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MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL ON DENTAL PRACTICE ADA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING, CHICAGO

March 8, 2024, virtual meeting

1 2	Call to Order: The meeting of the Council on Dental Practice (CDP/the Council) was called to order by Dr. Jeffrey Ottley, chair, at 10:00 a.m., March 8, 2025, Central Time. This was a virtual meeting.
3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Roll Call: The following Council members and liaisons were present for all or part of the meeting: Drs. Jeffrey C. Ottley (chair); Shane A. Ricci (<i>vice chair</i>); Chad Leighty (<i>Trustee liaison</i>); Richard W. Barnes; Douglas T. Chang; Kamila L. Dornfeld; Amanda L. Fitzpatrick; David L. Fried; Margaret S. Gingrich; Payam Goudarzi; Steven C. Hollar; James "Jimmy" W. Hollingsworth; Michael J. Korch; Nicholas A. Papadea; Princy S. Rekhi; Derrick K. Ross; Michael A. Saba; Jennifer L. Thompson; Camryn Ruggeri Bryant (<i>New Dentist Member</i>); and Ms. Emma Wilkinson (<i>American Student Dental Association</i>). Not present: Princy S. Rekhi
10	Following the roll call, the presence of a quorum was noted.
11 12	Practice Institute Staff: Dr. Krishna Aravamudhan; Dr. Hana Alberti; Dr. Diane Metrick; Ms. Felicia Bloom; Ms. Laura Jarosz; Ms. Katie McManus; and Ms. Karen Ann Danca.
13	ADA Staff (for all or portions of the meeting): Mr. C. Michael Kendall, Ms. Jennifer Donahue
14	PRELIMINARY BUSINESS
15 16 17 18	Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement and Confidentiality Statement: Dr. Ottley, chair, referenced the Conflict-of-Interest Disclosure Statement and Confidentiality Statement included on the agenda and called for disclosures of potential conflicts of interest. Mr. Kendall, Esq. provided reminders including confidentiality obligations and that the ADA Division of Legal Affairs is available to assist with questions.
19 20	Adoption of Agenda : The agenda was approved by general consent with permission for the chair to reorder items as needed.
21 22	Approval of Consent Calendar: A consent calendar was prepared to expedite Council business. Council members could remove any item from the consent calendar for consideration during the general meeting.
23	Consent Calendar: The Council adopted the following resolutions.
24 25	Resolved, that the resolutions contained with the following reports be approved by consent: Recording of Results of E-ballots
26 27	Resolved, that the following reports be filed: • Council meeting dates for 2024: May 9-10 and November 14-15
28	Recording of Mail Ballots: The Council adopted the following resolution through the consent calendar.
29 30	Resolved , that the actions approved through E-ballots since the CDP November 2023 meeting be recorded in the minutes of this meeting.
31 32 33	E-ballot 2023-04: Resolved, that the Council on Dental Practice approve the Council on Dental Practice (CDP) November 9-10, 2023, meeting minutes.
34 35	CDP chair opening remarks : Dr. Ottley welcomed the Council and encouraged them to prioritize the ADA mission, the future of the profession in discussions, and thanked them for the opportunity to

contribute work in advance of the Spring meeting to reach strategic objectives.

PRACTICE AND POLICY TOPICS

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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	CDP Policy Review: In accordance with <i>Resolution 170H-2012</i> , Reaffirming Existing ADA Policy, all Association policies are to be reviewed every five years. The Council on Dental Practice (CDP) Subcommittee on Practice and Policy is charged with reviewing the policies assigned to CDP and forwarding its recommendation to the Council. Dr. David Fried is the Subcommittee chair. There were 27 CDP policies reviewed by the Subcommittee, seven are proposed to be rescinded, six have been proposed to be retained including one policy that requires an editorial change but does not require a worksheet to the board per approval of the Speaker of the House, Dr Donald, and one new policy proposed.
10 11 12	The Council discussed and agreed to review descriptions related to dental offices and their ownership. The Council removed the following four policies off consent and will send the following policies to the Subcommittee for additional review.
13 14 15 16	Resolved , that the following four policies will be rereviewed for edits by the Subcommittee on Practice and Policy: Ownership of Dental Practices, Regulating Non-Dentist Owners of Dental Practices, Statement Regarding Employment of a Dentist, and Certification or Approval of Dental Care Facilities.
17 18	The 12 remaining ADA policy recommendations are proposed to be retained and included in the Council's annual report to the 2024 House of Delegates. The Council adopted the following resolution.
19 20	Resolved, that the 12 policy recommendations be retained and included in the Council's annual report to the 2024 House of Delegates.
21 22	Policies to be sent to the House of Delegates: The Council approved amendments and rescission to the following CDP policies.
23 24	Resolved , that the amendment to the policy titled, Dental Office Wastewater Policy (<i>Trans</i> .2003:387), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
25 26	Resolved , that the amendment to the policy titled, Infection Control in the Practice of Dentistry (<i>Trans</i> .2012:470; 2019:266), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
27 28	Resolved , that the amendment to the policy titled, the Aged, Blind and Disabled (<i>Trans</i> .2002:390; 2012:455), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
29 30	Resolved, to rescission of the policy titled, ADA Action Plan on Amalgam in Dental Office Wastewater (<i>Trans</i> .2002:422; 2007:441), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
31 32	Resolved , to recission of the policy titled, Seamless Electronic Patient Record (<i>Trans</i> .1996:694), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
33 34	Resolved , to recission of the policy titled, Dental Practice Management Software (<i>Trans</i> .2001;428), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
35 36	Resolved , to recission of the policy titled, Electronic Technology in Dentistry (<i>Trans</i> .1992:608), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
37 38	Resolved , to recission of the policy titled, Development of Electronic Dental Patient Records (<i>Trans</i> .1992:598), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
39 40	Resolved , to recission of the policy titled, Electronic Technology Activities (<i>Trans</i> .1993:695; 2013:313), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.

