



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



by Rodney Nichols, DMD

**M**uch like the story of the six blind men and the elephant, the Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) is different things to different people. It truly is a matter of perspective;

or what part of the "animal" you may have contact with. Thus there are many misconceptions on the part of both of the Board's primary "customers," the licensees and permit holders (dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assisting staff) as well as the public (our patients).

In her August 2005 President's Message, Dr. Melissa Grant described her perspectives during her first term as a Board member, including the appointment to the OBD by the Governor, the time commitment by Board members, the complaint process, and some of the areas of our patients' discontent with dentistry. She cited communication as an important means to minimize Board complaints. I strongly echo that admonition and encourage you to review her comments again (Oregon Board of Dentistry News, Volume 22, Number 1, August 2005).

Like many licensees, my understanding of the OBD was limited and my perceptions may have been less than completely accurate. The Board was viewed as that ominous body of senior practitioners that had control over my license and stood ready (like Big Brother in George Orwell's 1984) to harass and punish me if I did not march to the collective cadence. Now, I suspect I am viewed as one of those older practitioners and find myself viewing the OBD from a different perspec-

tive trying to accurately determine the appropriateness of treatment in a complex and changing world of dental care.

As indicated, a majority of OBD time and OBD staff time involves the licensure of dental professionals, issuance of anesthesia and sedation permits, and the evaluation of complaints for appropriate dental care standards. The Board is fortunate to have a staff of well-qualified and conscientious individuals supporting the Board. These individuals are those with whom you may have contact on behalf of the Board.

The licensing and permit duties of the Board are coordinated by Teresa Haynes, the Licensing and Examination Manager for the OBD. Teresa has almost 20 years experience with the Board and is responsible for renewing approximately 1,800 dental licenses and over 1,600 hygiene licenses yearly. Each year of the biennial renewal cycle, approximately half of the 3,568 dentist licensees and the 3,315 dental hygiene licensees are renewed.

Dental and dental hygiene licenses are issued by the Board under the authority granted from the legislature. Your dental license is valid for a two

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**Our Mission:** *The mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to assure that the citizens of the state receive the highest possible quality oral health care.*

## STILL MOVING

*Patrick D. Braatz, Executive Director*



**O**n a recent trip back to the Midwest to attend some dental board regulatory meetings, a former colleague of mine met with me and said, “So what is going on in Oregon? What is it like living in the Northwest?” After I was able to assure this person that it really

does not rain all of the time, I moved on to tell them what has been going on over the last three years.

The first thing I thought of was that the Board wanted to do a better job of outreach and tell people what the Board really does. I am proud to say that I think we have come a very long way in reaching that goal. We have presented programs in concert with Dentists Benefits Insurance Company (DBIC) to give people updates on the Board and have made these presentations all over the state. We have put programs together for the senior dental students at OHSU as well as many of the Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting programs in the state. I think that it would be safe to say that we have probably reached somewhere just under 5,000 people with these programs. The feedback that we have received has been very positive and we will continue to make the OBD staff available to any group that wishes us to speak about the Board and its mission.

We moved the Board offices in August of 2004 to a better configured space, meeting our investigative needs as well as holding the cost of rent to a level that the state deemed acceptable. We have recently remodeled a portion of the meeting space to accommodate a growing number of people who have been attending our Board Meetings, and also provided better record storage and work space.

The Board asked if we could develop some type of a confidential diversion program, like other health regulatory boards have in this state. In the fall of 2004 we launched that program using existing staff, putting in place safe guards to protect confidentiality, but at the same time providing a level of protection for the citizens of Oregon who these

practitioners will continue to treat. We did so without any increase in the current renewal fees. The Board has felt that this program has been very successful and although one might not want such a program to grow, we know that the need exists and will continue, and the Board feels for the continued protection of the public this program should exist.

The Board is very sensitive to the issue of continued access to dental care in the state and so the Board developed a volunteer dentist/dental hygienist licensing in cooperation with the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) and DBIC, as a way for the OBD to do its part to attempt to address this growing problem. The Board knew that this was not the only solution, but every small step can only help to achieve access to dental care for those who may not be able to afford it.

