

Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
Dental Policy Review Committee
May 28, 2026

Dental Policy Review Sub-Committee Members Present

Dr. Flavia Lamberghini, University of Illinois Chicago/Apple Dental Care, Sub-Committee Chair
Dr. Jason Grinter, Delta Dental, Onsite Dental
Dr. Danny Hanna, University of Illinois Chicago
Ann Tuscher, Chicago Department of Public Health
Dr. Anushree Tiwari, Illinois Department of Public Health

Dental Policy Review Sub-Committee Members Not Present

Dr. Henry Lotsof, Avesis

HFS

Seth Ovington, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Bradley Ray, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Kelly Pulliam, Bureau of Professional and Ancillary Services
Victoria Peebles, Division of Medical Programs

Other Interested Parties

LaDessa Cobb, DentaQuest
Sheri Foran, Illinois Department of Public Health
Monica Dunn, Illinois Department of Public Health
Dr. Linda Kaste
Dr. Luciana Sweis
Emily Spangler

1. CALL TO ORDER:

- a. Dr. Lamberghini called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. Motion to begin by Dr. Grinter. Dr. Hanna second the motion

2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

With 5 members present, a quorum was established.

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2026.

- i. Dr. Hanna motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Dr. Grinter second the motion.

b. IDPH Quality & Safe Care Assessment Checklist

- i. Dr. Lamberghini reminded that the checklist was divided amongst members and Dr. Grinter looked at the first section.
- ii. Dr. Grinter made suggestions for question three, for question thirteen after much discussion. Dr. Grinter made a further suggestion, after a lengthy discussion, for questions nineteen and twenty. Dr. Grinter had suggestions for questions twenty-four through twenty six.
- iii. Dr. Hanna reviewed the Dental Practice Act section and had no comments or suggestions. Discussion occurred with the expanded function of a dental assistant portion of the section.
- iv. Dr. Lotsof section was reviewed. Clarification on questions fifty-five and sixty was

given, suggestion was given for question sixty-four. Lengthy discussion occurred and suggestions given for questions seventy-four through seventy-six.

- v. Dr. Lamberghini made suggestions in their section for questions eighty and eighty-two and discussion and suggestions were made for questions ninety through ninety-five.
- vi. Dr. Grinter recommended formalizing all suggestions to provide to HFS and meet again in two weeks to present.
- vii. Dr. Tiwari advised that IDPH will review all suggestions and present at the next meeting.

4. OPEN DISCUSSION FOR THE PUBLIC

- a. Dr. Sweis stated a comment would be to allow properly licensed Illinois dentists to be allowed to conduct this inspection, so any conflict could be avoided.
- b. Ms. Pulliam reminded the committee that the subcommittee is to review the checklist at a clinical aspect and that who is evaluating is not within the scope of this committee.

5. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn by Dr. Grinter, second by Dr. Hanna. Dr. Grinter stated that the next meeting will be scheduled. Meeting adjourned at 11:31p.m.