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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Aloha HDHA Members,

The 2018 Hawaii State Legislature concluded on May 4th, 2018. The HDHA Regulations and Practice Committee, HDHA members and UHMDH students, along with our Lobbyist Alex Santiago, were busy advocating for increased access to care and the improved oral health and safety of Hawaii's people. Here is a brief recap of how oral health and measures relating to dentistry fared this session:

Measures that Passed

- **SB2201 Relating to Boards**

This measure was an effort to change the name of the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners to The Board of Dentistry and Dental Hygiene. Since the Board represents almost equal numbers of both licensed professions, Senator Roz Baker introduced this Measure in an effort to be more inclusive. After strong opposition from the Hawaii Dental Association and the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners, the legislature was forced to settle on a name change of "Board of Dentistry."

- **SB2799 Relating to the Supervision of Licensed Dental Hygienists in a Public Health Setting**

This measure will help increase accessibility of preventive dental care by expanding the public health settings in which dental hygienists may provide care. It also broadened the services that can be performed by licensed dental hygienists in public health settings, while holding the supervising licensed dentist responsible for procedures performed by the dental hygienist. This measure also reduces barriers to oral health care and supports, promotes, and improves expanded access to dental services for the underserved and vulnerable populations in community settings through community-based programs such as the virtual dental home. Most stakeholders, including HDHA, the Dept. of Health, HDA, and hundreds of community members all testified in support of this measure and it passed with an effective date of July 1, 2018.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Measures that Died

- SB2926/HB2207 Relating to Dentistry**
 HDHA strongly supported an effort this session to propose a regulatory structure for dental assistants. 35 States in the US require some sort of licensure or regulation for the profession of dental assisting. We believe Hawaii should follow suit. A regulatory framework would not only add credibility to the profession, it would guarantee that the entire profession receives standardized training and education, which would not only benefit patients, but the entire dental team. The Hawaii Dental Association introduced a second measure relating to the regulation of dental assistants that mapped out a tiered approach to regulation. HDHA supported a tiered approach as well, with the exception of a “Basic Tier” which would allow some dental assistants to have NO training or Certification. Ultimately, the House and the Senate decided to defer the measure in conference committee because there were numerous differences between the versions.
- SB2638 Relating to Professional and Vocational Licensing**
 The intent of this measure was to prohibit a licensing authority from adopting rules that authorize an unlicensed individual to perform duties that may overlap or conflict with the duties and scope of practice of a licensed profession or vocation. HDHA strongly supported this measure. The Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners, during the previous year, had attempted on numerous occasions to add expanded functions to the Allowable Duties of unlicensed dental assistants in the Hawaii Administrative Rules that clearly overlapped with the defined duties of a licensed dental hygienist in the Hawaii Revised Statutes. The Senate passed this measure, but due to strong opposition by the Hawaii Board of Dental Examiners and The Hawaii Dental Association, the House Committee on Intrastate Commerce deferred the measure.
- HB1711 Relating to Health**
 This Measure attempted to require restaurants that sell children's meals that include a beverage for a single price to make the default beverage a healthy beverage. HDHA strongly supported this measure due to the lack of fluoridated water in Hawaii and the increasing decay rate of Hawaii's children. Unfortunately, this measure did not make it out of House committee hearings.
- HCR42 Relating to Fluoride**
 This resolution sought to have the Department of Health conduct a study on the voluntary use of fluoride supplements by children and pregnant women in Hawaii. The bill was heard in the House Health and Human Services committee where there was significant testimony both for and against. The committee decided to defer the measure.

HDHA would like to thank you for your advocacy efforts and desire to improve Hawaii's oral health. Many of you sent in individual testimony this session for various measures, or signed a petition allowing HDHA to send in testimony on your behalf. We hope you see the value in our efforts and know that we continue our work to support, empower and develop you and the profession of DENTAL HYGIENE!!

Please contact me, Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, at memiyashiro@gmail.com if you would like more information or would like to volunteer for the Regulations and Practice committee and be on the front lines of change!

