# GREATER DETROIT DENTAL HYGIENISTS' **ASSOCIATION**



#### **President's Address**

Sandy Sutton, RDH, BSDH

Welcome to another change, my fellow hygienists. This time, it's one we expect at this time of the year...Fall!

We have so many wonderful things to be thankful for and look forward to. Apple cider and donuts, crisp days, leaf piles and for many of us, House of Delegates (HOD). This year marks our first virtual HOD. Although we had planned to be in our own back yard this year, we are rolling with the changes. As much as we would've liked our yearly bonding time with our friends state-wide, we'll still get to see their faces on our computers. It will be a learning curve for many of our members and for other components as we move forward into our new year.

Our education committee has been hard at work, not only finding interesting and qualified speakers, but also in moving our CE's to a virtual format. We will be using Zoom meetings and pairing it with CE Zoom for the administrative portion. Once we started reviewing everything that we once did by hand, it only made sense to automate this function.

Our new Fundraising Chair has also been hard at work putting together some great opportunities for us to bring in much needed funds in a fun way! She'll be unveiling her plans in our first members meeting on September 23,2020.

Our social footprint has grown from a website, to Facebook and Twitter, and now includes Instagram. If you're on social media, please click on it and like our pages to receive up to the minute information on things that are important to our jobs, our profession and our lives.



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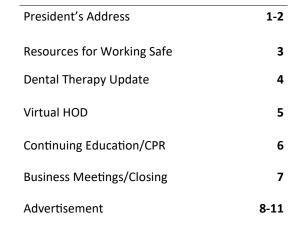
In addition, I would like to take a moment and say thank you to all of members who work hard on our daily, weekly and monthly chores that keep our component the strongest in Michigan. We wouldn't exist without the commitment you share. I strongly encourage new members to sit in, see what we do, and drag a friend in with you. Not too many years ago, that's what I did as a student. If someone would have told me in 2013 that I'd be GDDHA President in 2020, I'd have laughed my bottom off.

For now, we will concentrate on doing what we can and helping each other where and when possible. Please take time for you and the things that you need to do to keep yourself and your families happy, healthy and safe.

Sandy-



#### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:





### The New Normal @ Work

A helpful link and websites to visit for information/guidance to keep us working safely

American Dental Association updated guidelines for safe work practice















#### **Dental Therapy News Update:**

Licensing Rules Now Posted for Comment! Zoom Public Hearing Set for Sept. 18

Thank you for your continued interest in the extended process of establishing dental therapy practice in Michigan, particularly as it has now been six months past the original time we anticipated licensing rules would have been completed because of the impact of COVID-19.

We're excited to share the news that the official notice of public hearing for the draft licensing rules has been posted and comments to the rules are now being accepted.

Comments on the proposed rules (incorporated into proposed General Dentistry rule changes) may be presented in person at the public hearing or submitted in writing until 5:00 p.m. on September 18.

Written comments should be sent to:

Attention: Policy Analyst, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing - Boards and Com-

mittees Section

P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909-8170 Email: BPL BoardSupport@michigan.gov

For those who wish to speak, the public hearing is set for 1 p.m. EST on Friday, September 18 and will be held virtually via Zoom.

Web Link:

https://zoom.us/j/91037626554?pwd=U2hCenFlWnhJZEV1dmV4bmZlSVUzUT09

Password:658403

Phone number: 877-336-1831; Conference Code for audio connection: 486917

Please note: There is no requirement that Board of Dentistry members be present to hear comments during the hearing.

The draft rules are available via a link <u>here</u>; or you can download them as a PDF <u>here</u>.

After leading the work of the MI Dental Access coalition on PA 463 of 2018, MCMCH has continued to follow the rules process and we will be submitting comments IN SUPPORT of the rules as presented.

We believe the rules as presented are substantially in keeping with the legislative intent of the statute and that, if promulgated, will create a regulatory structure that ensures only qualified individuals educated at institutions which meet the Commission on Dental Accreditation standards will be licensed as dental therapists in Michigan. The rules in their current form also do not create any unnecessary burdens to entering the profession or practicing the scope of practice as defined in statute.

