

# Newsletter

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## Message from the EDITOR

I have been a member of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners for more than four years. It has been a great learning experience, as well as a fulfilling one. I am thankful to my fellow Board members and staff who are dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the Board, to serve and protect the citizens and practitioners of our State.

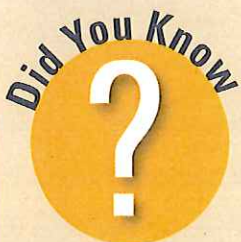
Your Dental Board meets two Wednesdays each month, both as a full Board and in various committees. On the first Wednesday of the month the full Board meets in open session. Our licensees and the general public are invited to attend the open session meetings which typically last from one to two hours. The Board also meets in closed executive session on the third Wednesday of the month at which time the Board reviews complaints against our licensees. By law those meetings are not open to the public.

The Board recently launched, what has become, a very popular Centers for Disease Control pilot program designed entirely to benefit the State's dentists. Under the leadership of Dr. Maurice Miles, immediate past president, the Biosafety and Infection Control Committee, chaired by Dr. Alberto Alejandro and myself, organized a program where the Board will conduct a voluntary CDC inspection of 50 dental offices at no charge and with no disciplinary ramifications. Notice of the program was sent to all licensed dentists. Interest in the program was so great that registration closed in just one day.

As a private practitioner, there have been times when I have found my knowledge of the dental laws to be very beneficial. As licensees to whom the public has placed their trust, it behooves us to know the State's laws and regulations. This was my motivation for creating the E-Newsletter series for the Board. To further expand on that series, and also provide information to those licensees who do not have electronic access, the Board will occasionally publish and mail a print newsletter as well. The frequency will be less often due to the prohibitive costs.

I have tried to make this edition of the Newsletter as informative and relevant as possible. If you have not been receiving our E-Newsletters, please make sure that the Dental Board has your correct email address on file, which will enable you to receive all of our communications. You may do so by calling the Board at 410.402.8500 or emailing us at [dhmh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov).

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- You must complete your continuing education requirements by December 31st of the year preceding your license renewal.
- The Board is hosting a free Webinar for the Pharmacology continuing education requirement on its website.
- Lack of adequate record keeping is a violation of the Maryland dental laws.
- The Board's anesthesia and sedation regulations have recently been amended.

## THE DENTAL BOARD'S MISSION

The Dental Board is a regulatory body whose sole mission is to protect the public and promote quality health care in the field of dentistry.

*The Board of Dental Examiners protects the citizens of Maryland by:*

### 1. Licensing and regulating the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental radiation technology.

The Board fulfills this mandate by reviewing every initial application that is sent to the Board. All candidates for licensure must have the necessary educational credentials and work related experience.

During fiscal year 2015, the Board issued licenses to 2818 dentists, 1816 hygienists and 5860 radiation technologists.

### 2. Resolving complaints against licensees who may have violated the Dental Practice Act and its regulations.

The Board receives approx. 300 complaints each year. The Board investigates each complaint that alleges facts which if true, would constitute a violation of the dental laws. Outcomes of board actions include closing the complaint, writing a letter of education or an advisory letter wherein the licensee is informed of shortcomings in their practice, to formal charges after the opportunity for a hearing, and revocation of a license if warranted.

### 3. Setting standards for the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene and dental radiation technology that reflect new and emergent developments in the profession through legislation and regulation.

Attending Dental Board meetings is a good way to stay up-to-date on Board actions. The public is invited to the Board's open session meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Also, visit us at [dnhm.md.gov/dental](http://dnhm.md.gov/dental) to learn more about the Board.