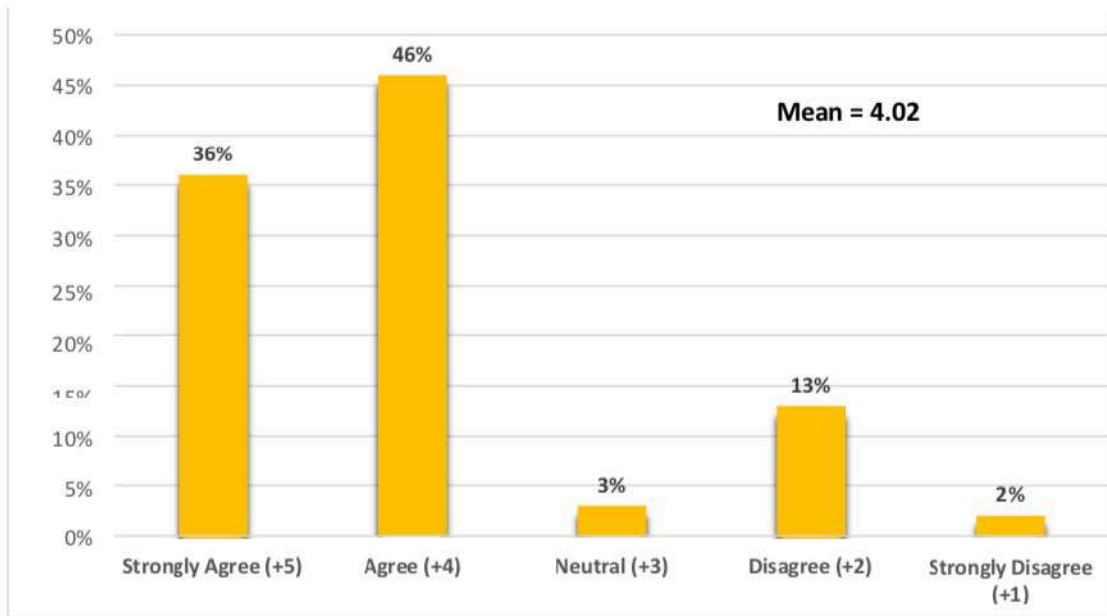
Submitted by Ellie Kelley-Miyashiro, RDH, BS – HDHA Delegate

ONE BILLING CYCLE SURVEY RESULTS AND BOT DECISION

The One Billing Cycle Survey was intended to give the BOT feedback on ADHA moving from two membership cycles to just one with winter cycle (December 31) being the approach moving forward. The survey was sent to constituent officers. A total of 60 completed responses were received from 45 constituents. As you'll see below, state leaders indicated they are in overall support of this change.

One Dues Billing Cycle Survey

1. After considering the benefits to our members, your operations and marketing in addition to the items outlined to consider, please indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: As an ADHA constituent leader, moving to one winter billing cycle will benefit ADHA constituents, components and ADHA national.



At our March BOT meeting, your feedback was presented and incorporated into our discussion on this agenda item. We looked closely at the concerns received from those who disagreed. Of the comments provided, the majority were centered on the date of winter cycle conflicting with the holiday time. Here is what was factored in when addressing those concerns:

- Members can sign up for quarterly and spread out their payments.
- Although the due date is December 31st the first invoice is mailed in October and we receive a significant amount of early payments with special promotions and incentives offered.
- The largest group of our membership has remained on winter cycle and we have not received regular feedback from members that this is an issue.
- Two thirds of our new members join during the winter cycle.
- Using our summer cycle dates presents its own challenges, including costs associated with summer travel plans, conflicts with marketing of our annual conference and would require us to move the majority of our members.

After much consideration, I am excited to announce that the BOT has approved the move to one billing cycle, which will now be the current winter cycle (Dec 31). The grace period continues to be 45 days after that date (per our Bylaws). This will go into effect starting in January of 2019 with proration beginning for new joins. Then our 2019 summer cycle members will receive a 6-month invoice begin the transition.

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ONE BILLING CYCLE SURVEY RESULTS AND BOT DECISION (CONTINUED)

We feel strongly that this change will improve member satisfaction by eliminating confusion, streamline operations and lessen the burden of membership renewal activities on our state and local leaders. Our ultimate goal is to eliminate as many barriers to membership as possible!