The Board also, in concert with the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD), has developed a mentoring program that the Board can use as it reviews complaints and completes investigations that result in uncovering deficiencies in the practices by some dentists who simply need further mentoring to help improve their practice ability.

The Board has made a concerted effort to move cases forward in a timely and efficient process. When I started on August 4, 2003, the OBD had 152 cases under active investigation. At the close of the May 5, 2006 Board meeting, that number stood at 68 with two of the cases already completed and ready to go for the July Board meeting. The OBD, on average, currently processes cases in about 2.5 months.

The Board has revised and updated many of the Administrative Rules to bring them forward into the reality of what is actually happening in the practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene in the state.

In July of 2005 the Oregon State Legislature required that all state agencies conduct a customer services survey based upon specific guidelines prepared by the Department of Administrative Services. The Board has been fulfilling that requirement since July 1, 2005, and as we near one year of data from those who

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

**N**orman D. Magnuson, D.D.S., of Eugene, joined the Board in May of 2006 as a dental member. Dr. Magnuson was born in Corvallis, Oregon. He attended Dos Pueblos High School, then Santa Barbara City College, and received his undergraduate degree from University of Oregon. He received his dental degree from the Georgetown University Dental School.



Dr. Magnuson currently practices dentistry in Eugene, Oregon, where he is in private practice. Dr. Magnuson is a member and Past President of the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry. He is currently active in his church, is a 4-H leader, and has been active with Northwest Medical Vans.

In applying for a position on the Board of Dentistry, he told the Governor's Office, "We owe our patients the best possible treatment and I feel this can be achieved by our involvement in continuing education and in those aspects of dentistry that look at both the patients and the dentists well being."

Dr. Magnuson is married, he and his wife have three adult children and currently reside in Eugene, OR. ■

**M**ary Davidson, B.S., R.D.H., L.A.P., of The Dalles, joined the Board in May as a dental hygiene member. Ms. Davison was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. She attended Americus High School in Americus, GA; attended Georgia Southwestern College in Americus, GA; and received her B.S. degree from Medical College of Georgia.



Ms. Davidson is currently employed as a Dental Hygienist working for a variety of dental offices and clinics in The Dalles area. She currently serves as a Radiological Proficiency Instructor for Columbia Gorge Community College.

Ms. Davison has been active in public health clinics in Oregon and Washington, doing screenings for oral cancer as well as setting up fluoride rinse programs in elementary schools with the Wasco Public Health Department.

In applying for the Dental Hygiene member position, she told the Governor's Office, "I wish to make a return contribution of time and talent to my state by listening to the needs of constituents and helping to facilitate equitable solutions.

I want to protect the quality of care that we, citizens of Oregon have a right to expect."

Ms. Davidson and her husband, Dr. Dan Davidson, who is a veterinarian, live on a wheat and cattle ranch near The Dalles. ■

### BOARD MEMBERS

**Rodney Nichols, DMD**  
President  
Milwaukie  
Term expires 2007

**David Smyth, BS, MS**  
Vice-President  
Public Member  
Term expires 2008

**Ronald Short, DMD**  
Klamath Falls  
Term expires 2008

**Melissa Grant, DMD**  
Vancouver/Salem  
Term expires 2009

**Jill Mason, MPH, RDH**  
Portland  
Term expires 2009

**Darren Huddleston, DMD**  
Grants Pass  
Term expires 2009

**Mary Davidson, BS, RDH, LAP**  
The Dalles  
Term expires 2010

**Norman Magnuson, DDS**  
Eugene  
Term expires 2010

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year period beginning April 1 of the renewal year and ending March 31 two years later. Your dental hygiene license is valid for a two year period beginning October 1 of the renewal year and ending September 30 two years later. If a dental license is not renewed it will expire on March 31 of your renewal year and if a dental hygiene license is not renewed, it will expire on September 30 of your renewal year. You are not allowed to practice after the expiration date, until your license is renewed. It is a violation to practice with an expired license and discipline and/or a fine may be imposed.

If you have a permit to use nitrous oxide, enteral sedation, I.V. sedation, or general anesthesia, that permit will expire on the same cycle and time as your dental or dental hygiene license. Renewal of your permit is completed at the same time as your professional license. When you renew your permit, documentation of CPR/ACLS/PALS and additional continuing education hours pertinent to your permit level are required.

