

**Minutes**  
**Dental Hygiene Advisory Board Meeting**  
**11-13-24**  
**TTC 1260**

- I. Members Present: Ashleigh Quinones, Melissa Dixon, Jorie Harris, Letitia Randall, Carly Palmer, Amy Murray, Amber McCarty, Samantha Wendell (via zoom), Brianna Hamilton (via zoom)
- II. Members Absent: Erika Adkins, Leon Coverly, Samantha Reidenbach, Diane Fort, Melissa Houchin, Marie Koss-Ryan, Chris Leja, Chris Stroven, Julia Sehy, Kimberly Grubka
- III. Others Present: Martha Lull (prepared minutes)
- IV. Call to Order:
  - a. 6:10 p.m. by Ashleigh
- V. Recognition of New or Retiring Members:
- VI. Call to approve minutes from the last meeting:
  - a. Amy Murray approves, Letitia Randell 2<sup>nd</sup>
- VII. Program updates:
  - a. Holistic admission
    - i. Essay questions: Students get them ahead of time. They are trying to avoid anyone using AI. There are different versions, so students do not know what version and/or questions they will get.
    - ii. 73 applications this year, slightly down from previous years.
  - b. Health Careers Handbook
    - i. New collectively throughout the health careers.
  - c. 2024 board results
    - i. 19/19 pass NBDHE
    - ii. 19/19 CDCA-WREB OSCE
    - iii. 18/19 First attempt CDCA-WREB clinical
      - 1. 100% second attempt
    - iv. 19/19 LA

- v. 18/19 N20
  - 1. 100% second attempt
- d. Current cohorts
  - i. 1<sup>st</sup> year -22 students
  - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> year – 22 students
  - iii. Applicants
    - 1. More competitive than nursing
- e. New faculty
  - i. Amber McCarty, RDH, BS
  - ii. Dr. Gary Krebill
- f. Mock Board
  - i. Clinical – manikin
    - 1. In 2020 went to manikins, putting in a capital request for simulation manikins.
    - 2. OSCE
- g. Community sites
  - i. Family Health Center
    - 1. Kalamazoo
  - ii. Van Buren, Cass County Health departments
    - 1. Dowagiac
    - 2. Lawrence
  - iii. InterCare
    - 1. Bangor
    - 2. Benton Harbor
- h. CTE
- i. Sterisil
  - i. Did install in all units
  - ii. About 60% use Sterisil Straw also used in combo with RO
- j. SVT Audio/Visual
  - i. Proof of concept room, everything is working except for a slight sync issue.

Complete installation over winter break

- k. PrimeScan
    - i. Received an additional primscan from capital
    - ii. Discussion about impressions and if it is valuable or not
  - l. Comprehensive needs assessment input
    - i. Satisfaction with student placement?
      - 1. Dentists are desperate for hygienists, big demand
      - 2. Not graduating enough hygienists
      - 3. Issue if we did fall and winter admits
        - a. Not enough clinical space
    - ii. Satisfaction with the skill level of graduates?
      - 1. Power scaling vs. hand scaling
        - a. Should use power scaling first then do more detail with hand scaling.
        - b. Power scaling is a better tool
    - iii. Are there gaps in skills that our students present?
      - 1. Have more patient experience and have more scaling opportunities.
      - 2. Time management is a struggle for students.
        - a. Students do get experience out in the community sites with one-hour appointments.
        - b. Adding more and more to the responsibilities of the hygienist.
    - iv. Any gaps in the program?
      - 1. Recognition of dental work.
    - v. Suggestions for improving student and graduate success.
- VIII. Outcomes of discussion points and actions taken:
- IX. New business and/or projects assigned:
- a. Discuss new and emerging trends in the industry
    - i. CBCT

1. Discussion on Whether this should be purchased or not. The majority advised that it wouldn't be beneficial.

ii. AI

1. This is being used in the industry.
  - a. No negative feedback on it.

- b. College of Barbering and beauty opened

X. Timelines and metrics for new activities or projects:

- a. Audio/visual

XI. The Next meeting will be in March TBD

XII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm