



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

MINUTES

February 25, 2026 6:30 - 8 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING

Industry Attendance:

Dr. Nhi Pham DDS, Dr. Sue Yoon DDS, Leticia Torres RDH, Ashley Chanadiri RDH (new member), Jenny Emerson DDS (visitor)

Faculty/Staff/Administrator Attendance:

Rachel Munoz RDH (DHAC Chair), Dean Tsai-En Cheng, Lori Simicich RDH, Nikki Honey DDS, Katie Fleming RDH, Rebeca Rivas RDH

Approval of previous Meeting Minutes: November 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved

Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Updates (Lori): Welcome new members and visitors: Ashley Chanadiri RDH, Jenny Emerson DDS.

Agenda Updates: Discuss 2 or 3 annual meetings in 2026-2027. Discuss Global Programs (Jamaica, Bolivia).

UWSOD Transition (DH Faculty & Staff):

- Faculty and Staff Updates: Open DDS position in Spring 2026 Restorative Clinic (Thursdays 1:30-5:30 pm) First Year Team: April (Lead), Liane, Tasha (new). Second Year Team: Katie (Lead), Lori, Rachel, Heidi Hoiseck (new)
- UW Collaboration and IPE Interprofessional Education: Working on updating the Main Affiliation Agreement at JPERC committee (UW/SCC representatives). Initial Main Affiliation Agreement from 2020. Updated affiliation agreements with DECOD and Classroom MOU with UW.
- UW Industry Partners: Continued collaboration with UWSOD Advancement regarding business partner participation in Lunch and Learn events. Heartland, Pacific Dental Service, Signature Dental, Crest/Oral B, Dental Connections. Students organizing representatives to demonstrate loops, Orascope and others.
- UW events: Open House Sat Jan 31 (Lori, Nikki, Katie, Rebeca, Rachel, Heidi attended), Alumni Event Thu Feb 5 with dinner for students in Class of 2026 (10 students attended, Lori and Nikki), Sno-Isle Skills Center Friday March 6, 2026 at 1 pm (Lori and Nikki)

CODA Communications (Lori):

- Annual updates. CHC now Main Site: Mondays all day. Next CODA site visit 2029.

Student Cohorts 2026, 2027 (Lori, Nikki, Katie, Rebeca)

- Cohort 2026 are seniors, and there are 20 students.
- Cohort 2027 are juniors, and there are 20 students.
- Cohort 2028: over 160 qualified applications. 60 interviews on March 17-19, 2026 (Lori, Nikki, Katie, Glenda)
- Hosting CRDTS in 2026 on the UWSOD campus for our dental hygiene students: Wed Feb 18-19 (written LA), June 15-17 (on campus exams)
- Shoreline Commencement and Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 4:30 pm in Shoreline Theater
- Dental Hygiene Club activities – Club Advisor Heidi Hoiseck

Added Agenda Items

- 2 or 3 meetings in 2026-2027: majority support for 2 meetings/year (Fall and Spring)
- Global Programs (Jamaica, Bolivia): Jamaica - Katie in contact with Chantelle and Papa Joe from Great Shapes, hoping to coordinate with UWSOD in September 2026. Dr. Pham is interested in joining. Bolivia: Planned for August 2027 with Shoreline College, coordinating with Smiles Forever/Sandy Kemper.

Questions

- Cost and capacity for global programs: estimated about \$2000 (Jamaica, 10 days) and \$4000 (Bolivia, 2-3 weeks)
- Dr. Pham offered coordinating her work schedule at UW (Thursdays at DUCC) to accommodate Dental Hygiene if needed. Shared information about the Medical Teams International (MTI) Backpack Giveaway event.

Adjournment 8:00 pm

Next meeting dates:

*All decided Zoom as a meeting method due to work schedules or commute

Winter 2026: Wed Feb 18, 2026 from 6:30-8 pm (Rescheduled to Wed Feb 25, 2026)

Spring 2026: Wed May 20, 2026 from 6:30-8 pm

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