

MEMORANDUM

TO: Sen. Claire Ayer, Chair
Senate Committee on Health & Welfare

CC: Members, Senate Committee on Health & Welfare

FROM: Jamie Feehan

DATE: February 3, 2015

RE: S.20 – Follow-up to Testimony

In my recent testimony before the Committee on behalf of the Vermont State Dental Society (the “VSDDS”), a number of requests were asked by Committee members for additional information discussed during my testimony. Accordingly, please consider the following:

- 1) With respect to Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDAs), I am attaching
 - a. A portion of the Administrative Rules of the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners describing the registration procedures, training, and scope of practice for EFDAs
 - b. EFDA course descriptions and other information related to the EFDA program at the Essex Center for Technology Excellence, an accredited program for such curriculum and training
 - c. A portion of the Commission on Dental Accreditation’s Accreditation Standards for Dental Assisting Education Programs describing EFDA functions, competence, curriculum and clinical experience

- 2) With respect to Minnesota’s Advanced Dental Therapist and Dental Therapist programs, I am attaching
 - a. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry description of the Advanced Dental Therapist Scope of Practice
 - b. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry description of the Dental Therapist Scope of Practice
 - c. The University of Minnesota School of Dentistry’s description of its Master in Dental Therapy program including education and practice hour requirements, as well as prerequisite course requirements
 - d. Delegated Duties: Dental Therapists and Advanced Dental Therapists which specifically lists scope of practice under General Supervision (in MN, defined to

mean the dentist does not need to be in the office or on the premises) and Indirect Supervision (the dentist is in the office)

- 3) With respect to the Committee's review of S.20, the VSDS asks that you deliberate the following policy considerations
 - a. Any change should have a positive effect on utilization
 - b. Any effort should be intended to serve those individuals not seeing a dentist and make sure they benefit, not others at the expense of the unserved
 - c. Will change actually meet the need or help to overcome obstacles to care

Thank you again for your consideration and time. The VSDS looks forward to continuing to work with you and members of the Committee on oral health matters.

cc: Vaughn Collins, Vermont State Dental Society