The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on February 4, 2009, at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Keller Auditorium, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Lisa Liegeot
Merrill Marks
Barbara Ulrich
Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Lance Banwell, DDS
Steven Reiss, DDS

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Dr. Strathearn welcomed students from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Commission members, Department of Public Health (DPH) staff and visitors from the Connecticut State Dental Association were introduced.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates
• Regional Board Examinations
Dr. Strathearn gave an overview of the Commissions responsibilities and the history examinations for dental licensure. Dr. Strathearn also presented a PowerPoint presentation on the current license examination process.

III. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES
Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Investigation, DPH reported that development of on-line license renewals is progressing. It is planned that this will be available in June 2009.
Ms. Filippone also reported that legislative proposals in the current legislative session include licensure fee increases and licensure for advanced dental hygiene practitioners.

IV. NEW BUSINESS
A. Provisional License Application
Patricia Diaz, D.D.S.
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Dr. Diaz to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Diaz. The motion passed unanimously.
B. **License Reinstatement Applications**

   **Paul Zimmitti, D.D.S.**

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement license application for Dr. Zimmitti. Following review of the application Br. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to recommend approval of Dr. Zimmitti’s reinstatement application conditional upon completion of continuing education requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

C. **Lapsed License Reinstatement Protocol**

Dr. Ungar presented suggestions for license reinstatement protocols. Ms. Filippone offered DPH’s comments on the suggestions and commented that these suggestions may need to be implemented by way of enacting regulations. The DPH may need to consult with the office of the Attorney General as part of the regulation implementation process.

V. **ASSIGN HEARING PANEL**

   **Abbas Mohammadi, DDS, – Petition No. 2006-1213-002-089**

Hearing panelists for this case will be Dr. Banwell, Ms. Liegeot and Dr. Ungar. The scheduling of hearing dates will be coordinated by the DPH - Public Health Hearing Office.

VI. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

   **Walter Kostrzewski, DMD – Petition No. 2005-1117-002-074**

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Walter Kostrzewski, DMD. Attorney Beverly Knapp was present on behalf of Dr. Kostrzewski. Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VII. **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES**

   **Investigations Protocol**

Kathleen Boulware, RN, DPH Practitioner Investigations Unit gave a presentation on the process for the investigation of complaints regarding health care practitioners.

VIII. **ADJOURN**

Mr. Marks made motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:14 p.m.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates
Dr. Strathearn reported that Dr. Berman and Dr. Strathearn participated in the February 2009 NERB examination at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Provisional License Application
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Carlos Cruz Chu, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Chu. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Melissa Mainken, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Mainken. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Patricia Pina, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by MS. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Pina. The motion passed unanimously.
B. **Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners**

Guy S. Shampaine, DDS, Vice Chairman gave a presentation pertaining to the various dental examinations. Dr. Shampaine also spoke as to the need for a uniform national Dental licensure examination.

C. **Continuing Education**

The Commission discussed with Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation Section, Department of Public Health the need to change the mandatory continuing education requirements for dental licensure with respect to required course content and the time period during which these courses must be taken. Ms. Filippone indicated that a statute change would be necessary. She suggested that a work group to include the Connecticut State Dental Association and the members of the Commission meet to discuss these issues. Dr. Ungar and Dr. Berman will be the Commission’s representatives on this workgroup.

D. **Health Assistance InterVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)**

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. As of December 31, 2008 there were the following numbers of professionals enrolled in the program:

- Physicians and Physician Assistants – 50
- Veterinarians – 5
- Nurses – 52
- Podiatrists – 1
- Dentists and Dental Hygienists – 5
- Respiratory Therapist – 1
- Social Worker - 1

During 2009 to date, 1 dentist and 1 dental hygienist have been referred to the program. Ms. Dinnan stated that work on a HAVEN web site is progressing. It is hoped it will be functional very soon.

IV. **ASSIGN HEARING PANEL**

Benjamin Schultz, DDS, – Petition No.2006-1213-002-089

Hearing panelists for this case will be Dr. Reiss, Dr. Banwell and Mr. Marks. The scheduling of hearing dates will be coordinated by the Public Health Hearing Office.

V. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

. **James Hegg, DMD – Petition No. 2005-1117-002-074**

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of James Hegg, DMD. Dr. Hegg was not present or represented. Dr. Banwell made a motion, seconded by Dr. Reiss, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Hegg’s license on probation for period of two years. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

. **Jooyoung Lee, DMD – Petition No. 2007-0614-002-041**

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jooyoung Lee, DMD. Attorney Kenneth Mastroni was present on behalf of Dr. Lee. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Lee’s license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.
Alfred Moraski, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0822-002-060
Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Alfred Moraski, DDS. Attorney Craig Fontaine was present on behalf of Dr. Moraski. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Laurence Loeb, DDS – Petition No. 2005-0524-002-035
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Laurence Loeb, DDS. Neither Dr. Loeb nor his attorney was present. Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Leob’s license on probation for period of two years, imposes a practice restriction and places Dr. Leob’s license on probation for period of two years. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Angela Warmington – Petition No. 2009-0106-000-001
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Angela Warmington. Ms. Warmington was not present or represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order in which respondent agrees to cease and desist from the practice of dentistry. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Christoph Carlone, DDS – Petition No. 2007-0529-002-037
Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Christoph Carlone, DDS. Dr. Carlone was not present or represented. Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

VI. ADJOURN
Dr. Reiss made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on September 9, 2009, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Lisa Liegeot
Merrill Marks
Steven Reiss, DDS
Martin Ungar, DMD

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Barbara Ulrich

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the May 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved with corrections.

