



**Dental Hygiene -MINUTES**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00 PM**  
**Zoom**

**Members Present:** Dr. Pete Lubisich (Committee Chair), Dentist, Vancouver Pediatric Dentistry; Kramer Ragan (Vice-Chair), RDH, Lewis Family and Implant Dentistry; Dr. Derek Michaud, Dentist, NW Affinity Dental; Kaili Rutkowski, RDH, Dr. Laws; Jana Sarkkinen, RDH, East Fork Dental; Kendra Gibb, Dental Hygienist, Kaiser Permanente Dental; Steven D Hockett DDS, MCR, PS, Assistant Program Manager, Salmon Creek Periodontics

**Guests:**

**Members Absent:** Richard Grabowsky DDS, Retired; Ann Gilbert, Dental 3/Dental Program Coordinator, University of Washington

**Labor Representative:**

**Clark College:** Kristi Taylor, Faculty Lead, Clark College; Scot Headley, Dean of Business and Health Sciences, Clark College; Alex Kison, Career Services, Clark College; Amy Ewing Johnson, Instructor, Clark College; Becky Herman, Instructor, Clark College; Caitlin Rasaphangthong, Student, Clark College; Glenna Bondy, Instructor, Clark College; Mike Ludwig, Instructor, Clark College; Michelle Vincent, Instructor, Clark College; Danielle Hovey, Student, Clark College; Elizabeth Flores, Advisory Coordinator, Clark College

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The meeting began at 6:00 PM

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The committee will meet next on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes from the previous meeting on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, were approved.

**ETHICS TRAINING**

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Committee Ethics Training.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ORIENTATION**

Elizabeth conducted the Advisory Committee Orientation.

## **COLLEGE UPDATES**

Scot discussed a few Allied Health accreditation site visits this year and next.  
Scot shared the news of the new Vice President of Instruction Dr. Terry Brown.

## **STUDENT GUEST SPEAKERS**

Danielle, student class president, and Caitlin student treasurer discussed the development of a new committee that provides further support between the junior and senior classes. Danielle shared current fundraising efforts to fund the award ceremony at an external site since the campus will not be available to host the ceremony.

Caitlin discussed upcoming fundraising events and speakers.

Pete recommended utilizing the Washington State Tech Center as they might allow them to host the ceremony for little to no cost.

## **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

Kristi discussed potential partnerships with the Dental Society and further business networks to possibly work with the Foundation to help fund ultrasonics in the clinic so students do not have to pay for them.

Derek inquired about the student rental fee with the Cavitron and if there are rules and regulations around rentals.

Kristi discussed the College has in place specific rules around raising money to purchase items so the program will investigate more on the state requirements.

Steven recommended the turbo Cavitron which is significantly cheaper but equally effective.

Kristi asked the committee for the date and time preferences for the advisory meeting portion of the upcoming accreditation site visit in July 2025.

Pete proposed Wednesday. The committee decided on the Wednesday breakfast from 8:30 am to 9:30 or 10 am on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

## **WORKPLAN**

Kristi presented the 2024-25 work plan for further discussion and committee input and collaboration.

## **Curriculum Goals**

Kristi discussed the curriculum goals such as preparing students for private practice through shortening times in the clinic during the final quarter.

Kristi welcomed committee feedback and recommendations.

Derek inquired about what processes students are currently doing.

Pete inquired about what specific needs is the program requesting feedback for and offered to provide feedback as needed.

Derek offered to provide feedback on patient experiences as needed.

Kendra recommends students set internal goals such as completing their scaling within 45 minutes to prepare students to become more mindful and pay attention to time.

### **Facilities and Equipment**

Kristi discussed that the program has brainstormed options to purchase ultrasonics for each unit. Pete asked if the program had reached out to an ultrasonic company to see if they were willing to donate.

Kristi noted that the program has, and most companies declined donations but offered student pricing. However, the Foundation may potentially assist the program with acquiring the ultrasonic units.

### **Instructional Quality & Effectiveness Goals**

Kristi discussed potentially restructuring the fee schedule to make it more streamlined for students and mirroring what private practice is currently doing. Kristi discussed the current process and asked for committee feedback regarding billing, insurance, and fee codes.

Kristi is hoping to gain insight into what is realistic for students once they graduate.

Derek discussed insurance requirements, and other layers to each situation. He recommended that if a patient has two or more quads scaled, this is all he bills out for and then will bill out perio-maintenance code for subsequent appointments. Derek noted that every office is different and there is a lot of variation.

Kendra discussed D4999 codes for use as a periodontal code.

Steven noted most of the quads his office views are with one to three teeth or one full quad.

Additionally, depending on how the policy is written, his office will code when they have four or more teeth to qualify them as a quad. Lastly, it works out well to do a split-mouth.

Kramer discussed the challenges if patients qualify for SRP.

Derek offered to provide some insurance letters to present to students if needed.

### **Instructional and Learning Experiences Goals**

Kristi discussed the program's interprofessional education goals. The students must work in an interprofessional environment, where they are guided to have conversations with a nurse or someone within a medical team. The program has brainstormed ways for students to work closely with various medical emergency teams or mental health case studies. Kristi welcomed members to offer more suggestions.

Steven inquired about how much experience students receive in occlusal adjustments and discussed the importance of occlusal adjustments.

Mike discussed potential training opportunities for occlusal examinations.

Steven recommended extra coronal splinting procedures.

Pete inquired about student involvement with nicotine use and dental health.

Kristi discussed potential outreach with the College's mental health department.

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