# Disciplinary Actions Taken (May 1, 2012 – May 31, 2015)

License Name	License #	Summary of Action Taken
Diane Stout Colella, R.D.H.	2127 6480	Effective 5/16/2012 – Consent Order with Probation for two (2) years.
Laurie Ann (Soller) Sargent, D.D.S.	10358	Effective 06/15/2012 – Termination of Probation - License restored without restrictions or conditions.
Sarah Collier, D.R.T.	16725	Effective 07/18/2012 – Surrender of License.
Mary Cross, D.R.T.	5416	Effective 08/01/2012 – Consent Order - License Suspended for three (3) years.
Suzanne B. Honeyman, D.D.S.	8446	Effective 08/18/2012 – Termination of Probation - License restored without restrictions or conditions.
Donald G. Parker, D.D.S.	4871	Effective 09/05/2012 – Termination of Probation - License restored without restrictions or conditions.
Michelle Little-John Sampson, D.R.T.	17909	Effective 11/16/2012 – Consent Order with two (2) years probation subject to conditions.
Navid Asgari, D.D.S.	12143	Effective 12/05/2012 – Orders of Termination of Probation - License restored without restrictions or conditions.
Keosha Buie, D.R.T.	17845	Effective 12/06/2012 – Consent Order with two (2) years probation subject to conditions.
Kenneth B. Riley, D.D.S.	10295	Effective 12/13/2012 – Order of Revocation.
Hamid Kazemi, D.M.D.	11793	Effective 12/21/2012 – Consent Order - Reprimand and Conditions.
Siar Karmand, D.D.S.	13203	Effective 01/02/2013 – Summary Suspension.
Joel Berg, D.D.S.	4664	Effective 03/20/2013 – Consent Order with Reprimand for CDC Violations.
Derek Curtis, D.D.S.	NA	Effective 04/03/2013 – Denial of Initial Licensure.
Frank J. Bianca, D.D.S.	4137	Effective 04/20/2013 – Order of Termination of Probation - License restored without restrictions or conditions.
Gregori Kurtzman, D.D.S.	9272	Effective 06/05/2013 – Termination of Probation - License restored without restrictions or conditions.
Theodore Lichtman, D.D.S.	3745	Effective 06/05/2013 – Consent Order with twenty-five (25) days Probation.
Amalia Ramirez, D.D.S.	N/A	Effective 07/02/2013 – Denial of Initial Licensure.
David Hyde, D.D.S.	8105	Effective 07/02/2013 – Order of Revocation.
Joel Berg, D.D.S.	4664	Effective 08/07/2013 – Order of Termination.
Jennifer Bordner, D.R.T.	14989	Effective 08/07/2013 – Suspension for one (1) year, followed by three (3) years' Probation.
Aubrey Ragland, D.R.T.	12771	Effective 08/07/2013 – Order of Revocation.
Jacqueline Furqan, D.D.S.	7665	Effective 08/07/2013 – Case Closed - Respondent Deceased.
Wendy Davis, Kelley, D.R.T.	9144	Effective 08/28/2013 – Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Ciera Lee, D.R.T.	17811	Effective 08/28/2013 – Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Amal Rastogi, D.D.S.	14431	Effective 08/17/2013 – Order of Suspension to commence 09/13/2013, followed by three (3) years' Probation.
Vaqar Choudry, D.D.S.	13215	Effective 09/18/13 – Summary Suspension.
Nasser Moradi, D.D.S.	4719	Effective 09/18/2013 – Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Arden Bronstein, D.D.S.	10602	Effective 09/20/2013 – Summary Suspension – CDC Violations.
Cheryl Stende, R.D.H.	6027	Effective 10/02/2013 – Termination of Probation.
Jennifer Bordner, D.R.T.	14989	Effective 10/02/2013 – Termination of Suspension; Probation for three (3) years.
Kristi Zentgraf, D.R.T.	12993	Effective 10/16/2013 – Reprimand, two (2) years' Probation.
Arden Bronstein, D.D.S.	10602	Effective 10/16/2013 – Order to Lift Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Arden Bronstein, D.D.S.	10602	Effective 10/16/2013 – Suspension for two (2) years (STAYED), followed by three (3) years' Probation - CDC Violations.