How do we avoid running afoul of the licensing duties of the Board? Simply make sure that the Board has your current address (required by law), read all of the instructions with the renewal packet, and then complete and return it in a timely fashion. All of the information for renewal is mailed in January for Dental licenses and July for Dental Hygiene licenses of your renewal year. This allows approximately two and one half months to complete this task of 30 minutes or less. Do not delegate this duty to a member of your staff; you are responsible for all of the content (including their errors if any occur) and you are responsible if it is lost or your staff fails to return it before your license expires.

This year over 100 dental anesthesia permits were delayed because the licensee did not include an appropriate level CPR/ACLS/PALS card copy with the license and permit renewal. Additionally, over 50 licenses were delayed because the licensee did not complete the questionnaire included with the license renewal.

Remember that your renewal is sent to the Cashier for the Board of Dentistry, not directly to the Board office. When your check has cleared ("Show me the

money.") your renewal is then forwarded to the OBD office and can be processed by the staff. Total time for this process, which includes the trip through the state's internal mail system, can be up to 10 days. Be sure to factor that in to your time for renewal and don't leave this to the last minute.

The licensure portion of the Board's duties has been changed somewhat. During the last legislative session HB 1234 was passed and subsequently signed into law by the Governor. This new law will require the OBD to grant licensure to any dentist from another state who has passed a "clinical" examination for licensure. Although I might disagree with this "knee jerk" response to a perceived access to care issue, rules to facilitate this new mandate have been adopted.

Rather than access to care, I think that this is more of a distribution of manpower issue. There certainly are areas of the state and populations that are underserved. However, opening the floodgates to allow the lowest level of practitioner (it has been referred to as the Standard of Mediocrity) does not solve this distribution problem or in any way guarantee that the underserved populations will receive appropriate dental care. The executive leadership of the state has proposed incentives to overcome this distribution disparity; I encourage the legislature to follow this leadership.

I do want to thank Patrick Braatz, the Executive Director of the OBD, for his leadership and direction. A transplant from Wisconsin, he has previously been responsible for the administration of all of the health regulatory boards in that state. Patrick brings a tremendous wealth of experience to the Board of Dentistry. His abilities and energy as the Executive Director allow the Board to more easily attend to the primary duties of licensure and appropriateness of care.

Although I had planned to provide a review of both of the primary functions of the Board, I will leave further discussion of the complaint process for another newsletter. It is sufficient to say that the vast majority of dentistry provided in Oregon sets a very high standard. I encourage your continued good care of your patients as well as adequate communication with those patients. ■

## NEW RULES

**T**he Oregon Board of Dentistry has made a number of changes to the Administrative Rules that govern the practice of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene since the publication of the last newsletter. The following is a brief synopsis of most of the rule changes that the Board made effective April 1, 2006.

If you would like to see copies of these specific changes, they can be found on the OBD Web site or you can request the most recent copy of the Dental Practice Act, which is dated April 1, 2006, by contacting the OBD office.

**OAR 818-001-0002** is amended to create a definition of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology as a specialty.

**OAR 818-012-0030** Unprofessional Conduct, deleted the current (4) which was the Board's rule regarding sexual misconduct and replaces it with a new rule which is as follows: (4) Initiate, or engage in, with a patient, any behavior with sexual connotations. The behavior can include but is not limited to, inappropriate physical touching; kissing of a sexual nature; gestures or expressions, any which are sexualized or sexually

demeaning to a patient; inappropriate procedures, including, but not limited to, disrobing and draping practices that reflect a lack of respect for the patient's privacy; or initiating inappropriate communication, verbal or written, including, but not limited to, references to a patient's body or clothing that are sexually or sexually demeaning to a patient; and inappropriate comments or queries about the professional's or patient's sexual orientation, sexual performance, sexual fantasies, sexual problems, or sexual preferences.

**OAR 818-015-0007** Specialty Advertising, was amended to include Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology as a newly recognized Board Specialty.

**OAR 818-021-0011** Application for License to Practice Dentistry Without Further Examination, was amended to delete the provision that required a background check will be conducted by the Board.

