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KEEPING OUR POLITICAL VOICE STRONG

CalHyPAC Newsletter

2019

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WHAT IS CalHyPAC?

CalHyPAC is the Political Action Committee created by the California Dental Hygienists' Association.

CalHyPAC is a voluntary, non-

Dear California Dental Hygienists,

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CALIFORNIA



CDHA's Legislative Day on March 26, 2019 was a **SUCCESS!** 24 Registered Dental Hygienists and Registered Dental Hygienists' in Alternative Practice from all over the state visited at least 32 Legislators to inform them on:

1. Senate Bill 653 (SB-653)

partisan, political
advocacy
committee.

CalHyPAC is an
essential part
of CDHA's govern-
ment relations
program

CalHyPAC
supports
legislators who
share the interest,
concerns and
goals of the
dental hygiene
profession.

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CDHA AND GRC HARD AT WORK FOR HYGIENISTS!!!

Dental Hygiene Board of California

- On January 1, 2019 - Dental Hygiene Board of California became official!!!
- Regulatory authority extended until January 1, 2023!!!

Labor Laws and Employee Rights

- The Labor Commissioner as well as the National Labor Relations Board provide free speakers to groups. ([CLICK HERE](#))

Dental Board of California

- Nov 29-30, 2018 (Sacramento) and February 7-8, 2019 (San Diego) - DBC meeting.
- RDAEF2 request for Local Anesthesia/Nitrous Oxide Administration scope - author promoted this as an access to care, and patient comfort issue. This was followed up by public testimony in opposition which included DHBC (Lum), CDHA (Okamoto), Vice President CDHEA (McDonald), USC Faculty Representative (Brookman), Taft DH Program Director (Kimbrough), as well as written testimonies from Dr. Malamad (Dentist Anesthesiologist and USC professor), West LA and Santa Rosa's DH programs, and CDHA. The DBC moved to place this issue on a future agenda.
- RDA Practical Examination suspended until further notice.
- May 15 - 16, 2019 - DBC meeting - Anaheim
- August 15-16, 2019 - DBC meeting - TBD

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

- DHCS will utilize CDT D9920
- SRP and Perio Maintenance will receive supplemental payments
- CDHA continues to advocate for the inclusion of CDHA and dental hygienist advisors to DHCS.

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Recent Legislation



DENTAL HYGIENE BOARD OF CALIFORNIA IS OFFICIAL!

Governor Brown signed SB-1482, which officially changed the Dental Hygiene Committee of California (DHCC) to the Dental Hygiene Board of California (DHBC).

Bills We are Monitoring

- SB 653 (Chang/Hill) Telehealth - CDHA sponsored bill
- SB 66 (Atkins and McGuire) FQHCs and RHCs
- SB 154 (Pan) Medi-cal: restorative dental services
- SB 347 (Monning) Sugar Sweetened Beverages: Safety Warnings
- AB 316 (Ramos) Medi-cal benefits: special dental care needs
- AB 1322 (Berman/O'Donnell) School based health programs
- AB 138 (Bloom) California Community Health Fund
- AB 764 (Bonta) Sugar-sweetened beverages
- AB 766 (Chiu) Unsealed beverage container portion cap

To read more about any bills, go to
leginfo.legislature.ca.gov

CalHyPAC encourages all RDHs and RDHAPs to visit your legislator in his/her local office. Introduce yourself as an RDH or RDHAP serving in his/her constituent and indicate your desire to help with healthcare issues, access, etc. Talking points available in the Members Section of CDHA.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING NATIONALLY

2018 Standard Occupational Classification of Dental Hygienist:

The US Office of Management and Budget has updated the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) and reclassified dental hygienists as Healthcare Diagnosing or Treating Practitioners. Previously dental hygienists were classified as healthcare technologists or technicians.

Data collected by the SOC is widely used by the public, interested stakeholders, and public policy makers, including the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Department of Labor.



Committee of Dental Accreditation (CODA) Standards to DH Education Programs:

Standard to DH Education Programs - update and clarification of the term DH Diagnosis and to define DH Process of Care. This amends Dental Hygiene Diagnosis as "the identification, of an individual's health behaviors, attitudes, and oral healthcare needs for which a Dental Hygienist is educationally qualified and licensed to provide."

Adopted at Summer 2018 held August 2, 2018, with implementation July 1, 2019 per "unofficial report of major actions."

For more information go to ADA.org

CalHyPAC MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Mary Delehanty, RDHAP, BS

"It is amazing what you can do if you try".



May marks my 41st year in the dental profession, and has filled my life with relationships, and sense of fulfillment by providing care to others.

Working at a non-profit children's health center for 10 1/2 years, opened my eyes to what fundraising and providing care to the less fortunate can do. I used to muse at the work done by others before me building the foundation of care for generations of low income families.

CalHyPAC is the same. Placing bricks in the foundation of scope of practice of dental hygiene. There are still 4 states where RDH's can not administer local anesthesia-CA has been doing that for over 40 years!

I love being an RDHAP! It serves a great need and families are thankful. I still practice in the clinical setting as well, and volunteer as the Hygiene facilitator of the Care Harbor.

Being active in CDHA and CalHyPAC has provided many great opportunities for growth. There are many hygienists working to make the world a better place. Join us!

ADVOCACY

Advocacy is an important component in any organization and for its members to make legislators aware of their positions on policy issues. As a licensed profession governed by state practice acts and rules, dental hygiene is directly impacted by many policy issues that shape day-to-day dental hygiene practice and the delivery of oral health care services.

Issues requiring advocacy in California are: scope of practice, access to care, continuing education and reimbursement under Dent-Cal. Your involvement as a dental hygiene professional is critical to the success of any advocacy effort! Below are CalHyPAC members working hard for our members. Read about the power of CDHA advocacy.[CLICK HERE](#)



Standing left to right: VP - Trish Thomas, Ellen Standley, Treasurer - Debbie Phillips, Chair - Frannie Driscoll, Directors - Blanca Pareto, and Heidi Coggan (sitting) *not present: Directors - Mary Delehanty, Sara Coppola, and Angela Gomez*

CDHA'S LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY FIRM IS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN CALIFORNIA

The California Dental Hygienists' Association has retained the legislative advocacy firm of [Aaron Read and Associates](#) since 1984 to help us work with legislative leaders, state agencies, the Dental Hygiene Committee of California ([DHCC](#)) and other associations.



**Aaron Read,
legislative advocate**

Together we promote state policies encouraging increased availability of oral health care, to improve laws and regulations that protect the public's oral health and enhance the practice of dental hygiene. CDHA's executive officers, the Government Relations Council (GRC) and the CalHyPAC committee work closely with legislative advocates Mr. Aaron Read, Mr. Terry McHale, and Ms. Jennifer Tannehill

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !

Want to help CDHA be successful in having a strong voice in Sacramento about the issues we care about?

- You can donate money to CalHyPAC We welcome donations from members, friends, potential members, and non-members.
- You can write letters to your legislators about legislation affecting dental hygiene.
- **JOIN YOUR PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION.** Legislative victories are made possible through the

involvement of members like yourself and CDHA's multifaceted public policy initiatives. You are essential to the success of CDHA'S legislative and political advocacy.

WANT TO DONATE?

Send checks payable to CalHyPAC

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Fair Political Practice Act requires that you include your name, address, occupation and name of employer on your check. Your contributions are not deductible for state or federal income tax purposes.

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