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**PRACTICE AND EDUCATION MEETING
BOARD MEETING FINAL MINUTES**

Friday, January 28, 2022

This public meeting was held via WebEx Events.

| Members Present | Staff Present |
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| Jeffrey Garcia, OD, Chair | Shara Murphy, Executive Officer |
| Joseph Pruitt, OD | Cheree Kimball, Assistant Executive Officer |
| | Mark Johnson, Policy Analyst |
| | Natalia Leeper, Lead Licensing Analyst |
| | Brad Garding, Enforcement Analyst |
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| Members Absent | Guests |
| Madhu Chawla, OD (Appointed) | On File |

Link for the audio of discussions:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Audio of Discussion: 00:00

Meeting Chair, Dr. Jeffrey Garcia called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. Roll call was taken, and a quorum was established. Dr. Madhu Chawla was not present.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Note: The committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting. (Government Code § [11125](#), § [11125.7\(a\)](#).)

Audio of Discussion: 00:34

There were no requests for public comment.

3. Discussion and Possible Action on the July 23, 2021 and the September 24, 2021 Practice and Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Audio of Discussion: 00:48

There were no requests for public comment.

Jeffrey Garcia moved to approve the July 23, 2021 and the September 24, 2021 Practice and Education Committee meeting minutes as written. Joseph Pruitt seconded. The Committee voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

| Member | Aye | No | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
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| Dr. Garcia | X | | | | |
| Dr. Pruitt | X | | | | |
| Dr. Chawla | | | | X | |

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (KAISER APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 01:39

KP – Dr. Alisha Truong, MD

A. Pediatric Eye Care-What You Need to Know

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (ONLINE WEBINAR APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 01:39

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

A. Clinical Cases in Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

B. Rapid Fire Cases

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

C. Case Studies in Co-Management

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

D. Approach to Cataract/Refractive Surgery

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

E. Exciting Updates from ASCRS

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

F. Refractive Surgery Past, Present, and Future

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

G. POAG 101

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

H. The Latest Updates on Keratoconus

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

I. Refractive Surgery Survey and Co-Management Pearls

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

J. How to Master One Day Post Ops

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

K. The Latest Updates on Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery

Colvard-Kandavel – Ms. Angela Hughes

L. 1. Premium Lenses and MIGS Updates

2. Vivity Changing the Game

3. Optimizing Refractive Accuracy in Cataract Surgery

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

M. The Latest on Corneal Dystrophies

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

N. What is New in Cataract Surgery Post-Operative Co-Management, ICL Co-Management

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

O. How to Manage/Treat 1 Day Post-Op PRK, ICL, RLE

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

P. 1. A New Age in Cataract Surgery

2. Cataract Surgery in Narrow Angle Glaucoma

Harvard Eye Associates – Ms. Erica Arrington

Q. Advances in Management of Ocular Surgery Patients

Dr. Garcia noted that all courses have sufficient content. He suggested that all Dougherty Laser Vision courses that are not glaucoma be approved as general optometry instead of ocular disease. Dr. Pruitt agreed.

There were no requests for public comment.

Joseph Pruitt moved to approve all courses in Items 4 and 5 and to approve the Dougherty Laser Vision courses that are not glaucoma as general optometry instead of ocular disease. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

| Member | Aye | No | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
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| Dr. Garcia | X | | | | |
| Dr. Pruitt | X | | | | |
| Dr. Chawla | | | | X | |

6. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (COMPLETE APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 06:24

Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra

A. Corneal Ectasia

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

B. Doc, How Will You Take My Eye Out?

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

- C.
1. Lessons Learned in the Clouds: A Case for High Altitude Vision Loss
 2. Cosmetic Surgery: What Your Patients Are Doing and What You Need to Know
 3. When Expertise Matters: Complex Anterior Segment Cases
 4. Microinvasive Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS) With or Without Concurrent Glaucoma Surgery
 5. Presbyopia Management: Blended Monovision vs. Multifocal IOLs – Which Approach is Best?
 6. Retina 2021
 7. The Daily Show with Madhu Agarwal Neuro-Ophthalmology, Oculoplastics, Adult Strabismus, and You!
 8. How Do I Choose the Best Refractive Procedure for Our Patient?
 9. Glaucoma Updates 2021 and Beyond
 10. Managing Glaucoma Patients: A General Eye Provider Perspective
 11. Managing Glaucoma Using More Advanced OCT Analysis
 12. The Implantable Collamer Lens (ICL) As a Premium Option: Is it Magic or is it Science?!
 13. The Latest in Keratoconus Management

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

D. Frequently Asked Questions by ODs

Coastal Vision Medical Group – Mr. Manny Monroy

E. Presbyopia & Astigmatism Management: The Power of Adjustability

Loma Linda University – Ms. Angela Saavedra

- F.
1. Glaucoma – When to Treat, Treatment Options and How to Monitor for Progression
 2. Updates in Pediatric Ophthalmology
 3. Diabetic Retinopathy: Pathophysiology, Current Trends & Practice
 4. Inherited Retinal Dystrophy in 2021
 5. Integrating Optometry into Medical Missions
 6. Intrastromal Corneal Ring Segments and Ectatic Corneas is there Still a Role for the Ring in the Age of Cross-Linking
 7. New IOL Technology
 8. Retinal Emergencies: What to Send to the ER, What Can Wait Until Monday
 9. The Clinical Spectrum of Infectious and Non-Infectious Contact Lens Associated Keratitis
 10. When Drops Don't Cut It
 11. Age-Related Macular Degeneration: Updates and Current Treatment
 12. The Story of Retinopathy in Prematurity

California Oculoplastics California Retina – Dr. Joseph Lin, MD

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1. A Midsummer Night's Beam
 2. Doc, What's Up with That Eyelid?

Dougherty Laser Vision – Ms. Carolina Guardado

H. Visian ICL Co-Management

Maloney-Shamie Vision Institute - Mr. Ryan Delaney

I. Optimizing Outcomes Through Collaborative Care

There were no requests for public comment.

Joseph Pruitt moved to approve all courses in Item 6 and to approve the Dougherty Laser Vision courses that are not glaucoma as general optometry Instead of ocular disease. Jeffrey Garcia seconded. The Committee voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

| Member | Aye | No | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
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| Dr. Garcia | X | | | | |
| Dr. Pruitt | X | | | | |
| Dr. Chawla | | | | X | |

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1536 (INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS)

Audio of Discussion: 08:20

Helm Vision Group – Dr. Craig J Helm, MD

A. Diagnosis and Treatment of Corneal Ulcers

This item will be brought back to a future meeting when the package is complete.

8. Discussion and Possible Action on Accepting Vaccination Injection Courses for Continuing Education Credit

Audio of Discussion: 10:18

Lead Licensing Analyst, Natalia Leeper provided a staff report. Back in April 2016, Drs. Debra McIntyre and Wang requested that staff research whether the Board has previously accepted a certification course for glaucoma as continuing education (CE) credits for biennial renewals. Ms. Leeper reported that the results of her research were inconclusive. In reviewing past CE audits, she was unable to determine whether these certification courses were accepted as CE credit or not. She stated that it is up to the Committee or Board to decide if the 15 glaucoma certification hours will be accepted as credit towards the 50-hour CE renewal requirement.

Dr. Garcia asked if the Board is allowing CE credit for the courses needed for glaucoma and lacrimal irrigation and dilation? Ms. Leeper explained that this is what she was unable to determine. She looked at audits from 2008 to 2014; these audits that failed and had these certifications included did not specify why they failed. During her review Ms. Leeper determined these audits failed for multiple reasons.

