



## Meeting Summary: April 2, 2025

**Committee Attendance:** Anna DeGraffenreid, Pam Ready, Dr. Christopher Kinslow, Dr. Rachael Hogan, Kari Ann Kuntzelman, Connie Martin.

**Guest Attendance:** Torie Heart, Tanya Firemoon, Lisa Griggs, Kate Denny, Dr. Miranda Davis, Dr. Cheyanne Warren.

**Action Taken:** Quorum reached. Reviewed agenda and previous meeting summary.

**Meeting Purpose:** Review and discuss preceptorship requirements for dental health aide students in the dæxʷəyæbus-Dental Therapy Program.

### Key Takeaways

- Skagit Valley College's dental therapy program is seeking flexibility in how preceptorship hours/procedures are counted for CHAP certification
- The committee generally supports allowing some procedures completed before off-site preceptorship to count, if competency has been demonstrated
- Documentation and clear delineation of preceptorship start dates will be important for IHS review
- Further discussion with IHS may be needed to finalize approach

### Preceptorship Requirements and Timing

- Current program has 462 required preceptorship hours; CHAP requires 400
- Some students unable to complete all required procedures at off-site locations
- Program wants to count some procedures done after competency but before off-site as preceptorship
- Concerns about appearing to "double count" basic training vs. preceptorship
- Suggestion to have flexible preceptorship start dates based on when students demonstrate competencies

### Documentation and Approval Process

- Need clear documentation of preceptorship start dates and procedures
- IHS will closely review first cohort's certification applications
- May need to further explain/justify approach to IHS and certification board
- Committee generally supportive but no formal vote taken
- Program will determine specific criteria for counting procedures

### Student Certification Timeline

- 5 of 6 students in first cohort likely applying for certification
- Extended application deadline to April 18th
- 2-3 students may not complete requirements by deadline
- Possibility of ad hoc meeting to review late applications before August

### Curriculum Development

- Program learning from first cohort experience
- Adjusting competency model for future cohorts
- Building in more flexibility on timing of requirements

#### **Next Steps**

- Dr. Warren to finalize criteria for counting preceptorship procedures
- Discuss approach with IHS at upcoming meeting (Dr. Davis to assist)
- Students to submit certification applications by April 18 deadline
- Consider ad hoc meeting for late student applications if needed
- Dental Health Aide Advisory Workgroup meeting upcoming - committee members invited to participate
- Keep PAIHS updated re: preceptorship hour counting for 1st cohort dental therapy students