II. Chair Updates
Dr. Strathearn reported that she received an inquiry regarding whether a dentist can make and insert sleep apnea appliances and/or does this procedure require a prescription from a physician in order to make and insert the appliance. The Commission noted that § 20-123 of the General Statutes states that . . . a person who is licensed to practice dentistry under this chapter, who has successfully completed a postdoctoral training program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation or its successor organization, in the specialty area of dentistry in which such person practices may: (1) Diagnose, evaluate, prevent or treat by surgical or other means, injuries, deformities, diseases or conditions of the hard and soft tissues of the oral and maxillofacial area, or its adjacent or associated structures; and (2) perform any of the following procedures, provided the dentist has been granted hospital privileges to perform such procedures: (A) Surgical treatment of sleep apnea involving the jaws . . . For a general dentist, the sleep apnea would need to be diagnosed by a physician and a prescription for an appliance would be necessary.

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Provisional License Application
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Laura Posada-Pacheo, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Posada-Pacheo. The motion passed unanimously.
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for I-Ping Chen, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Chen. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Guillermo Zapata, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Zapata. The motion passed unanimously.

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Joshua Anderson, DDS to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Reinstatement License Application
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented a license reinstatement application for Katherine Lindberg, DDS. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Mr. Marks, to recommend reinstatement of Dr. Lindberg’s license provided she successfully completes a clinical skills evaluation and examination at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine or she passes the clinical skills portion of the Northeast Regional Board Examination (NERB). The motion passed unanimously.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS
Robert Harris, DDS – Petition No. 2008-0905-002-061
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Harris, DDS. Attorney Dawn Alderucci was present on behalf of Dr. Harris. Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Benjamin Schultz, DDS – Petition No.2006-1213-002-089
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Benjamin Schultz, DDS. Attorney Bradley Smolkin was present on behalf of Dr. Schultz. Dr. Ungar made a motion, seconded by Dr. Banwell, to approve the Consent Order that places Dr. Schultz’s license on probation for one year. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.
Abbas Mohammadi, DDS – Petition Nos. 2006-0323-002-018
       2006-0328-002-021
       2006-1213-002-089

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of
Abbas Mohammadi, DDS. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.
Mr. Marks made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a
$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Strathearn who recused
herself from voting in this matter. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

V. **ADJOURN**
Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at
2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Connecticut State Dental Commission
CONNECTICUT STATE DENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
December 2, 2009

The Connecticut State Dental Commission held a meeting on December 2, 2009, at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson
Lance Banwell, DDS
Elliot S. Berman, DDS
Peter Katz, DMD
Lisa Liegeot
Steven Reiss, DDS
Martin Ungar, DMD
Barbara Ulrich

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Strathearn called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

I. Minutes
The minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

II. Chair Updates
None

III. NEW BUSINESS
A. Provisional License Application - Pooja Bysani, DDS
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Pooja Bysani, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Berman made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ulrich, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Bysani. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Provisional License Application - Aadarsh Gopalakrishna, DDS
Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a provisional license application for Aadarsh Gopalakrishna, DDS, to allow for practice at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. Following review of the application Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Dr. Berman, to recommend provisional licensure for Dr. Gopalakrishna. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Meeting Dates 2010
The following meeting dates were scheduled for 2010: All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m.
February 10, 2010 – University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, Connecticut
May 12, 2010 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
September 8, 2010 - Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
December 8, 2010- Department of Public Health, Hartford, Connecticut
IV. **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**  
Robert Ailleo, DMD – Petition No. 2008-1030-002-075  
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robert Ailleo, DMD. Dr. Aiello was present without counsel.  
Dr. Katz made a motion, seconded by Dr. Ungar, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand of respondent’s license. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Victor Goldmerstein, DMD – Petition No. 2008-0423-002-026  
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Victor Goldmerstein, DMD. Dr. Goldmerstein was not present or represented.  
Dr. Reiss made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liegeot, to approve the Consent Order that imposes a $1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Strathearn signed the Order.

Elizabeth Goodin, DMD – Petition No. 2009-20091109  
Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Elizabeth Goodin, DMD. Dr. Goodin was not present or represented.  
Ms. Liegeot made a motion, seconded by Dr. Katz, recommending that the Consent Order not be approved and that the cease and desist language be eliminated but that the $1000.00 civil penalty remain. The motion passed unanimously. The Department of Public Health will bring this matter back at the next meeting.

V. **ADJOURN**  
Dr. Katz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne P. Strathearn, DDS, Chairperson  
Connecticut State Dental Commission