**OAR 818-021-0012** Specialties Recognized, was amended to add that a dentist may advertise as an Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist.

**OAR 818-021-0025** Application for License to Practice Dental Hygiene Without Further Examination, was amended to delete the provision that required a background check will be conducted by the Board.

**OAR 818-021-0026** State and Nationwide Criminal Background Checks, Fitness Determination, was created to allow the Board to conduct State and Nationwide Criminal background checks on applicants and licensees under investigation by the Board.

**OAR 818-026-0080** Standards Applicable When a Dentist Performs Dental Procedures and a Qualified Provider Induces Anesthesia, was amended to allow a dentist who does not hold a Class I Permit for nitrous oxide sedation to perform dental procedures on a patient who receives nitrous oxide induced by an Oregon licensed dental hygienist holding a Class 1 (nitrous oxide sedation) Permit.

**OAR 818-042-0115** Expanded Functions; **OAR 818-042-0116** Certification and **OAR 818-042-0117** Initiation of IV Line, were amended to change the title of Oral Surgery Assistant to Certified Anesthesia Dental Assistant and to bring some conformity to what is actually happening in the dental office. ■

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have completed the survey, we say thanks. The Board ranks in the mid 80 percentile of those that approve of how the OBD is doing in its state mandated role in health care regulation. Those numbers are good, but we will strive to continue to make them even better.

There is more that I simply cannot write in the space that is allowed. We are not standing still. We are moving forward and I believe that there is much more to come, such as the possibility of having on-line renewal during the next few years; completing license applications; as well as providing the most timely and important information to the public via our licensee look-up section of our Web site, which we hope to have in place by July 1, 2006.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions, concerns or comments at 971-673-3200 or by e-mail at [Patrick.Braatz@state.or.us](mailto:Patrick.Braatz@state.or.us). ■

## CORRECTIONS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BETWEEN OCTOBER 17, 2004 AND JULY 15, 2005

### Unprofessional Conduct ORS 679.140(2)(c)

**Case #2003-0077** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dental hygienist violated a previously issued Consent Order when the dental hygienist failed to

complete 40 hours of community service in the form of direct dental hygiene care. Aware of her right to a hearing, and in order to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into an Amended Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded and to pay a \$2,000.00 civil penalty within 120 days.

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TAKEN BETWEEN JULY 15, 2005 AND JANUARY 31, 2006

### Unacceptable Patient Care ORS 679.140(1)(e)

**Cases #2002-0173, #2003-0215, #2004-0229, and #2005-0052** Based on the results of four investigations, the Board issued Notices of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist wrote numerous prescriptions for controlled substances without documenting a dental justification in the patient records; failed to document with "PARQ" or its equivalent that informed consent had been obtained prior to providing treatment; failed to include a health history in the patient records; removed skin lesions from a patient's shoulder and torso; attempted to deceive the Board when denying that skin lesions were removed; failed to document a dental justification for initiating endodontic therapy in numerous teeth; failed to document the name, quantity and strength of drugs prescribed; failed to document preoperative and postoperative vital signs when administering nitrous oxide; failed to document dosage and gas volume when administering nitrous oxide; failed to maintain a current and constant inventory of controlled substances; failed to diagnose and document the presence of periodontal disease; failed to diagnose caries; failed to cease prescribing Soma after being told to do so by a patient's medical care providers; wrote a post-dated prescription for controlled substances; provided conscious sedation to a patient while only holding a Class 1 nitrous oxide permit; failed to refer

a patient with TMD to a specialist; prescribed Carisoprodol, Oxycodone, and Acetaminophen in quantities that exceeded the maximal doses as recognized in the Physician's Desk Reference; and inappropriately touched a patient. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded, to have his dental license suspended for 30 consecutive days, to pay a \$2,000.00 civil penalty, to complete six hours of continuing education in oral pathology, to complete six hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment planning, to complete six hours of continuing education in pharmacology, to complete four hours of continuing education in the maintenance of appropriate boundaries between the Licensee and patient, and to refrain from treating female patients outside of his normal business hours without an assistant present in the office.

