

Dental Advisory Board Minutes April 17, 2008

Members present: Denise Ahmann RDA, Janelle Lalman RDA, Ann Thomsen RDA, Karen Shaefer, RDA, Lori Sarazyn RDA. Dan Prust DDS, Teresa Noyes RDA.

Denise Ahmann opened the meeting by explaining upcoming customized training for the summer and next fall. The nitrous oxide course for the end of spring semester may not be held due to small number of applications.

Curriculum:

The suggestion from last year to utilize precision film holders for one clinical radiology patient was discussed. Students this year used precision film holders on one clinic patient with good results. Some students really liked the holders and others preferred using the stabe.

The new radiology books with recent changes in the MDH rules has not been released yet by the MDA, so the old book is still being used and changes brought to the students in class.

The nitrous oxide course worked out well, but 16 hours were still needed to complete the three patient requirement of the MN dental board. The requirement is a minimum of 12 hours.

Consultants:

Obtaining new consultants remains a problem. The same dentists return each year. Dr. Bteddini may consult next year when he finishes his cosmetic training.

The Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner legislation was discussed briefly with various pros and cons being identified.

Student related:

Twenty one new students have applied with four part time students returning next year; It was observed that there are usually a few students who do not follow up on their applications, but usually there are a few applications during the summer.

Equipment:

Two new Biotech units were obtained to replace the 1970's Marco units. One was obtained through equipment monies through the college and one through a grant by the MDA with matching funds from the college.

Other:

The ADA accreditation site visit is scheduled for October of 2009. The site visitors will wish to meet with the advisory board members.

Two students received dental assisting program scholarships of \$500 to be used toward their externships.

Teresa will be completing her Masters degree this May.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.