding Decision and Final Order 10/15

Chastity White - Order Denying Registration 10/15

Sherry Roper - Order Denying Registration 11/15

Amal Al Fare - Order Denying Licensure 3/16

Martha Thomas - Decision and Final Order 8/16

Musse Mohamud - Order Denying Registration 8/16

Antionette Davis - Order Denying Registration 1/16

Board of Dentistry Disciplinary Action Orders issued in FY 2017

Irma Lanwglouis - Order Denying Registration 1/17

Jessica Lozada - Order Denying Registration 1/17

Full orders are available on the DOH website: WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV.

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD

To file a complaint against a licensed DC Dentist or other licensee under the authority of the Board, go to <http://doh.dc.gov/node/192802> to download and complete the complaint form and mail to:

DC Board of Dentistry
899 North Capitol Street NE, First Floor
Washington, DC 20002

You can also fax the complaint to the Board at (202) 442-8117.

If your complaint alleges unlicensed activity, you should address your complaint to:

Supervisory Investigator
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration
899 North Capitol Street NE, First Floor
Washington, DC 20002

Fax your complaint about unlicensed activity to (202) 442-4924.

Please Note: Please be advised that the Board of Dentistry does not have jurisdiction over fee disputes, except for billing for services that were not provided. If you have a fee dispute with a health professional, you may seek redress through the civil courts.

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