REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Dr. Steven Levy. Committee Members: Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Linda Kaste, Dr. James Leonard, and Dr. Michael Wajdowicz. Guest (Open Session Only): Dr. Frances Kim, executive director, American Association of Public Health Dentistry attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Ms. Danielle Patrick-Wade, senior project assistant and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting. The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) was held on January 10, 2020 via telephone conference call.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION

Report on Dental Public Health Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section (Page 600): The Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) noted that the Annual Survey Curriculum Section is reviewed during the Winter Review Committee meeting in the year the survey will be distributed; which will next occur in 2020. The DPH RC considered its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 600).

Following discussion, the DPH RC determined that the questions on the Dental Public Health Annual Survey Curriculum Section were straightforward and appropriate in relation to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health. The DPH RC recommended one addition to align the wording of question 35 with the Accreditation Standards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct revision of the Dental Public Health Annual Survey Curriculum Section (Appendix 1), with implementation in Fall 2020.

Consideration of the Use of the Term “Should” Within the Accreditation Standards (p. 601): At its Summer 2019 meeting, the Commission directed the revision or addition, as applicable, of the definition of “Should,” within the Definition of Terms used by the Commission in the Accreditation Standards for all disciplines within the Commission’s purview, with consideration of this change in Winter 2020, and application within a time frame to correlate with other revision activities.

At this meeting, the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) reviewed the use of the term “Should” within the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health (Appendix 1, Policy Report 601) and considered whether
additional revisions to the Accreditation Standards are warranted as a result of the revised definition of the term “Should.”

Following lengthy discussion, the DPH RC determined that the new definition of “Should” is very similar to the existing definition in the Accreditation Standards for dental public health. While there are several instances of the use of “Should,” all except one (1) instance occur in language common to several advanced dental education disciplines. The revised “Should” statement continues to support the Accreditation Standards as newly defined. The DPH RC determined that no changes to the Accreditation Standards are required related to the “Should” statement, beyond updating the definition of “Should” within the Definition of Terms, as follows: *Should: Indicates a method to achieve the standard; highly desirable, but not mandatory.*

Following discussion, the DPH RC recommended that the revised Definition of Terms be adopted and implemented, effective immediately.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation adopt the revision to the definition of “Should” as noted above within the Definition of Terms in the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health, effective immediately, with no further revision to the Standards at this time.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

**CONSIDERATION OF SITE VISITOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IN THE AREA OF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATION**

The Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education considered site visitor appointments for 2020-2021. The Committee’s recommendations on the appointments of individuals are included in a separate report.

**CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS**

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Steven Levy,
Chair, Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education
Part II - Dental Public Health Curriculum Section

Part II of the survey is confidential. Any reports from this section will not identify individual programs by name.

Please identify the percentage of time devoted by all students/residents combined to each of the 15 educational objectives in the advanced dental public health program.

Column must add up to 100%. Do not enter percent signs.

21. Manage oral health programs for population health: _______
22. Evaluate systems of care that impact oral health: _______
23. Demonstrate ethical decision-making in the practice of dental public health: _______
24. Design surveillance systems to measure oral health status and its determinants: _______
25. Communicate on oral and public health issues: _______
26. Lead collaborations on oral and public health issues: _______
27. Advocate for public health policy, legislation, and regulations to protect and promote the public’s oral health, and overall health: _______
28. Critically appraise evidence to address oral health issues for individuals and populations: _______
29. Conduct research to address oral and public health problems: _______
30. Integrate the social determinants of health into dental public health practice: _______
31. Biostatistics: _______
32. Epidemiology: _______
33. Behavior science: _______
34. Environmental health: _______
35. Healthcare policy and management: _______
36. Other, please specify: _______
Total: _______

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