

North Dakota Board of Dental Examiners

Minutes

6:00 PM, September 11, 2017

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **Call to Order:** Ms. Sommers called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Board Members and Administrative Staff Attendance

Troy Petersen, DMD, MD, President	Michael Keim, DDS
Otto Dohm, DDS, President-Elect	Mike Goebel, DDS
Greg Evanoff, DDS	Bev Marsh, RDH
Rita Sommers, Executive Director	Tim Mehlhoff, CPA
David Schaibley, Assistant Attorney General	Jacinda Simmons, Administrative Assistant
Jim Nicolai, Deputy Solicitor General	Jim Weiss, Assistant Attorney General

2. **Opioid Epidemic: State of Emergency**

The NDBDE convened to discuss the status of ND opioid abuse/addiction, and strategies that would be beneficial to the citizens of ND in collaboration with ongoing efforts brought to the NDBDE's attention by State Health Officer, Mylynn Tufte as discussed at a September 1, 2017 meeting. Subsequently and due to the urgency of the issue, Ms. Tufte on behalf of the Governor Burgum, requested a meeting September 13, 2017 with the same Board's of interest (BON, BOPh and BOM), and other stakeholders to further discuss implementing an Executive Order relating to the opioid crisis.

Proposed strategies provided to stakeholders:

- Establishing a multi-disciplinary opioid overdose review panel that has access to individual cases records to assess opportunities for prevention, intervention and treatment gaps with the commensurate oversight authority.
- Mandating prescriber education on pain management, palliative care and addiction.
- Creating standing order for naloxone under authority of the State Health Officer to be available in state buildings; and,
- Establishing or adopting standardized prescribing guidelines for opioids to include limited first-fill prescriptions.

Moved by Dr. Petersen that the Board of Dental Examiners support a solution to the opioid crisis as long as it benefits patient safety while giving providers a means to provide efficacious pain management. Motion seconded by Ms. Marsh. Dr. Goebel, Ms. Sommers and Ms. Brandner will attend the meeting. Roll call vote: Dr. Goebel, yes; Dr. Dohm, yes; Ms. Marsh, yes; Dr. Petersen, yes; Dr. Evanoff, yes; Dr. Keim, yes; Mr. Mehlhoff, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

3. **Adjournment:** Dr. Evanoff moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Mehlhoff. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Sommers, Executive Director

Tim Mehlhoff, CPA, Secretary-Treasurer