License Name	License #	Summary of Action Taken
Randall Yazhary, D.M.D.	11517	Effective 11/06/2013 – Order of Suspension for one (1) year (STAYED), followed by three (3) years Probation, with restriction on endodontic treatment.
Neil Sushner, D.D.S.	5754	Effective 11/06/2013 – License Surrendered in lieu of Disciplinary Actions.
Nasser Moradi, D.D.S.	4719	Effective 11/06/2013 – Consent Order continuing Summary Suspension, Conditions to Lift Summary Suspension, following by three (3) years' Probation - CDC Violations.
Wendy Davis-Kelley, D.R.T.	9144	Effective 11/06/2013 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Esther Evans, D.R.T.	17029	Effective 12/04/2013 – Termination of Probation.
John I Tifford, D.D.S.	4853	Effective 12/16/2013 – Consent Order, Suspended seven (7) days subject to satisfactory CDC inspection, followed by one (1) year Probation - CDC Violations.
Maury Fechter, D.D.S.	5494	Effective 12/23/2013 – Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
John I. Tifford, D.D.S.	4853	Effective 12/30/2013 – Summary Suspension.
D. Black, D.R.T.	18003	Effective 01/15/2014 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
John I. Tifford, D.D.S.	4853	Effective 01/16/2014 – Order Continuing Summary Suspension.
Paul G. Heese, D.D.S.	10154	Effective 01/17/2014 – Summary Suspension.
Riku Mukherjee, D.D.S.	15087	Effective 02/10/2014 – Summarily Suspended - CDC Violations.
Deep Muko, D.D.S.	12862	Effective 02/10/2014 – Summarily Suspended - CDC Violations.
Walter B. Street, D.R.T.	16279	Effective 02/11/2014 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Riku Mukherjee, D.D.S.	15087	Effective 02/21/2014 – Order Continuing Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Deep Muko, D.D.S.	12862	Effective 02/21/2014 – Order Continuing Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Walter Gillin, D.D.S.	7389	Effective 03/05/2014 – Order to Lift Suspension.
Duwayne Parker, D.R.T.	12122	Effective 03/12/2014 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Amal Rastogi, D.M.D.	14431	Effective 03/13/2014 – Order to Lift Suspension. Probation.
Riku Mukherjee, D.D.S.	15087	Effective 03/19/2014 – Order to Lift Suspension.
Deep Muko, D.D.S.	12862	Effective 03/19/2014 – Order to Lift Suspension.
John Tifford, D.D.S.	4853	Effective 03/19/2014 – Order to Lift Summary Suspension, followed by one (1) year Probation.
Hamid Tofigh, D.D.S.	11554	Effective 03/19/2014 – Summarily Suspended.
Hamid Tofigh, D.D.S.	11554	Effective 04/11/2014 – Continuation of Summary Suspension.
Kelley Patton-Purtell, R.D.H.	4471	Effective 05/05/2014 – Letter of Surrender.
Margaret Kromah, D.D.S.	7439	Effective 05/07/2014 – Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for two (2) years - CDC Violations.
Hamid Kazemi, D.M.D.	11793	Effective 05/07/2014 – Order of Termination of Final Order.
Ulysses Martin, Jr., D.D.S.	9713	Effective 05/07/2014 – Consent Order with Reprimand, Probation for two (2) years - CDC Violations.
Maury Fechter, D.D.S.	5494	Effective 05/21/2014 – Order to Lift Summary Suspension, Consent Order with Probation for five (5) years-CDC Violations.
Gerry Dubin, D.D.S.	8457	Effective 06/04/2014 – Summarily Suspended - CDC Violations.
Jennifer Bordner, D.R.T.	14989	Effective 06/10/2014 – Summarily Suspended.
John I. Tifford, D.D.S.	4853	Effective 06/11/2014 – Summarily Suspended - CDC Violations.
Amisha Shroff, D.D.S.	13054	Effective 06/18/2014 – Suspended Effective 07/03/2014.
Gerry Dubin, D.D.S.	8457	Effective 06/19/2014 – Order to Lift Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Gerry Dubin, D.D.S.	8457	Effective 06/19/2014 – Consent Order with Probation for three (3) years - CDC Violations.
John I. Tifford, D.D.S.	4853	Effective 07/16/2014 – Revoked - CDC Violations.
Walter B. Street, D.R.T.	16279	Effective 07/16/2014 – Suspension Lifted - Child Support.
Paul Heese, D.D.S.	10154	Effective 07/16/2014 – Surrender of License in Lieu of Disciplinary Actions.
Rubeena Hosain, D.M.D.	13117	Effective 07/22/2014 – Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Cheryl Adams-Williams, D.D.S.	9773	Effective 08/06/2014 – Termination of Probation.
Ogden Belt, D.D.S.	5887	Effective 08/11/2014 – Surrender of License in Lieu of Disciplinary Actions.
Fredrick Clark, D.D.S.	10125	Effective 08/11/2014 – Summary Suspension - CDC Violations.
Rubeena Hosain, D.D.S.	13117	Effective 8/20/2014 – Order to Lift Summary Suspension; Probation for two (2) years- CDC Violations.

