REPORT OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ON DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Committee Chair: Ms. Martha McCaslin. Committee Members: Ms. Julie Bera, Ms. Kimberly Bland, Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Ms. Dorothea Cavallucci, Ms. Nichole Finnegan, Ms. Kori Preble-Boeckler, Ms. Christy Ross, Dr. Preeti Sahasi (attended a portion of the meeting), and Dr. Debra Schneider. Guests (Open Session Only): Ms. Hannah Aronovich, chief marketing and communications officer, Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and DALE Foundation, Ms. Lois Bell, chair, Board of Directors, DANB, Dr. Lorraine Gagliardi, president, DALE Foundation, Ms. Laura Skarnulis, chief executive officer, DANB and DALE Foundation, and Mr. Aaron White, chief operating officer, DANB attended the policy portion of the meeting. Mr. Mike Stein, accreditation group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education attended a portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Jamie Asher-Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, senior project assistant, Allied Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting. The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC) was held on January 13-14, 2022 via a virtual meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION

Report on Dental Assisting Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data (p. 300): At its Winter 2015 meeting, the Commission directed that each Review Committee review a draft of its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Data during the Winter meeting in the year the Survey will be distributed. The Commission further directed that each Review Committee review aggregate data of its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section, as an informational report, when the materials are available following data collection and analysis. The Commission noted that all survey data is considered confidential at the programmatic level. The Curriculum Section of the Commission’s Annual Survey is conducted for dental assisting education in alternate years. The most recent Curriculum Section was conducted in September/October 2021.

The Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education reviewed the informational report on aggregate data of its discipline-specific Annual Survey Curriculum Section (Appendix 1, Policy Report p. 300). The Review Committee discussed the aggregate data without further comment.

Recommendation: This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Proposed Revision of the Commission on Dental Accreditation Site Visitor Nomination Form: The Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC) discussed the Commission’s Site Visitor Nomination Form. The Committee noted that the site visitor nomination criteria for allied dental education in dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental
laboratory technology, and dental therapy consists of documented background in educational methodology. However, the current site visitor nomination form does not clearly collect this information from potential allied dental site visitors. Following discussion, the Dental Assisting Review Committee recommended that the Commission modify the Site Visitor Nomination Form to ensure that allied dental site visitor nominees provide information on their background in educational methodology.

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Commission on Dental Accreditation direct Commission staff to review and revise the Site Visitor Nomination Form to include information on background in educational methodology for allied dental education site visitor nominees.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATING TO MORE THAN ONE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Matters related to more than one review committee are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF SITE VISITOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION IN THE AREA OF DENTAL ASSISTING EDUCATION

The Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education considered site visitor appointments for 2022-2023. The Committee’s recommendations on the appointments of individuals are included in a separate report.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS RELATED TO ACCREDITATION STATUS

Matters related to accreditation status of programs are included in a separate report.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Martha McCaslin
Chair, Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education