**Case #2005-0023** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist failed to diagnose caries on numerous teeth, failed to document with "PARQ" or its equivalent that informed consent had been obtained prior to providing treatment, and fabricated an upper and lower removable partial denture that did not meet the minimum acceptable standards of construction.

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Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve these matters, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded, to have the Licensee's dental license suspended, but stayed on the condition that the Licensee applies for entry into the Board's mentoring program, and to forgive the balance of a patient's current account.

**Cases #2000-0164 and #2000-0207**

Based on the results of two investigations, the Board issued Notices of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist seated a bridge with poor marginal fit and was over-contoured, failed to obtain sufficient radiographs necessary for a comprehensive examination and diagnosis, failed to maintain radiographs in a patient record for seven years, failed to seek consultation with a specialist, placed crowns that were inadequate, placed bridge abutments that were poorly contoured, failed to establish a correct bite relation when placing crowns and bridges, and failed to document periodontal probing. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve these matters, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded and to complete 52 hours of continuing education to include 40 hours of hands-on instruction in bridge construction and three hours of instruction in record keeping within six months.

**Case #2005-0066** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist extracted 15 teeth without any documented dental justification and delivered a full upper denture and a full lower denture that did not meet the minimum standards of construction. The Licensee failed to request a hearing in the matter within 21 days and the Board issued a Default Order in which the Licensee was ordered to be reprimanded, to pay a \$500.00 civil penalty, to make a \$2,300.00 restitution payment to a patient, and to complete eight hours of a Board approved hands-on course in removable prosthodontics within one year.

**Case #2005-0155** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist failed to document with "PARQ" or its equivalent that informed consent had been obtained prior to providing treatment and made an untrue statement on his application for license renewal when he indicated that he had completed all of the Board's continuing education requirements, when in fact, all of the continuing education requirements had not been completed. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded and to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

**Case #2005-0108** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist extracted a tooth without the patient's informed consent and that the tooth that was extracted was erroneously extracted. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded, to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty, and to make a \$6,830.00 restitution payment to a patient.

**Case #2002-0112** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist failed to obtain informed consent prior to extracting a tooth and failed to document the name, quantity and strength of the local anesthetic that was administered. The dentist requested a hearing, and following the hearing the Board issued a Final Order in which the Licensee was ordered to be reprimanded and to pay disciplinary costs of \$7,389.85.

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**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Continued from page 7)

**Case #2006-0003** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist took a panoramic radiograph without the patient's informed consent. Aware of her right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded.

**Case #2005-0109** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that while treating numerous patients, a dentist provided treatment without dental justification; failed to document treatment that was provided; failed to document treatment complications; failed to document with "PARQ" or its equivalent that informed consent had been obtained prior to providing treatment; failed to document the use of local anesthetic; and failed to document the name, amount, and dosages of medication administered. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded and to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

**Case #2005-0146** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist failed to document with "PARQ" or its equivalent that informed consent had been obtained prior to providing treatment; failed to document the name of the local anesthetic administered; and made an untrue statement on his application for license renewal when he indicated that he had completed all of the Board's continuing education requirements, when in fact, all of the continuing education requirements had not been completed. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded and to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

**Case #2006-0006** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist inadequately obturated the canals in a tooth while providing endodontic therapy, failed to document the treatment complication, failed to diagnose and document the increasing size of a periapical lesion on the tooth that was evident on dental radiographs, failed to diagnose and document an area of external resorption on a tooth that was evident on dental radiographs, failed to document a dental justification for prescribing medication, and misdiagnosed the cause for a patient's symptoms with a tooth. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded, to make a \$1,091.60 restitution payment, to complete at least 30 hours of Board approved study club continuing education in endodontics within one year, and to cease performing endodontic treatment until 10 cases of molar endodontic treatment and an overview of the Licensee's endodontic clinical protocols have been reviewed and are deemed satisfactory by the Board.

**Case #2002-0162** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist failed to diagnose and document the presence of dental caries in teeth that was evident on dental radiographs. Aware of his right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded and to pay a \$1,000.00 civil penalty.

