The Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) Dental Hygiene Committee met at the office of the Board on Friday, July 20, 2012.

Committee members present: Jill Mason, M.P.H., R.D.H., E.P.P., Chair; Patricia Parker, D.M.D. via conference call; Mary Davidson, M.P.H., R.D.H., E.P.P.; and Kristen L. Simmons, R.D.H., M.H.A., ODHA Representative. Staff present were Paul Kleinstub, D.D.S., M.S., Dental Director/Chief Investigator; Lori Lindley, Senior Assistant Attorney General, and Teresa Haynes, Licensing Manager.

Visitors present were Beryl Fletcher, ODA; Lisa J. Rowley, R.D.H., Pacific University; Lynn Ironside, R.D.H., ODHA; Heidi Jo Grubbs, R.D.H., ODHA, Paul Cosgrove, ODHA; April Love, D.D.S., ODA; and Katie Mullens, R.D.H., OHO.

Board Members Present: Alton Harvey, Sr.

Ms. Mason called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The minutes of the May 21, 2012, Dental Hygiene Committee was reviewed and it was moved by Ms. Simmons, seconded by Ms. Davidson, to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted in favor.

Dr. Kleinstub reviewed with the Committee a memo from Patrick Braatz regarding the data that will be collected and reported to the Legislature pursuant SB 738 now (Chapter 716 2011 Oregon Laws). The data and report will be public record and will be placed on the Oregon Board of Dentistry’s Web site.

The Committee discussed Public Health continuing education (CE) courses and how to make it easier for Board Staff to determine if a course falls into the category of public health.

Ms. Simmons moved and Ms. Davidson seconded, to recommend to the Board that the presentation by Dr. Eli Schwarz on Public Health CE at the June 1, 2012 Board Meeting be used as a guideline and resource for evaluating Public Health CE credits.

All members voted in favor.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Braatz’ memo regarding Dr. Steven Duffin’s request to the Board to allow dental hygienists and expanded function dental assistants to apply Silver Nitrate and fluoride varnish under general supervision of a dentist, after the dentist has made the diagnosis and documents a treatment plan for arresting caries.

Ms. Simmons moved and Ms. Davidson seconded, to recommend to the Board that the Board consider adding Silver Nitrate to the list of antimicrobials that dental hygienists are permitted to utilize while treating patients.

All members voted in favor.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.