



**DENTAL HYGIENE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
DELTA DENTAL OF WA CLINIC  
At the University of Washington School of Dentistry**

**MINUTES**

**February 15, 2023, 6:30 - 8 p.m.**

**ZOOM MEETING**

**Industry Attendance:**

Tracy Wayman DDS, Dr. Tar Aw DDS, Deanna Henrichsen RDH, Fred Quarnstrom DDS, Leticia Torres RDH, Debbie Puetz RDH, Rachel Munoz RDH, Clydene Evans Wenzel RDH, Mia Clark RDH, Karina Daily RDH

**Faculty/Staff/Administrator Attendance:**

Mary Burroughs - Academic Dean, Nursing & Health Occ., Lori Simicich RDH, Dr. Nikki Honey DDS, Katie Fleming RDH, Hanna Krupa RDH, Rosie Bellert RDH

**Approval of previous Meeting Minutes:** November 16, 2022, were approved.

**Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Updates (Lori)**

**UWSoD Transition: DH Faculty & Staff**

***B350 Clinic Open House (Lori and Nikki)***

- Official Open House last Saturday, February 11, 2023: The Naming of the Clinic: now *the Delta Dental of WA Clinic at the University of Washington School of Dentistry*.
- The event was a Thank you to Delta Dental for making the 1.5-million-dollar donation for the renovation for the clinic space. The event was hosted by the UW.
- Lori and Nikki would like to have another Open House that celebrates Shoreline, to honor Dean Mary and Shoreline staff, who supported Dental Hygiene during the transition. The future date in planning for the next Open House is around the next Advisory Committee meeting, **Wednesday May 17, 2023**. Also, it was noted to invite Dr. Kahn.

***B154 Simulation lab - addition of 3 new units (Lori & Hanna)***

- There are 3 new simulation labs, 15 in total.
- Now the cohort of 15 have their own station.
- The eventual plan for the Sim Lab (currently being used by the Shoreline Dental staff), is to use the space for something else. The D1 Simulation lab used by the Dental Students will be renovated by Shoreline staff and students, hopefully by this summer of 2023, though the date keeps getting pushed back.

### ***Wet lab (Hanna)***

The Wet lab is a mini-Wet lab with a station, one trimmer and one mixing machine, but the trimmer does not work well because it leaks. Hanna said it's in the process of getting repaired.

### ***Dental Hygiene patients and Axium software (Katie & Glenda)***

- Introducing to second year students, and it's going well. With Axium you can access all the information in one chart, and the system syncs with the *UW School of Dentistry*. Axium gives enough for what they need to get into private practice without floundering.
- QSI is used when they do rotations to CHC. Students say it's wonderful and the easiest to work with.
- Lori is also excited because they received 5 new digital sensors and a digital oral camera.

### ***UW collaboration and interdisciplinary learning (Lori & Nikki) Discussion: SCC (Shoreline Community College) Dental patients disappearing to UW Dental School***

- Suggestion to create a policy to prohibit such behavior.
- Have a conversation with UW Dental School Restorative Leads and Dr. Flake to discuss current events.
- Have open conversations with patients.
- Hanna mentioned that students complain that when patients are registered and diagnosed by Shoreline dentists, students suddenly disappear and transfer to the dental students.
- On a positive note, Dr. Honey and Hanna were enthusiastic about the patient flow, which was good. Today there was a full clinic, and it was also busy earlier during the week. The populations where Shoreline Dental school are getting some more referrals are from OBGYN, so there are a few pregnant patients which gives the students opportunities for medically compromised and pregnant patients.

### ***Faculty and Staff updates (Lori and Nikki)***

- Hanna is retiring on September 1, 2023.
- Dr. Kintner is retiring at the end of Spring 2023.
- Rosie Bellert is retiring at the end of Spring 2023.
- Early Spring 2023 committee will be put together for the full time Dental Hygiene faculty positions posting for 1 Tenure full time position and one full time non-Tenure Trac (Pro-Rata) position.
- Clinical Dentist is also needed for hire. Dr. Jerome Murphy was suggested.
- A new clinic manager was hired to replace Marie Battalia. Her name is Samantha.
- Lori announced there were 154 Dental Hygiene student applicants. There will be a cohort of 15 students.
- Nikki announced there will be an Open House for students invited to the interviews.

### ***CODA Communications (Lori and Nikki)***

- CODA had their winter meeting Thursday and Friday of last week. Lori is hoping to receive the official report any day following the site visit.
- Rosie wants to hear the official language from CODA: Accredited without Reporting Requirements.

### ***Updates to BAS degree (Mary, Lori and Nikki)***

- Getting very close to finalizing the report that will go to the college's accreditation body (NWCCU) in the next few weeks.
- Next steps are sending off the report for BAS to CODA.
- The implementation date, with hopes that all goes well, will be fall of 2024, so we can advertise for the next cohort of students to start with the new BAS degree.

## Student Cohorts 2023, 2024, 2025 (Glenda, Lori and Nikki)

- Cohort 2023 are seniors, and there are 14 students, and are preparing to graduate.
- Cohort 2024 are juniors, but one student must withdraw, so there are also 14 students.
- Cohort 2025: the new applications are coming in, and the plan is a Cohort of 15 students.
- Nikki and Lori agree that they need to expand to 20 students, then eventually to a Cohort of 30 students at UW Campus.
- The bachelor's degree on tuition income looks very good for the college, and future expansion supported from all sides.

## Questions

- **Student Intern:** Dr. Honey says Thank you to a new student intern working with the class of 2024. **Deanne Henrichsen**, a former SCC Dental Hygiene graduate, is working with Nikki in the beginning Local Anesthesia course. She is a delight to work with, as expressed by students and staff.
- **New Chair:** Dr. Honey nominated a new Chair for the Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee graduate, **Rachel Munoz**. Rachel has been very active in the dental community and would broaden the scope for the Advisory Committee. Rachel accepted, and was nominated by Fred Quarnstrom (existing) Chair, and the entire group.
- **Clipboard Exam Updates:** Katie explained that WA State now accepts the manikin Board Exam, a significant change with many benefits. Prior to this, finding human subjects was a challenge, so students chose manikins over patient-based exams. Also, the CDCA – WREB merger simplifies a nationwide state licensing, so graduates don't have to redo their exams if they move. Only two states (New York & Nebraska) are not included in the merger.
- **Lobby Day & Legislative Updates:** Katie and the students attended Lobby Day. The midlevel provider was on the docket again. The pending bills were:
  1. **Senate Bill Report ESHB 1466:** Removing hours 560 required to obtain a WA State License, if dental hygienist moving from another state.
  2. **Testing Waterlines: WAC 246-817-660.**
  3. **House Bill 1466:** Concerning currently credentialed dental auxiliaries. (Scope of practice compromised for Dental Hygiene Professionals).  
\*The students are very concerned about this bill passing.

Adjournment: LS