

GEORGIA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Sedation Committee Conference Call
2 Peachtree St., N.W., 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
October 28, 2022
2:00 p.m.

The following Committee members were present:

Dr. Glenn Maron, Chair
Dr. Michael Knight
Dr. David Reznik
Dr. Jeffrey Schultz

Staff present:

Max Changus, Senior Asst Attorney General
Stacy Altman, Chief Investigator
Clint Joiner, Attorney
Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Board members present:

Dr. JC Shirley

Open Session

Dr. Maron established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Introduction of Visitors

There were no visitors present on the call.

Evaluations

Dr. Maron stated that there is a backlog of initial sedation applicants waiting to be evaluated as there have been issues obtaining evaluators to complete the on-site inspections in a timely manner. He added that a number of applicants have been granted an extension of his/her provisional permit. He explained that the purpose of the conference call is for the Sedation Committee to discuss evaluations and what its options are for increasing the fee paid to evaluators.

Dr. Maron explained that in his research he found that California pays \$2000 per evaluation, Maryland pays \$1000 per evaluation, and North Carolina pays \$650 per evaluation. He stated that Georgia pays \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$300 for each evaluation. He added that he was unsure if raising the fee would be an incentive for the evaluators, but would be a start. Dr. Maron suggested the Committee discuss increasing the fee and how to go about doing such with the full Board.

The Committee discussed there being 24 applicants waiting to be evaluated. Dr. Maron stated that the number is less than he expected. He explained that some of the backlog is due to the pandemic and people not wanting to go out and be involved.

Mr. Joiner stated that he spoke with Mr. Lacefield the day before regarding increasing the payment to the evaluators. He further stated this issue has been discussed previously by the Board. He explained that for the short term, the Board could probably afford to increase the payment while it looked for a solution, but in terms of what that number would be, he stated that Mr. Lacefield would need to be involved. Dr. Maron inquired why the increase could not be a long term solution and asked how the Board could make that happen. Mr. Joiner responded by stating that any budget requests must be approved by the General Assembly. Dr. Maron commented that there is plenty of justification for needing to increase the fee as it would be for the safety of patients. He added that this matter is one of the Board's highest priorities.

Dr. Shirley explained that he recently attended an American Association of Dental Boards meeting in Nashville. In regards to the fee paid to sedation evaluators, he found out the same information as Dr. Maron. Additionally, Dr. Shirley discussed third party organizations that conduct evaluations. He stated that he spoke with a representative from Texas who stated that they do not contract with any organization but rather have staff visit the site to check for the necessary equipment. He further stated that he did not find any state that contracted with a third party organization.

Dr. Shirley suggested Mr. Lacefield provide the full Board with a brief overview as to how the operating budget is created, appropriated, and organized so that it has a better idea of what its options are when something comes up.

In terms of obtaining additional evaluators for the Board, Dr. Shirley stated that he spoke with several pediatric dentists who are willing to assist. He suggested the board members try and recruit dentists to assist the Board with evaluations.

The Committee discussed raising the application fee for initial sedation permits to offset the increase for paying the evaluators and agreed to discuss the matter further with the full Board.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Reznik made a motion to approve the September 30, 2022, Conference Call minutes. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Miscellaneous

Committee Member Update: Dr. Maron commented that after today's conference call, Dr. Reznik would be resigning as a member of the Sedation Committee. Dr. Maron appointed Dr. Shirley to take Dr. Reznik's place.

Rule 150-13-.01 Conscious Sedation Permits: The Committee discussed amendments to Rule 150-13-.01 posted by the Board at its October 7, 2022, meeting and suggested scheduling a public hearing for such in December. Dr. Reznik inquired as to how the Board would approve phlebotomy/venipuncture training courses. Dr. Maron responded by stating that the course provider would need to provide a copy of the syllabus to the Board for consideration.

Correspondence from Stay in the Box Sedation

The Committee considered this request for approval of the Intravenous Dental Conscious Sedation Course offered by Stay in the Box for moderate parenteral conscious sedation. Dr. Reznik made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Dr. Reznik made a motion to refer the recommendations made by the Committee to the full Board. Dr. Schultz seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Brandi Howell, Business Support Analyst I

Minutes edited by Eric R. Lacefield, Executive Director