**Case #2006-0048** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist attempted to deceive the Oregon Board of Dentistry with respect to a matter under investigation when the dentist altered a document in a patient record. Aware of her right to a hearing, and wishing to resolve this matter, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded.

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**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS** (Continued from page 8)**Applicant Issues ORS 680.050**

**Case #2006-0002** Based on the results of an investigation into the information provided in an application for a license to practice dental hygiene, in which the Applicant denied that the Applicant had ever been convicted of any offense, misdemeanor, or felony which could have resulted in imprisonment, the Board determined that the Applicant had been convicted of the charge of Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Aware of her right to a hearing and willing to resolve this matter, the Applicant voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Applicant was granted a license to practice dental hygiene, to be reprimanded, and to complete 40 hours of Board approved pro bono community service providing direct care to patients.

**Case #2005-0227** Based on the results of an investigation into the information provided in an application for a license to practice dental hygiene in which the Applicant provided documentation verifying completion of continuing education hours, the Board determined that the Applicant had falsified the documents, and then denied falsifying the documents. Based on the results of the investigation, the Board determined that legal cause existed to deny the Applicant's application for licensure and issued a Notice of Proposed Denial of Application for License. The Applicant failed to request a hearing in a timely manner so the Board issued a Default Order in which the license application of the Applicant was denied.

**Unprofessional Conduct ORS 679.140(2)(c)**

**Case #2002-0084** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist self abused nitrous oxide. Aware of his right to a hearing, and in order to resolve this matter, the dentist voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded, to not receive nitrous oxide unless it is administered by another licensed practitioner with a Class 1 Permit and only with dental justification, and to establish Board approved procedures and safeguards in his office to assure that the Licensee does not have unilateral access to nitrous oxide.

**Case #2005-0180** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a dentist was disciplined in the state of Washington for conduct similar to conduct prohibited under the Oregon Dental Practice Act. Aware of his right to a hearing, the Licensee voluntarily entered into a Consent Order in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded.

**Failure to Complete Continuing Education Required for License Renewal OAR 818-021-0070(1)**

**Case #2006-0072** Based on the results of an investigation, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action alleging that a hygienist failed to complete the 24 hours of continuing education for the 2001-2003 license renewal period and also failed to complete the 24 hours of continuing education for the 2003-2005 license renewal period. Aware of her right to a hearing, and in order to resolve this matter, the Licensee entered into a Consent Order with the Board in which the Licensee agreed to be reprimanded. ■

## OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY PHONE NUMBERS TO CHANGE

**R**ecently most Oregon State Agencies in Portland were assigned new phone numbers.

The Oregon Board of Dentistry's (OBD) new number is 971-673-3200. The new fax number is 971-673-3202.

The previous phone numbers will remain active until March 2007, and if you use the old numbers your calls and faxes will reach the OBD's office.

Please make a note of our new numbers in your records. ■

## FAREWELL TO BOARD MEMBERS

**W**e wish to extend a great big "Thank You" to Dr. Jean Martin of Canby and Ellen Potts, R.D.H. of Portland for their eight plus years of dedicated service to the Board of Dentistry and the citizens of Oregon. We also wish to thank Dr. George McCully of Eugene, who recently resigned from the Board after completing six years of service.

Drs. Martin and McCully served in many different roles as well as serving as President of the OBD during their service on the Board. Ms. Potts served many years as the Chairman of the Rules Oversight Committee. All brought a great deal of experience, dedication, common sense and humor to the Board during their terms.

They will all be missed by their fellow Board members and staff and we wish them well in their future endeavors. ■

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## SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

### 2006-2007

- July 7, 2006
- August 25, 2006
- October 20, 2006
- December 15, 2006
- February 2, 2007
- April 6, 2007
- May 18, 2007
- July 13, 2007
- September 14, 2007
- November 9, 2007

# Oregon Law Recognizes These Types of Abuse:

## As a Mandatory Reporter ...

## You Must Report Child Abuse and Neglect



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For additional information, visit the DHS  
Web site at:

[www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/  
publications/children/mandrptlaw04.pdf](http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/publications/children/mandrptlaw04.pdf)

### Physical Injury

- Bruises, welts, burns, cuts, broken bones, sprains, bites, etc., which are deliberately inflicted.
- Injuries may:
  - Be in the shape of the article used (electric cord, belt buckle, etc.).
  - Not match children's description of how they occurred (fracture from falling off sofa, etc.).