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Maury Fechter, D.D.S.	5494	Effective 09/29/2014 – Suspension for two (2) years - CDC Violations.
Azad Ally, D.D.S.	N/A	Effective 10/15/2014 – Denial of Application To Practice Dentistry by Examination.
Fredrick Clark, D.D.S.	10125	Effective 10/15/2014 – Order to Lift Summary Suspension
Fredrick Clark, D.D.S.	10125	Effective 10/15/2014 – Consent Order with one (1) year Probation subject to conditions- CDC Violations.
Joseph L. Dyson, Jr., D.D.S.	8597	Effective 10/15/2014 – Summarily Suspended - CDC Violations.
Derrick Winston, D.R.T.	12256	Effective 11/14/2014 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Walter Solomon, D.D.S.	7983	Effective 12/03/2014 – Order of Termination of Probation.
Cheryl J. Butler aka Cheryl J. Moat, D.R.T.	15524	Effective 12/11/2014 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Maury Fechter, D.D.S.	5494	Effective 12/17/2014 – License Revoked.
Randall Yazhary, D.D.S.	11517	Effective 12/22/2014 – Summarily Suspended.
Joseph L. Dyson, Jr., D.D.S.	8597	Effective 12/23/2014 – Summary Suspension Lifted - CDC Violations
Joseph L. Dyson, Jr., D.D.S.	8597	Effective 12/23/2014 – Probation for three (3) years.
Keosha Buie, D.R.T.	17845	Effective 01/07/2015 – Order of Termination of Probation.
Terry Turman-Meil, D.R.T.	10817 (expired)	Effective 01/21/2015 – Denial of Reinstatement.
Randall Yazhary, D.D.S.	11517	Effective 02/02/2015 – Summary Suspension Lifted. Suspension retroactive to 12/22/2014.
Hamid Tofigh, D.D.S.	11554	Effective 02/25/2015 – Revoked, retroactive to 03/19/2014.
Ronald Leven, D.D.S.	Pending	Effective 03/04/2015 – License granted. Eighteen (18) months suspension retroactively effective 01/06/2014, followed by ten (10) years probation - Practicing on expired license.
Wendy Davis-Kelly, D.R.T.	9144	Effective 03/04/2015 – Certificate Restored - Child Support.
David Fuderich, D.D.S.	14693	Effective 03/18/2015 – Order of Termination of Probation.
Dietra Bellamy, D.D.S.	13362	Effective 04/01/2015 – License Revoked - Patient Abandonment.
Duwayne Parker, D.R.T.	12122	Effective 04/10/2015 – Certificate Restored - Child Support
Rebecca J. Farrow, D.R.T.	15463	Effective 04/17/2015 – Probation for two (2) years, participate in Dentist Well Being Monitoring Program.
Darius Covington, D.R.T.	16293	Effective 07-20-2015 – Order of Suspension - Child Support Enforcement.
Jonathan K. Cole, D.M.D.	8545	Effective 05/06/2015 – Order of Termination of Probation.
David Lewis, D.D.S.	6523	Effective 05/06/2015 – Summarily Suspended - CDC Violations.
Jennifer Bordner, D.R.T.	14989	Effective 05/26/2015 – Certificate Revoked.