Submitted by Nicole Pikini, RDH, BS – HDHA President

MAUI GETS BURST OF ENERGY TOWARDS THE FUTURE

If you want to see the dental community take off to new heights, keep your eye on Maui. On April 27th Maui had the honor of hosting Linda Austin, RDH BS, as she brought inspiring and uplifting insight into our near future. Speaking to a group of dental hygiene students, dental professionals and, also care givers for persons with disabilities at UH Maui, Austin provided information on how to best care for those unable to care for themselves. In a lecture called “Oral Health Awareness and Oral Hygiene Practices for Care Providers and Families of Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities”, Austin examined the struggles and needed out comes for success and what she called, “oral health champions”. She focused on the individual needs of patients and skills any care provider can implement to significantly improve the oral health of persons with intellectual and physical disabilities.

After her free two-hour CE lecture on this sometimes intimidating, but vital subject, Austin spoke about an upcoming program that will tackle these challenges head on. Maui recently became the newest addition to the Hawaii Virtual Dental Home Project (VDH) and Austin shared the vast possibilities and potential lives that will be changed by this project. One site of the VDH is Hale Makua, a long-term care facility, in which the exact techniques and practices Austin spoke about will be used to the fullest.

To complete her day on Maui, Austin met with the staff at Hale Makua to research and invest in their specific needs. She took into great consideration the long-term residence, how staff can be inspired and trained and how the VDH can uplift and potentially save lives of the residence.

A true example of practicing what you preach, Austin showed her true passion for her career and the care she believes in. Austin will be continuing to work with those involved with the VDH and Hale Makua to help all those involved succeed. With her vast expertise, personal experience and a pure heart for serving the disabled, Austin is making a difference here on Maui.

We would like to thank Linda Austin, RDH BS, and Andrew W.L. Tseu, DDS, JD at the Hawaii State Department of Health for showing Maui so much support. We look forward to all that is to come. Mahalo!

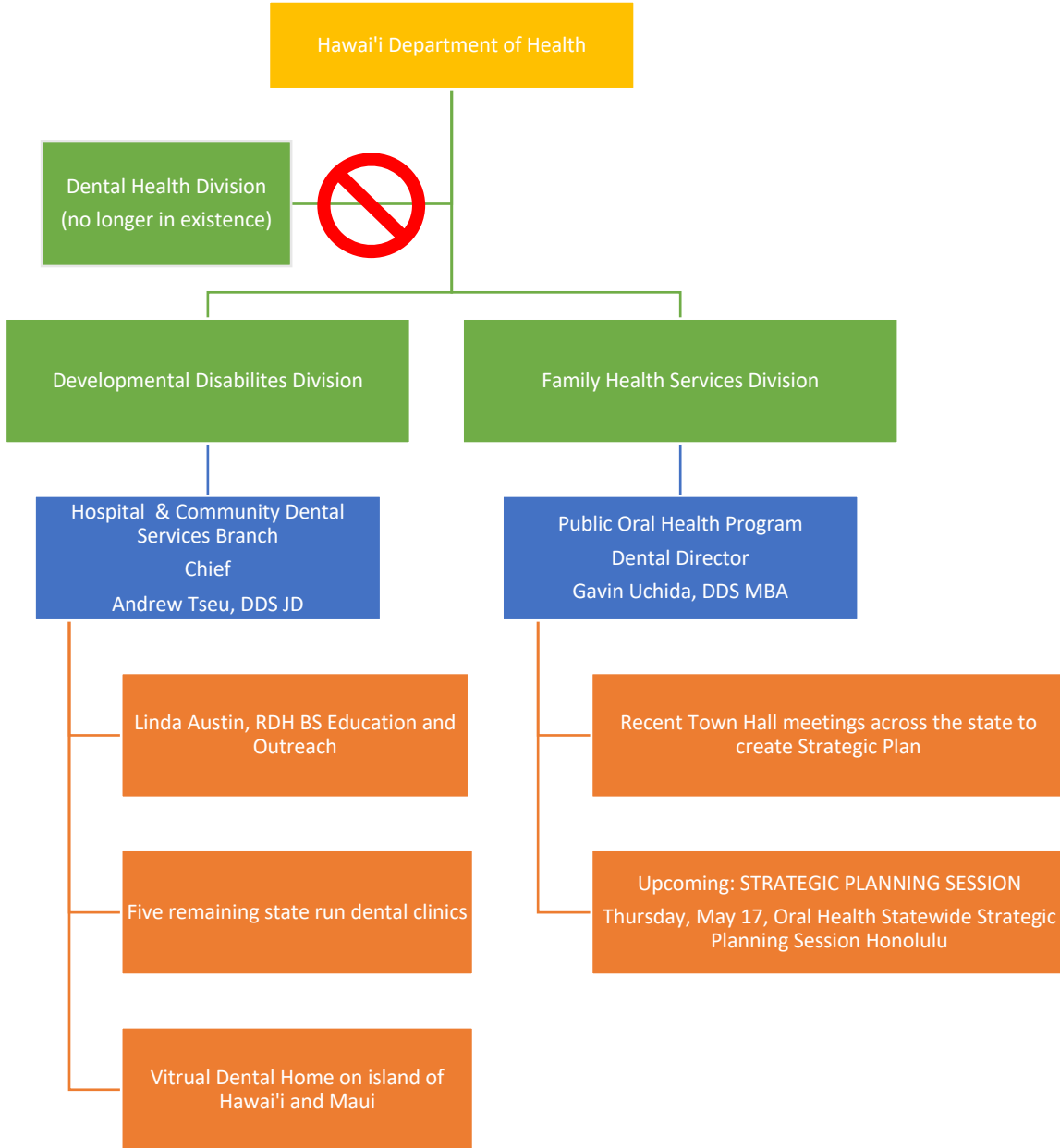
Submitted by Justin Stanton, RDH, BS – HDHA Immediate Past President



