

Dental Hygiene Articulation Committee

# Meeting Minutes

## British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfers (BCCAT)

**Institution/Location:**

555 Seymour St, Vancouver BC V6B 3H6 (Room 711)

**Meeting Date:** Friday, May 5, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Welcome from Mandy Hayre – Dental Hygiene Articulation Committee Chair, 2023

*“We acknowledge the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples on whose lands we are meeting today.”*

Members: Mandy Hayre – Chair of DH Articulation Committee (Camosun), Deanna Mackay (VIU), Amber Ariss (VCC), Jelena Karen (UBC), Jennifer Scott (CNC) and Dr. Lori Zehr (SLP).

Invited Guests: Carole-Anne Mrsic and Chantelle Darred (VCDH), Andrea Burton (BCDHA), Dr. Chris Hacker (BCCOHP), Frederic Duguay (CDAC), and Anabella Chun (BCCAT)

Regrets: Dr. Chris Hacker, Amber Ariss

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Introductions/Welcome**

- Guests: Chantelle Darred & Carole-Anne Mrsic, VCDH (1:00), BCCAT Anabella Chun (1:30), Frederic Duguay from CDAC at 1:45, Andrea Burton/Shannon Wilson (2:15), Dr. Chris Hacker (was 3:15 but he declined which gives us time to possibly go back to unaddressed items).

**3. Approval of Agenda (identification of priority items for morning discussion)**

Approved by consensus.

**4. Approval of Previous Minutes of the DH Articulation Committee meeting (2020)**

a. Approved with amendments:

- i. Deanna’s last name. (Small k instead of large K in last name)
- ii. BCDHA MOU since the last meeting occurred and the MOU has been signed.

**Action:** We should have a box on agenda for future bring forwards.

1.	Bring forward renewal of BCDHA MOA	April 2028
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**5. New Business:****a. Updates to the DH Articulation Membership List – Please see membership list circulated by Chair. Updated**

Change in membership list for the upcoming academic year:

1. VIU – Linda McKay
2. UBC: Salima Alibhai

**b. Confirmation of Chairs and Recorders for 2023, 2024**

- i. Please see rotation chart circulated by Chair.
- ii. Discuss/Confirm date of turnover to the new Chair - Agree January
- iii. Confirm Chair, recorder for next year (2024) – list updated due to new incoming members.

**c. Discussion of the purpose of articulation (intended purpose)**

- ii. Table to articulate our programs.
- iii. Discussion history and the plan moving forward for program articulation.

**d. Updates and review of the programs' Comparisons Chart**

- i. Discussed and reviewed.

**Action:** Lori (SLP) offered to share Camosun's process for indigenous student declaration. Summary: Students self-declare on the program application, which is verified between the student and the folks in the indigenous department.

**e. Student mental health and DH first year of pre-requisites, and question for the regulator****i. Discussion:**

1. First year of pre-requisites are set by BCCOHP.
2. Inclusion of first year into programs has both benefits and challenges for both students and programs.

**f. CDAC and program costs – discussion in advance of Frederic attending in the afternoon.**

1. The programs discussed questions for Frederic regarding the changes at CDAC.

**g. BCCOHP**

- i. Registrar, Dr. Chris Hacker declined our invitation to attend this meeting which the table found disappointing.
- ii. Discussion:
  1. All programs noted a decline in engagement with programs from BCCOHP which was concerning.
  2. Programs believe engagement between BCCOHP, and the programs and their student are vital.
  3. The hope is once BCCOHP processes and mandates are established the engagement will increase.

**h. BCDHA (discussion)**

- i. Discussion on BCDHA initiating a survey for the new graduates on wages.

**Action:** Chair to contact ED to discuss.

- ii. Concerns noted from all programs with the lack of communication and continuity with programs and the BCDHA.

**Action:** Chair to write letter to BCDHA board regarding our concerns.

- iii. Discussion: Dates of BCDHA meetings.

- a. The articulation group/Chair needs to be told of the dates and times of all the meeting date/times well in advance for scheduling.

All agreed that the current and incoming Chair attend the invited BCDHA meetings for continuity.

**Action:** Discuss with ED this afternoon

- iv. Additional discussion points for ED this afternoon:

- a. Dental hygiene representation at the BCCOHP.
- b. Government discussions pertaining to BCCOHP.

**i. CDHA Educators Symposium**

- i. All attending except CNC.
- ii. Important event to have and contribute to a unified voice across Canada.

**j. Update DH Degree program at Camosun College**

- i. Camosun is working through the DQAB process.
- ii. In future, Camosun to articulate their courses through BCCAT with UBC.

**k. Revenue generation for dental programs**

- i. Corporate sponsorship.
  - a. Discussion on the institutional practice and experience with corporate sponsors.
- ii. Capital Funds.
  - a. Sizeable program upgrades with considerable cost have resulted in some programs needing to request capital funds to maintain program standard.

**l. Minister of Health (Federal) and clinic fees for federal dental plan**

- i. All programs provided feedback to the CDHA on our mutual discussion on this topic on the CDHA's recent request on the letter they sent to the federal government.
- ii. The fulsome discussion on this topic will occur with other program directors at the upcoming CDHA Program Directors Symposium. There will also be a presentation from the federal government on the program and an opportunity to provide feedback and suggestions.

**m. Consensus on how programs are teaching the calculation (if any) of mixing non-injectables with injectable local anesthetic.**

- i. The programs discussed the approach they use and the feedback from community dental experts. Agreed on process by consensus.

