

2011 Center for Lifelong Learning at the 88th Annual Session

House of Delegates Actions

The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) House of Delegates convened at the 88th Annual session, June 19-21, 2011, in Nashville, Tenn. Actions taken included:

That ADHA adopt the following definitions:

At-Risk Population: A community or group of people whose social or physical determinants, environmental factors, or personal behaviors increase their probability of developing disease.

Collaborative Practice: An agreement that authorizes the dental hygienist to establish a cooperative working relationship with other health care providers in the provision of patient care.

Dental Public Health Setting: Any setting where population-based, community-focused oral health interventions can be used and evaluated as a means to prevent or control disease.

Direct Payment: The dental hygienist is the direct recipient of payment for services rendered.

Diversity: An inclusion of varied characteristics, ideas and worldviews in a community.

Needs Assessment: A systematic process to acquire an accurate, thorough analysis of a system's strengths and weaknesses, in order to improve this process to meet existing and future challenges.

Third Party Payment: Payment by someone other than the beneficiary for services rendered.

That ADHA adopt the following policy:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association recommends implementation of oral health diagnostic codes as part of

the federally mandated and standardized code sets in oral health care to improve diagnosis, prevention and treatment of oral health diseases and conditions.

That ADHA adopt the following policy:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association is an inclusive organization. We value the differences within our membership and we recognize that diversity adds value to our organization, our mission and the quality of our programs and services.

That ADHA amend existing policy to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports the initiation of new dental hygiene educational programs when:

- the proposed program has conducted a comprehensive evidence-based needs assessment to support the development and sustainability of the program. It is further documented that an existing institution of higher education cannot meet these needs.
- there is a documented evidence-based, ongoing manpower need that cannot be met by currently licensed dental hygienists in the region.
- there is a demonstrated qualified applicant pool.
- there is a potential patient pool.
- the program offers an integrated curriculum that culminates in baccalaureate degree in dental hygiene.
- the program has financial resources to initiate and maintain dental hygiene educational standards.
- the program is endorsed by the component and constituent dental hygienist associations, community partners and potential employers.
- the program meets or exceeds accreditation requirements prior to the acceptance of students.

That ADHA amend existing policy to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association supports qualified dental hygienists; owning and operating dental hygiene practices; entering into provider agreements; and receiving direct and third party payments for services rendered in accordance with applicable state law.

That ADHA amend existing policy to read:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association upholds that dental hygienists are ethically and legally responsible and directly accountable for the quality of the services they provide.

That ADHA rescind policy Access 16-00/21-84

...with the justification that the bulk of this policy is unnecessary because it is redundant. Paragraph 1 restates Access/State Practice 11-09/28S-92, paragraph 2 restates Competence/Patient Care Services 13A-00/46-80, and paragraph 4 restates Credentialing/Regulatory Agencies 22-00/21S-93. Paragraph 3, which calls for removing restrictions on the number of dental hygienists allowed within practice settings, is problematic not because of redundancy, but because it needs to be rewritten for accuracy. While



Community Service Day 2011, supported by the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company Foundation, took place at Remington College School of Dental Hygiene in Nashville. Fifty dental hygienists and students participated, and 80 children received services.

there are some states that limit the number of RDHs who can be supervised by a dentist in private practice (Okla., N.C., Ariz., for example) and some that limit the number of collaborative hygienists with whom a collaborative dentist may collaborate (N.M., for example), general limitation of dental hygienists misstates the issue. The policy was rescinded, with paragraph 3 referred for further study.

In addition, Article II of the bylaws was amended to clarify how proof of disability is verified for Members with Disabilities. Article IX of the bylaws regarding the Finance Committee was amended to allow Finance Committee members to serve as delegates. Finance Committee members are no longer funded by ADHA to attend CLL/AS.

A Follow-Up on ADHA's CODA Letter Writing Campaign

In recent months, ADHA has worked to communicate to our members the steps we are taking to address issues facing the profession nationwide. One of the foremost issues that we have addressed during this time has been the proliferation of dental hygiene programs that is occurring all across the country. Last spring, ADHA asked its members to get directly involved by participating in a letter writing campaign to the Commission on Dental Accreditation or CODA, the body that accredits new education programs. As part of this campaign ADHA urged members, local chapters and state components to send CODA letters urging the Commission to include a comprehensive needs assessment as a part of its application process for all new dental hygiene education programs seeking accreditation.

The results of these efforts are still being measured, but we can share that the links to the letter templates hosted at www.adha.org were hit thousands of times during the campaign and that CODA did receive many letters as a result of the campaign. Another positive development resulting from ADHA's efforts was that during ADHA's recent Center for Lifelong Learning at the 88th Annual Session, nearly 200 dental hygienists crowded into a meeting room for an open CODA hearing. These meetings typically are not very well attended, but many visitors at the meeting held in June offered CODA written and verbal testimony urging the inclusion of a comprehensive needs assessment in the application process. Hygienists also shared with the Commission, accounts of ways in which the growth of new educational programs and the resulting influx of new hygienists have impacted the employment situation for dental hygienists in many areas of the country.

CODA is currently evaluating the testimony received during the June hearing, as well as tabulating the letters they received, and will be issuing a report at its January 2012 meeting. ADHA will keep you abreast of any developments and we thank all who participated in these efforts to communicate our position to the Commission.