A SIMPLE LOOK AT HAWAII'S STATE LEADERSHIP

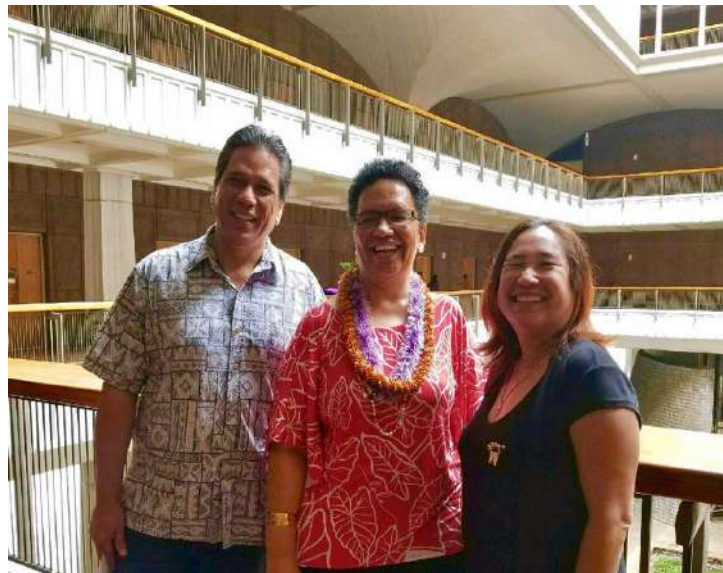
In a recent conversation with Linda Austin, RDH BS, a long-time hygienist employed by the Department of Health for Hawai'i, I asked if she could clear up some confusion I was having. There have been some recent and historical changes to our state leadership that have not always been simple. The following chart is an uncomplicated and hopefully helpful map of the dental leadership in our Department of Health.

Submitted by Justin Stanton, RDH, BS – HDHA Immediate Past President



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

GERRAINE HIGNITE, RDH, BS – HDHA VICE PRESIDENT



My name is Gerraine Kaleokai Gee Ying (Tom) Hignite, RDH, BS. I am a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, class of 2005. I was a single parent raising my 12-year-old daughter, Amanda, while attending the dental hygiene program. As a recipient of a variety of scholarships and grants, I gave back to the community by volunteering for many events: American Cancer Society - Relay for Life, Great Aloha Run, Hawaii Special Olympics - Special Smiles, Parents Without Partners - representative for Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Grant, Executive Women International - guest speaker at meeting, etc.

Upon graduation, I continued to give back to the community by sharing oral health instruction/nutrition information at the Kapolei Keiki Event, the Give Kids a Smile Event, and at various health fairs such as that held at Fern Elementary and Palolo Elementary. I have been volunteering with the Hawaii Special Olympics - Special Smiles for eleven years. In 2013, I became the Clinical Director of Special Smiles and have maintained this position until present day.