**Action:** VIU to share summary of community experts consulted and calculation agreed upon.

**n. How are programs interpreting and will be implementing the following new FDHRC Entry to Practice Canadian Competency for Dental Hygienist G.10: Perform orthodontic procedures in accordance with provincial and territorial regulations.**

- i. Programs discussed what is currently being taught.

**Action:** VIU to write BCCOHP regarding interpretation of this new competency and what is the expectation of diploma programs.

**o. When aspirating for LA do you use 45 degree or 90 degrees? Two textbooks say 45 degrees and one that state 90.**

- i. Programs discussed their approach to aspiration – consensus 90 degrees.

**p. When do programs add hypertension as a medical alert? Only once when it is diagnosed or evaluated?**

- i. Programs discussed their approach to this medical alert.

**Action:** CNC to write BCCOHP on their interpretation of what should be documented related to medical alerts in cases of undiagnosed hypertension but presents with elevated risk at the current appointment.

- q. **Use of Airflow Technology – where and how is it being integrated into your programs.**
- i. Programs discussed their approach to integration of airflow technology.
- r. **How do you count sextants? Do you start counting at sextant 1 or 3?**
- i. Programs discussed their approach to counting sextants.
- s. **How many radiographs are students required to take independently in your program?**
- i. Programs discussed minimum number of radiographs students are required to take independently.
- t. **Do your clinical courses have a final exam? Related to this do they use a S/US grading or a letter grade?**
- i. The programs discussed their approach to evaluation in their clinical courses.
- u. **Does anyone use senior DH students as evaluators for junior students in the clinic?**
- i. The programs discussed the use of senior DH student as evaluators and or mentors for the junior students in the clinic.
- v. **Do you have a designated person in each patient clinic that helps all students with radiographs?**
- i. All programs discussed their approach to assisting students with radiographs during client care clinics.
- w. **Do you have program long requirements for your clinical courses, or just requirements for each clinical course?**
- i. All programs present have both yearlong and semester long requirements.
- x. **How many clients are students expected to see (minimum requirement) in each of your clinics?**
- i. The program discussed the minimum client expectations and the how complexities in clients can account for some of the variability.
- y. **What do you do if the students do not meet the patient requirements?  
Are they given extra time? Are they just then unsuccessful in the course?**
- Action:** Not discussed due to time.
- z. **How does radiographic image evaluation work in your program?**

- i. Each program discussed their approach to formative and summative evaluation and the parameters of radiographic evaluations.

**aa. Mental health concerns re: students. Any new ideas on how to support students?**

- i. Each program discussed how their program and institution is addressing and providing support to students pertaining to student mental health.

**bb. ETPCs: how are programs addressing the following upcoming new entry to practice competencies?**

1. A.2.5 Assist in the prevention and management of community incidents, outbreaks, and emergencies.
2. A.1.8 Maintain their wellness and fitness to practice.
3. A.1.9 Enhance effective and sustainable practice through self-care and lifestyle strategies.
4. E.2.6 Participate in quality improvement initiatives.
5. F.1.9 Provide constructive, timely, and appropriate feedback on self-care techniques.

The programs discussed how they are addressing the competencies above.

**cc. As we are exiting the pandemic, what are other programs doing regarding power instrumentation, and the use of face shields and gowns.**

**Action:** Not discussed due to time.

**dd. Awards – Because of no BCCOHP awards for students what are schools doing?**

- i. Programs discussed regret to this decision and how each program will be approaching this gap.

**ee. Sport guards (laminated vs vinyl sheets)**

- i. Discussion and all programs are using alginate and vinyl sheets.

**ff. Dental dams for whitening (liquid?)**

- i. Discussion on the DH scope and current practice within programs.

**gg. Adding sedation in curriculum**

- i. Discussion and current theory provided within programs.

**hh. Return policy students.**

1. Discussion and all programs have different program and institutional policies for student returns.

**ii. Current infection protection – Gowns, masks, shields, glasses, gloves, head covering.**

- i. Programs discussed current practice for AGMP vs. non-AGMP.

## 6. Presentation of Institutional Reports

- a. College of New Caledonia
- b. University of British Columbia
- c. Vancouver Community College
- d. Camosun College
- e. Vancouver Island University

The reports were reviewed and discussed collectively.

## 7. Guest Reports/Updates

- a. Chantelle Darred & Carole-Anne Mrsic, VCDH (1:00)
  - i. Provided verbal report of their last year.
    1. Everything within program is paperless (reflection, clinic, etc.)
    2. Carole-Anne is on a FDHCE committee.
- b. BCCAT Anabella
  - i. Did not attend meeting or present report.
- c. Frederic Duguay, Executive Director, Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC)
  - i. Frederic provided a summary report on the new changes at CDAC and answered questions of programs on how these changes could affect the programs.
- d. BCDHA - Andrea Burton, Executive Director
  - i. Did not attend meeting or present report.

## 8. Return to outstanding agenda items if there is time left over and further discussion points.

- a. Discussion on hours set aside or if it is a 'course' within program for the topic of 'nutrition' and 'dental materials.'
- b. The programs discussed what a part-time program could look like.

## 9. Next meeting:

Location: BCIT Downtown Campus, 555 Seymour St, Vancouver BC V6B 3H6 (Room 711)

Date: Friday, April 26, 2024, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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