

# KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

July 2009

Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson St., Ste 564S, Topeka, KS 66612-1572

Phone 785-296-6400 ~ Fax 785-296-3116

Email: [info@dental.state.ks.us](mailto:info@dental.state.ks.us) Visit our website at [www.kansas.gov/kdb/](http://www.kansas.gov/kdb/)

**...Our mission is to protect the public**

Richard Darnall, DDS, Pres. At large      Michael Milford, DDS, 1<sup>st</sup> District      Richelle Roy, DDS, 2<sup>nd</sup> District  
Jane Criser, RDH, Vice President      Roger Stevens, DDS, at large      Karen Callanan, DDS, 4<sup>th</sup> District  
Denise Maus, RDH, Secretary      Glenn Hemberger, DDS, 3<sup>rd</sup> District      Jim Showalter, Public Member

Betty Wright, Exec. Dir., Melissa Graham, Admin. Officer, Vanda Collins, Senior Admin. Assistant

2009 Board meetings: location Landon State Office Bdg. July 24 -Rm 108; Sept 18, - Rm 108

## Statistics 6/16/09

<b>Total Dentists</b>	2048	<b>Total Hygienists</b>	2256	Level I Sedation Permits	25	Extended Care I Permits	29
Active	1812	Active	2087	Level II Sedation Permits	55	Extended Care II Permits	57
Practicing in KS	1399	Practicing in KS	1593				

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On May 7, 2009 Governor Parkinson appointed Dr. Glenn Hemberger, a pediatric specialist from Overland Park, Kansas to succeed Brad Higgerson, DMD to represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District. The governor appointed Dr. Michael Milford, DDS an oral surgeon from Dodge City to succeed Robert Henson, DDS to represent the first Congressional district. Dr. Roger Stevens, DDS a general dentist from Manhattan was reappointed as member at large. We welcome our two new members and glad to have Dr. Stevens for another four years. All of their terms will expire on April 30, 2013.

Dr. Milford is a native Kansan and was licensed here in 1966. He was born in Kingman, lived in Fowler as a child and graduated from high school in Dodge City. He graduated from Fort Hays College in 1962 and is a 1966 graduate of the UMKC School of Dentistry. He served in the Navy from 1966 until 1974, first as a general dentist for 3 years and then as an oral surgery resident at the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, VA. for 4 years. His last year was aboard the hospital ship USS Sanctuary before resigning his commission and moving to Dodge City to private practice as an oral surgeon. He is the former Chief -of-Staff at the Western Plains Regional Hospital in Dodge City and a diplomate of the ABOMS. He is a life member of the AAOMS, ADA and KDA. He is married to Connie C. Cramer of Healy, Kansas; they have 2 married children and 5 grandchildren.

Dr. Hemberger was licensed in Kansas in 1972. He is a pediatric dentist in Overland Park. He was recently president of the KDA and worked to advance the oral health needs of the elderly in Kansas during his term. He has served on the faculty and staff of Children's Mercy Hospital and the UMKC School of Dentistry in the area of pediatric dentistry. He has been in private practice for 28 years. He has been active in the 5th District Dental Society for years. He also has been active in Kansas Mission of Mercy Project since its conception and remains as a member of that Steering Committee.

Our reappointed member, Dr. Roger Stevens, has been an exceptionally valuable member of the board. He became a CRDTS and a WREB dental examiner. He represents our board on the board of directors of WREB. He also helps us by reviewing documents when licensing applicants who apply by credentials. He travels extensively each year for licensing exams and examiner meetings representing the Kansas Dental Board, and is a general dentist in Manhattan, a fisherman and hunter. He is a very agreeable worker for the board and we are thrilled that he is able and willing to continue.

## FAREWELL TO ONE BOARD MEMBER

Dr. Brad Higgerson, DMD was replaced after four years on the board. He has four children and felt that he could not devote the amount of time he would like to his work for the board. We will miss his entertaining sense of humor. He was Chairman of the Investigative Committee during his last year on the board and was instrumental in expanding the committee from one member to three. He worked very hard on the committee by personally reviewing case files; he also helped us to streamline our process. When asked what he learned from his committee experience he said that it has made him a better dentist. By reviewing records and assessing the complaint cases, he felt that communication is one of the most important skills a dental team should develop. He urges offices to inform patients about their existing conditions, treatment options, and describe the benefits of each option along with the risk of not treating these conditions. It is important to do thorough documentation of your conversation and clearly explain financial information. Although it takes extra time, it may avoid the misunderstandings that often result in complaints to the dental board.

**STAGGERED RENEWALS ENDING THIS YEAR**

This fall, all of our odd numbered renewals will be renewing for two years. Since the odd numbered dentists renewed for one year last year, they will need to have taken 30 hours of CE by Dec. 1, 2009. The hygienists will need to have had 30 hours of CE for the past two years. The renewal fees for the dentists will be \$300 and for the hygienists it will be \$150. Be sure your mailing addresses are up to date so that you receive your renewal forms in the mail. You will also be able to renew online from our website.

**APRIL 10, 2009 BOARD MEETING**

No disciplinary actions were taken at the April 10, 2009 Board meeting.

**NOMINATED WREB EXAMINERS**

The board considered applicants for WREB examiners on April 10, 2009 and forwarded two dentists and three hygienists to WREB for their consideration.

**JURISPRUDENCE EXAM QUESTION**

True or False? Any person who practices dentistry or dental hygiene in the state of Kansas without having first obtained a Kansas license from the board shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than twelve months, or by both fine and imprisonment.

ANSWER: True. See KSA 65-1460. The latest Dental Practice Act can be downloaded from the website, [www.kansas.gov/kdb](http://www.kansas.gov/kdb).

**PATIENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO A COPY OF THEIR DENTAL RECORDS**

As medical care providers, dentists must provide copies of their medical records to their patients if requested. You may condition the furnishing of the patient's health care records to the patient, the patient's authorized representative or any other person or entity authorized by law to obtain or reproduce such records, upon the payment of charges. You may charge a fee of \$16.29 plus .54 cents/page, plus the cost to copy radiographs. This falls under the Health Care Provider statute at KSA 65-4971. We often receive calls from exasperated patients who can not get their dental records from the dentist, or the dentist refuses to send the records to a subsequent dentist until the bill is paid. Dentists may not hold the patient's dental records hostage until the patient pays the bill.

**STATUS OF UNLICENSED PERSONNEL AND TEETH BLEACHING**

If you are following the progress of our new regulations, this is a reminder that the new proposed regulation regarding the practice of dentistry by unlicensed personnel will have a public hearing at the July 24, 2009 board meeting. The hearing is at 9:00 a.m. in Room 108 of the Landon State Office Bldg. and you can review the regulation on our website.

**ANESTHESIA REGULATIONS**

The Board has set a public hearing date for the sedation/anesthesia permit regulations. Your written comments will be read and considered by the board. The hearing is September 18, 2009 in Rom 108 of the Landon State Office Bldg. and you can review the regulation on our website. They will be creating a level of anesthesia permit for those dentists who practice oral sedation in the dental office.

*The board has an impaired provider program. For help call HAPN- 913-236-7575 for more information*

**Kansas Dental Board**  
Landon State Office Bldg.  
900 SW Jackson, RM 564-S  
Topeka, KS 66612  
167-01

PRSR STD  
U.S Postage Paid  
Topeka, Kansas  
Permit No. 157