### Neglect

- Failure to provide food, shelter, medicine, etc. to such a degree that a child's health and safety are endangered.
- Children often:
  - Don't want to leave school.
  - Are constantly tired.
  - Are left alone with no supervision.
  - Have unmet physical, emotional or medical needs.

**Each year in Oregon more than 42,000 reports of child abuse and neglect are made. Nearly 15 children die from abuse. You can help these kids.**

### Sexual Abuse and Sexual Exploitation

- Any sexual contact in which a child or teen under 18 years is used to sexually stimulate another person is illegal. This may be anything from rape to fondling to involving a child in pornography:
- Children often have:
  - Poor peer relationships, fantasy or infantile behavior, fear of being left with someone.
  - Inappropriate interest in, knowledge of or acting out of sexual matters.
  - Any of the behavioral problems listed under "Mental Injury."

### Threat of Harm

- Threat of harm is subjecting a child to a substantial risk of harm to the child's health or welfare.
- The presence of domestic violence is a risk for children.
- Children may exhibit any of the behaviors listed on this page.

**If you think a child is being abused, you must report it to the Department of Human Services Child Welfare or a law enforcement agency. Nearly three-quarters of children are referred to DHS by mandatory reporters. You may be their best hope.**

### Mental Injury

- A continuing pattern of rejecting, terrorizing, ignoring, isolating or corrupting a child, resulting in serious damage to the child.
- Children often:
  - Have speech or sleep disorders.
  - Fail to grow normally.
  - Are very aggressive or withdrawn.
  - Show an abnormal need for emotional support.

### Child Selling

- Buying, selling or trading for legal or physical custody of a child.
- Does not apply to legitimate adoption or domestic relations planning.

### What does reporting mean?

- You must report any "reasonable suspicion" of child abuse according to Oregon law.
- DHS child protective services will assess the information you give us and take further action, if necessary.
- Your name will be kept confidential. Only a court of law can order a reporter's name released.
- More comprehensive information on the symptoms of abuse and the law is available from DHS.

## DHS Child Welfare Offices

Child Welfare Branch	Local Number	Toll Free Number	Child Welfare Branch	Local Number	Toll Free Number
Baker	541-523-6423	800-646-5430	Klamath	541-883-5570	
Benton	541-757-4121		Lake	541-947-2273	888-811-4201
Clackamas	503-657-2112	800-628-7876	Lane	541-686-7555	866-300-2782
Clatsop	503-325-9179	800-643-4606	Lincoln	541-265-8557	800-305-2850
Columbia	503-397-3292	800-428-1546	Linn	541-967-2060	800-358-2208
Coos	541-756-5500	800-500-2730	Malheur	541-889-9194	800-445-4273
Crook	541-447-6207		Marion	503-378-6800	800-854-3508
Curry	541-247-0247	800-510-0000	Morrow	541-481-9482	541-481-9482
Deschutes	541-388-6161	866-249-9263	Multnomah Co.	503-731-3100	800-509-5439
Douglas	541-440-3373	800-305-2903	Polk	503-623-8118	
Gilliam/Wheeler	541-384-4252		Tillamook	503-842-5571	877-317-9911
Grant	541-575-0728	877-877-5081	Umatilla/Hermiston/Pendleton	541-276-9220	
Harney	541-573-2086	877-877-5450	Union	541-963-4113	
Hood River	541-386-2962		Wallowa	541-426-4558	
Jackson	541-776-6120		Wasco/Sherman	541-298-5136	800-388-7787
Jefferson	541-475-2292		Washington	503-681-6917	800-275-8952
Josephine	541-474-3120	800-930-4364	Yamhill	503-472-4634	800-822-3903



*Licensees are required to report any change of address within 30 days.*

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM**

Licensee Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Print Name* *Phone*

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_

New Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Above is:** Home Address  Office Address

**Mail or Fax to:** **OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY**  
1600 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 770  
Portland, OR 97201-5519  
Phone: (971) 673-3200  
Fax: (971) 673-3202