1 2	Resolved , to recission of the policy titled, ADA Involvement in Electronic Data Interchange Activities (<i>Trans</i> .1992:598), be transmitted to the 2024 House of Delegates.
3 4 5	The Council reviewed the proposed new policy and the recission of policies pertaining to Electronic Health Records and Data Exchange in Dentistry and moved discussion on approval to the May 9-10, 2024, Council meeting.
6 7 8	The Council on Government Affairs (CGA) requested that CDP review a proposed recommendation for policy which CGA is the lead and CDP was a supporting agency for the 2024 House of Delegates.
9 10 11 12	Resolved, that the Council approve the Subcommittee on Policy's proposed recommendation to Agree with the amended policy, Liability Protection for Bioterrorism Responders (<i>Trans</i> .2002;398), submitted by the Council on Government Affairs (CGA) for review, and notify the CGA of this action.
13 14	Workforce: Dr Ottley asked the council to prepare for active participation at the May meeting to address the shortage of Allied Team Workforce in both a short-term and long-term approach.
15	DENTAL TEAM HEALTH WELLNESS & WELL-BEING
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 80 31	Preventing Unfair Discrimination: Dr. Dornfeld, chair, Dental Team Wellness Advisory Committee (DWAC) presented an update on Resolution 517/Preventing Unfair Discrimination. The council expresses its gratitude to the states who have shown interest to participate. Using the following criterion, 13 states expressing interest were evaluated for participation: • If the state's dental licensure applications included stigmatizing or intrusive questions, • What the status of medical licensure reform is in the state per the map of WellBeing First Champions by the Dr. Lorna Breen Heroes' Foundation, • If the state has a confidential Physician Health Program that is a member of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs State Programs that serves dental professionals, • If the state has a DWAC consultant or ADA Wellness Ambassador, and • If the state has a confidential dentist well-being program. The Resolution 517 Workgroup proposed three state dental associations for the pilot program: Florida, New Jersey, and North Carolina. A confirming letter from State Government Affairs will be sent to these states, and a subsequent training will be scheduled with the American Medical Association staff on how to audit/review licensure and credentialing applications, remove or change stigmatizing language, and communicate changes to licensees.
33 34 35	The intent of the toolkit is to provide examples of how states have already accomplished removing a licensure application question barrier, where reform is in progress (lowa and Oregon), and lessons learned from the pilot states.
36 37	Discussions with UnitedHealthcare and Delta Dental Plans Association have been completed. Other credentialing organization discussions will be scheduled.
38 39 40	ADA and MAP Discussion : Dr. Dornfeld, chair, updated the Council that the ADA's Innovation Advisory Committee (IAC) is exploring other resources that could provide members with mental health and well-being support.

1 DIGITAL DENTISTRY TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION (DDTI)

- 2 Dr. Thompson provided an overview of the scheduled Federal Regulatory Panel on Dental Interoperability
- and Data Exchange webinar planned for March 13, 2024. Panelists include representatives from Centers
- 4 for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS Office of Civil Rights, Bureau of Justice, and Office of the
- 5 National Coordinator. Topics covered may include lack of interoperability impact to current dental care,
- 6 Prior Authorization Rule, Information Blocking, HIPAA, and access to PDMP through software. Significant
- 7 interest and questions sent in advance by software vendors, dental providers, and other registrants may
- 8 set the stage for additional webinars to include perspectives from other agencies, industry, and providers,
- 9 further setting more clarity to the intended outcomes of an ADA Dental Interoperability Summit.

10 COUNCIL OPERATIONS

- 11 Council Self-Assessment: In accordance with Resolution 1H-2013 (Trans.2013:339), the Council on
- 12 Dental Practice conducted a self-assessment through a survey. It was the consensus of the Council that it
- is effective in fulfilling its subject matter responsibilities as outlined in the Bylaws and believes it is the
- 14 most appropriate agency to complete these assignments. It does not believe there should be any changes
- to its Bylaws. The Council expressed future potential for separating policy from the existing structure of
- 16 subcommittees.
- 17 The Council asked to provide its self-assessment summary per Resolution 1H-2013 (Trans.2013:339) for
- 18 inclusion in the CDP's 2024 annual report.
- 19 Council Meeting Dates 2024: The meeting dates have been confirmed on consent.
- 20 **Discussion:** The Council was provided an update of the opportunity to provide comment to the Council
- on Dental Benefit Program Policy on Medical (Dental) Loss Ratio (*Trans*.2015:244; 2019:262) as was
- 22 communicated in the ADA News Story (https://adanews.ada.org/ada-news/2024/march/ada-seeking-
- 23 comments-on-medical-dental-loss-ratio-policy/).
- 24 **Adjournment:** Dr. Ottley thanked the Council for their time and participation. There being no further
- business, the Council meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m. CT on Friday, March 8, 2024.