As we discussed in our last <u>update</u>, we worked with Rep. Jason Sheppard (R-Temperance) to address one issue that cannot be clarified through rule language. House Bill 5827 amends the Public Health Code to allow the required hours of clinical practice to be supervised by a dentist licensed in the state where the educational program is located, not limiting it to a Michigan dentist.

The bill passed the House of Representatives in June and is awaiting action in the Senate Health Policy Committee. We're very grateful to Rep. Sheppard for advancing this bill in a such a timely manner and we look forward to its progression through the Senate in tandem with completion of the rule promulgation process.

#### Job Opportunity: Help Promote Dental Therapists

Want to help advance dental therapy in Michigan? It could be your next job!

We are happy to share a position posted with the Michigan Primary Care Association for an Oral Health Program Specialist. This new position would be primarily responsible for advancing and promoting dental therapists in Michigan and providing support to member FQHCs and other organizations that are interested in educating and employing dental therapists.

Click here for the position posting and the link to apply but don't delay - the posting is closing soon!

### 1st Virtual MDHA House of Delegates

Congratulation to our 2020 Delegates & Alternates!



#### **Delegates /\*Alternates**

- ♦ Dawn Baker, RDH, BSDH
- ♦ Marge Buehner, RDH, RDA, BS, MHSA
  - ♦ Stephanie DeMoss, RDH, BSDH
  - ♦ Janiece Flores-Davies, RDH, BS
    - ♦ Renee Fox, RDH, M Ed
    - ♦ Karen Lawson, RDH
  - ♦ Kathi Shepherd, RDH, BS, MS
- ♦ Carolynn Zietz, RDH, RDA, MA, MAADH
  - \*Maureen VanHook, RDH, BS
    - ◆ \*Ashe Vincent, RDH

#### Important Dates to Remember

10/16/2020 MDHA Pre-HOD Virtual Seminar

10/17-10/18/2020 HOD

11/06/2020 Detroit District Dental Review (Virtual)

#### **Continuing Education 2020-21**

All CE meetings will be online ZOOM format

- ⇒ Wednesday 9/30/2020 6:30-8:30PM "COVID-19 and Prevention and Treatment" Dr. Diane Culik /
  "Nutrition and the Immune System" Alissa Brecht, MS, RDN 2CE
- ⇒ Friday 12/04/2020 Red Run Webinar 9:30-1:30PM "Beating the Odds: A Story NOT Silenced by Stage IV Oral Cancer" Eva Grayzel 4CE
- ⇒ Thursday 2/25/2021 6:30-8:30PM "Children and Airway" Dr. Maureen Kuhta & Keisha Nolan M.A., CCC-SLP, COM 2CE
- ⇒ Wednesday 3/24/2021 6:30-8:30PM Speaker TBD 2CE
- ⇒ Thursday 5/13/2021 6:30-8:30PM "The Latest Trends in Orthodontics" Dr. Andrew DeHaan 2CE



CPR w/ Jan Miller offered Saturday January 23, 2021 @ Farmington Community

Library (2 sessions tentative on if 'in person' is allowed)

BUT Please mark your calendars if you need to renew!





#### **GDDHA \*Virtual Business Meetings 2020—2021**

The door is always open. We invite all members, those interested in joining our organization, and students to see how business is conducted.

#### Wednesday September 23, 2020

**Business Mtg** 

7 pm — 8:30 pm

Zoom

#### Wednesday November 18, 2020

**Business Mtg** 

7 pm-8:30 pm

Zoom



#### Thursday January 14, 2021

**Business Mtg** 

7 pm — 8:30 pm

Zoom

#### Thursday March 18, 2021

**Business Mtg** 

7 pm—8:30 pm

Zoom

#### Wednesday May 19, 2021

**Business Mtg** 

7 pm-8:30 pm

Zoom







#### Have Lunch On Us and Learn About...

- Non-Aerosol Caries Treatments
- Non-Aerosol SMART Restorations
- Teledentistry 101 With Free Starter Tools
- Pre-appointment Caries Risk Assessment
- Prevention Treatment Planning
- Patient-Centered Communication Skills

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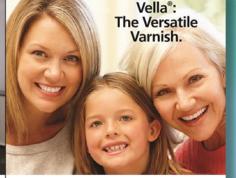


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