This is your chance to receive the recognition you deserve!

Award applications are now available online. Don't miss this opportunity to be recognized at the 2012 CLL at the 89th Annual Session in Phoenix. Many of these awards provide registration and transportation to the annual meeting!

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Deadlines quickly approaching.

■ ADHA/Sigma Phi Alpha/Johnson & Johnson Journalism Award

Congratulations to this year's baccalaureate winner, Allegra Raff, who is recognized for her paper, "Probiotics for Periodontal Health: A Review of the Literature; and to master's/PhD winner Stacy Pettit, recognized for her paper, "Dimensions of Oral Care Management in Texas Hospitals."



Community Service Day helped make the Nashville community safer, with participants' parents/caregivers receiving copies of the children's fingerprints and bite impressions along with oral health products and information.



The 2011 Student Member Community Service Award winner is Western Technology Center—Distance Site (University of Oklahoma), Weatherford, Okla., represented by student Kenlee Free (center). With her are Judy O'Brien, RDH, BA, representing award sponsor Colgate (left) and President Solie (right).



2011 student table clinic presentation first-place winners are Maureen Trnka (left) and Rebecca Boyles of Harrisburg Area Community College for "Dental Stem Cells: You Can Bank on Them." ADHA President Caryn Solie, RDH, is in the center.



2011 student table clinic presentation second-place winners are David Tran (left), Robin Nanda (second from right) and Cristy Bentley (right) of the University of Southern California for "Xylitol Syrup Never Tasted So Sweet." President Solie is second from left.



2011 student table clinic presentation third-place winner is Toni-Ann Restivo (right) of New York City College of Technology for "Alternative Smoking Using Hookah or Bidi Cigarettes: Implications on Oral Health." President Solie is on the left.



2011 student table clinic presentation honorable mention recipients are Jennifer Edington (left) and Katherine Carter (right) of Cerritos College for "Connecting the Dots: TMD & Body Posture." President Solie is in the center.



ADHA/Procter & Gamble Dental Hygiene Educator of the Year Dani Carroll, RDH, BA, MA, of La Mirada, Calif. (center), with Procter & Gamble representative Wendy Bebey, RDH, BS (left) and 2010-2011 ADHA President Caryn Solie, RDH (right).



2011 Dentsply/ADHA Graduate Student Clinicians Research Program participants. Back row, left to right: Susan Jones, RDH, BS, MS; Lorraine Fuller, RDH, BS, MS(c); Naeema Al Bulushi, RDH, BS(c); Kristafer Adkins, RDH, MSDH; Melanie V. Taverna, RDH; Julie D. Sutton, RDH, BSDH, MS; Elizabeth O. Carr, RDH, MDH. Front row, left to right: President Solie; Cheri S. Podruzny, RDH, MSDH; Jennifer A. Pieren, RDH, BSAS; Merri Jones, RDH; and representing Dentsply, Linda C. Niessen, DMD, MPH.



2011 student research poster session first-place winners are Jaclyn Counterman (left) and Joni Fisher (right) of Cerritos College for "The Big Cover-Up." ADHA President Caryn Solie, RDH, is in the center.



2011 student research poster session second-place winners are Devang Patel (left) and Ravi Parker (right) of West Virginia University, School of Dentistry for "Common Household Toothbrush Storage Methods Influence the Colonization of Staphylococcus Aureus, Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus, Lactobacilli, and Candida Albicans." President Solie is in the center.



2011 student research poster session third-place winners are Shifra (Sofie) Beren (left), Allyson Luckman (right) and Layla Feizipour (not pictured) of University of Maryland Dental School for "Reducing Patient Risk: Microbial Biofilm Control and Maintenance of Low-Volume Suction Lines." President Solie is in the center.



2011 student research poster session honorable mention recipients are Ginny McCracken (right) and Kimberly Nuss (left) of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry for "An In Vivo Evaluation of Occupational Radiation Exposure of a Hand-held Portable Digital Radiographic Unit." President Solie is in the center.

■ 2011 ADHA Faculty Recognition Award Recipients

Dental hygiene faculty are instructors, advisors, mentors and role models for future dental hygiene. Educators' dedication to their professional association is one of the many ways students discover professionalism. ADHA recognizes and commends faculty members' commitment to our future. Please join us in celebrating the following dental hygiene programs with 100% ADHA membership for full-time and part-time dental hygienist faculty as of April 8, 2011.

District 1

Community College of Rhode Island

District 2

Farmingdale State College
Orange County Community College

District 3

Old Dominion University
The Community College of Baltimore County
West Liberty University
West Virginia University

District 4

Daytona State College
Palm Beach State College
St. Petersburg College

District 5

Cuyahoga Community College
Rhodes State College
University of Michigan
Western Kentucky University

District 6

Remington College
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
University of Mississippi Medical Center

District 7

District 8

Central Community College
Ozarks Technical Community College
University of Nebraska Medical Center

District 9

Sanford Brown College-Dallas
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

District 10

District 11

Carrington College of California-San Jose
Cerritos College
Foothill College
Sacramento City College
San Joaquin Valley College
Taft College
University of the Pacific
West Coast University

District 12

Columbia Basin College
Pierce College Fort Steilacoom
Shoreline Community College