# Your Dental Board Update

CONTRIBUTOR: Dr. Ngoc Chu

I am currently serving my second 4 year term on the board. I also served as the president of the board for two years. It has been a great pleasure and honor and I would like to express my appreciation to all of the Board members who contributed a great deal of personal time to develop the following programs.

Being charged with protecting the public, the Board constantly refines its approach in response to current events and in anticipation of future needs.

Compliance with the dental laws is accomplished through enforcement actions after a complaint is made, since by law our system is complaint driven. During the past two years, the Board has augmented its enforcement actions with outreach and continuing education programs.

The following are the activities of the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners from 2012-2014.

1. *Legislative:* Standard of Care, Dispensing Modifications, Recordkeeping (implementation for both paper and electronic), Pharmacology continuing education requirement (as a respond to a request of the Office of National Drug Control Policy to the American Association of Dental Boards).
2. *Increased Committee Activities:* Infection Control and Biosafety (CDC Work Group and meeting with CDC Experts); Pharmacology Work Group and meeting with Pharmacology Experts specifically in the field of dentistry from the state of Maryland; Triage Procedural and Sanctioning Guidelines; Informal Meetings.
3. *Outreach:* Board Retreat; Meeting with Peer Review; Expert Training Class; University of Maryland Meetings (Faculty Licensure; Coordination of Care); Pharmacology Continuing Education Course; Developing Pharmacology Online Course.
4. *Procedural/Governance:* By-Laws Update; Initiated Code of Conduct; Unauthorized Practice/ Professional Responsibility Work Group; Compounding Work Group.

It is noteworthy to mention that Dr. Maurice Miles, immediate past-president and Dr. Ron Moser, president, contributed greatly to the implementation of "Standard of Care" legislation. With the new leadership, I am confident that the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners will continue in its quest to protect the public.

I would like to express my appreciation to Dr. Ali Behnia, our newsletter and e-mail blast editor, who invested and continues to invest so many hours of his time to maintain a line of communication with our licensees.

## Experts & Practice Reviewers Needed

Thank you Maryland dental practitioners for your excellent response to the Board's recent Bulletin requesting applicants for Experts and Practice Reviewers! We are continuing to seek orthodontic and endodontic experts to analyze records and provide reports for cases involving these specific specialties.

An active Maryland license is required. Please contact Mrs. Sharon Oliver at 410.402.8528 for further information. The Board sincerely appreciates your willingness to serve the citizens of Maryland in this capacity.



## "KNOCK KNOCK: WE ARE HERE FROM THE DENTAL BOARD"

Several years ago, the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners initiated an educational program designed to engage members of organized dentistry, dental hygiene and consumer groups. This course, presented by the Chief Dental Officer, offers an interactive instructional process meant to increase the understanding of the Board's mission, disciplinary process and administrative functions.

The "Knock, Knock" course provides an opportunity to inform attendees about the Board's structure, and to provide insight into the complaint, adjudication and sanctioning processes. Participants are given an overview of categories of complaints, practitioner recordkeeping errors and Centers for Disease Control violations. This program also updates participants on recent relevant Board and/or legislative regulatory actions and requirements.

Two continuing education units are awarded for attending this training session. Please contact Dr. Leslie Grant at 410.402.8536 to inquire about providing this informative no charge presentation to your organization.



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The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners has regulations regarding duties performed by dental auxiliary personnel. Allowing auxiliary staff (dental assistants, dental radiation technologists, and dental hygienists) to perform duties beyond their scope of practice is a violation of the dental laws.

You may contact the board for a full description of the auxiliary duties at 410.402.8500 or email [dhmh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov](mailto:dhmh.mddentalboard@maryland.gov).

## Child Support License Suspension Program

By law, the Board cannot issue a new license to an applicant who is under a court order to pay child support and has past due arrears amounting to more than 120 days. Further, the Board is obligated to suspend an active license if notified by the Department of Social Services that a licensee is in arrears with child support payments. During the suspension, the licensee is prohibited from practicing. In addition, if a license is suspended, the suspension is public information. Once a payment plan has been worked out and the Board receives confirmation of such, the license is reinstated.