

Government Relations Report – February 2022

RDAEF Administration of Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide

This topic has been presented to the Dental Assisting Council and the Dental Board since 2018. It was brought back to the Dental Assisting Council at the November meeting for discussion and action. The Dental Assisting Council approved the appointment of Jeri Fowler and Tracy Reed-Espinoza to a work group to address this topic. They will discuss the specific issues to be studied, create relevant survey questions, and return to the Council with a list of the specific issues to be studied and survey questions.

At its January 2022 meeting, the Dental Assisting Council discussed the preliminary survey presented by the workgroup. The survey will first determine if there is interest and rationale for this and then they will gather qualitative data.
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Waivers related to COVID

The waiver relative to restrictions on internet-based continuing education was set to expire December 31, 2021 has been extended to March 31, 2022.

The waiver relative to reactivating or restoring a license was also extended to April 1, 2022.

A full list of DCA Waivers is available here:

https://www.dca.ca.gov/licensees/dca_waivers.shtml

Appointment of New DAC Members

Two new DAC members have been appointed by the Dental Board. Thirty-seven applications were received and reviewed, seventeen of whom met the qualifications. The subcommittee recommended and the Dental Board approved the following applicants:

1. De'Andra Epps-Robbins, RDA, who has been an RDA since 1997 and currently works in San Diego in special needs/oral surgery practice.
2. Kandice Rae Pliss, RDA, who has been an RDA since 2015 and currently works in Santa Clarita in general dentistry

Cara Miyasaki, who was completing a term was also reappointed for a full term.

Appointment of New Board Members

There are 3 open positions on the Dental Board: 2 public members appointed by the governor and 1 licensed dentist appointed by the governor.

Substance Use Awareness – DBC's Diversion Program

Does someone you know struggle with substance use? Is it affecting their work? Did you know that the Dental Board has a long-standing program designed to support licensees as well as protect the public. More information can be found on the [DBC website](#).

Questions can be addressed to the Program Manager at 916-263-2216.

For confidential inquiries about referral to the Diversion Program call 1-800-522-9198.