Dr. Garcia noted that he believes most optometrists who included these certification courses towards their 50-hour requirement, probably assumed they were qualifying CE credits. He asked if at this moment the Committee is deciding whether to count glaucoma and lacrimal irrigation and dilation certification courses as qualifying CE, or is the Committee focusing solely on immunization certification?

Ms. Murphy clarified that staff does not have determination. There have not been as many as many certificates for glaucoma or lacrimal separate from new graduates. Therefore, this is a situation that staff have come up against in her 3-year tenure. Ms. Murphy explained that having an understanding of what the Committees thoughts are on this and then bringing it to the Board would make great sense.

Dr. Garcia asserted that if the certification courses are within the Board's scope of practice, then they should count towards the CE requirements, at least in some portion of that. Dr. Pruitt agreed that the Board should accept those certification hours towards the CE requirements.

Ms. Murphy explained that there are 3 ways for optometrists to earn their certifications. One of those options is the preceptorship and she is not sure there is a way to determine the number of hours required to complete the preceptorship. Dr. Garcia clarified that while he believes the Board should accept these course hours for CE, he does not believe the preceptorship can count because it would be far too difficult to calculate the hours. He noted that this can become part of the decision.

Dr. Garcia asked if for immunization we are looking at 15 hours total, 12 hours of self-study and 3 hours of interactive as being creditable for CE credit? Ms. Leeper clarified that they cap out at 15 hours, and if they want to use the 12 hours of self-study towards the 25 hours of self-study available, they may do so. The limiting factor is the 12 hours outside of ocular disease.

Dr. Garcia asked if there is anything else staff wishes for the Committee to look at? Ms. Murphy responded saying she believes Members have developed clear direction for staff as to how they want this to look. She suggested opening up for public comment, then wrapping up any conversation after hearing public comments. Afterwards, if Members would like another opportunity to see what the language would say, Members may give staff direction today to draft language and bring it back to the PEC first and then go to the full Board, or Members may make a recommendation now to move this to the full Board and review the language all together in May. Ms. Murphy explained that due to limited staff resources coming in March, there will not be an opportunity to put this on the agenda until May. This is a regulatory change so there would still be a 14 to 18-month lead time before being able to make the change within the regulations.

Dr. Pruitt noted that since the PEC has the time, it may make sense to hear suggestions on drafting language to say that if a course is a structured curriculum, it may then count towards CE; also discuss which certification courses would count and move to take the draft language to the Board in May. Dr. Garcia agreed that this makes sense given the timeline and staffing limitations.

Public comment was heard from Christine Shultz representing the California Optometric Association (COA). She commented that COA's attorneys looked at this question and COA does not believe the Board have statutory authority to deny vaccine education as CE. The question for COA is does it meet the statutory definition of CE or not; and since COA believes it clearly does it should be counted as CE. In the past there has never been a rule against double-dipping. When it comes to vaccines COA believes it is currently within the realm of CE without the need for any additional regulatory changes.

Dr. Garcia concluded that the PEC has received clear direction on this matter; the Committee is looking to provide CE credit for immunization as well as glaucoma and lacrimal irrigation and dilation certification courses; and determine how this will best fit in to the structure of the Board's regulations regarding in-person and virtual requirements. Staff will work on this and bring it back to next PEC meeting and then it will be moved to the full Board for discussion.

Ms. Murphy expects that there will be considerations to make when this becomes effective. She assured Ms. Shultz that staff will check with Legal on the most expedient and complete way to

proceed and on ensuring that this is within the Board's authority. The draft language will then be brought back to the next PEC meeting.

9. Future Agenda Items

Audio of Discussion: 28:19

There were no requests for public comment.

10. Adjournment

Joseph Pruitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeffrey Garcia Seconded. The Committee voted unanimously, and the motion passed.

| Member | Aye | No | Abstain | Absent | Recusal |
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| Dr. Garcia | X | | | | |
| Dr. Pruitt | X | | | | |
| Dr. Chawla | | | | X | |

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.