

Government Relations Committee

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Directives: None

Activities:

AB481- There have been multiple meetings with CDA, the Alliance and FADE regarding amendments. Melodi Randolph represented at the Assembly hearing and will be representing at the Senate hearing July 10th. With the current amendments, CDAA continued in its position to opposed as amended. A letter was sent to the Senator Richard Roth, Chair of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee and committee members stating our position on the bill.

DAC/DBC- Attended all DAC/DBC meetings. At the May 19, 2023 DBC meeting, the board voted to eliminate the DAC sighting financial and staff work being too costly, and inefficiency of meetings and outcomes of the DAC as the key factors for the proposed decision. The board voted to maintain the 8 DDS members, reduce the 5 public members to 4, maintain the one RDA and add one additional RDA (possibly an educator, or RDAEF) to the DBC. This proposed re-organization along with the dissolution of the DAC will be brought forward in the DBC's Sunset Review package. This is a great concern regarding how dental assisting will be represented moving forward.

Meetings with DBC Executive Office Tracy Montez continue. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2023 on zoom. We will be discussing the decision to dissolve the DAC, the dental assisting communities concerns regarding fair representation, and what the vision of the board is moving forward with AB481.

Other Activities:

Meetings with the Alliance and with our lobbyist Cody Boyles continue as AB481 moves and as we prepare for the DBC Sunset Review.

Other Information about your committee: Great thanks to all on the committee. Special thanks to Claudia Pohl for insights and support.

Communication: Ongoing with CDA regarding the bill. Ongoing with Tracy Montez regarding the DAC/DBC. Ongoing regarding the Alliance.

MOP: None

Strategic Plan

Section 4.1 Pursue additional duties for all dental assisting categories.

Section 4.2 Monitor, respond to and pursue state legislative actions affecting dentistry.

Section 4.4 Monitor and interact with the DBC regarding matters affecting the profession of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting.

Section 4.8 Develop and maintain relationship with other dental and/or health organizations.

Section 4.9 Advocate for and promote quality formal education for the dental assisting profession.

Calendar of Future Events:

Date: August 17-18, 2023

Description of Event: DAC/DBC meeting Sacramento

Questions or Concerns about your committee? None

Suggestions / Recommendations to CDAA BOD: Thank you to those who were and are able to contribute to the expense of our lobbyist.