I have also remained an active member in the HDHA since graduation. I have fulfilled many BOT positions in the past such as Trustee-at-Large and Alternate Delegate, and have attended ADHA Annual Conferences in Boston, Las Vegas, Nashville and Jacksonville. Currently, I am fulfilling the role of HDHA Vice President. You can find me in attendance at almost all Hawaii Board of a Dental Examiners/Rules Committee meetings, and at Lobby Day at the State Capitol every year. I also attend legislature hearings when needed and assist with HDHA Annual Session silent auction. A few of the other HDHA efforts I am involved with include fundraising, networking, and submitting legislative testimonies.

My commitment as an RDH in Hawaii is to make a difference in the community and support access to care for everyone.

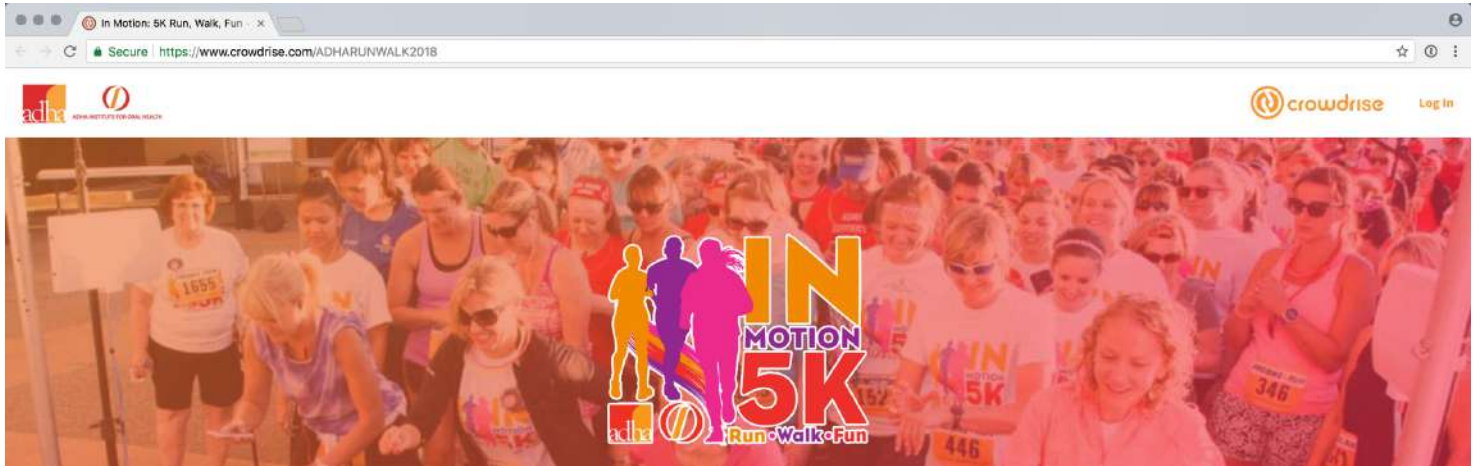
Submitted by Gerraine Hignite, RDH, BS – HDHA Vice President

IOH IN MOTION 5K FUN RUN/WALK

We are so close to June 21st, just 25 days away! I'm calling on all HDHA members, non-members, and our affiliates to make a generous monetary donation to the links provided below. This is a great foundation put on by Dental Hygienists' for Dental Hygienists'. On June 21st, I will be representing YOU! So please don't hesitate to support and donate today! Let's Go Hawaii!!!!

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Submitted by Nicole Pikini, RDH, BS – HDHA President



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

20-23rd, 23-25th – ADHA 95th Annual Conference

JULY

16th – HBODE Meeting

AUGUST

TBD – HDHA BLS Re-Certification for Healthcare Providers

SEPTEMBER

15th – HDHA BOT Meeting

17th – HBODE Meeting

27th – The Voice Fall Newsletter

OCTOBER

21st – HDHA 27th Annual Scientific Session

NOVEMBER

19th – HBODE Meeting

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HDHA 27TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SESSION

This special one-day event will be held on
 Sunday, October 21, 2018
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Registration forms will be emailed within the next few weeks. Registration will include 5 CEU, parking, breakfast, lunch, and a cocktail reception.

If you'll be on Oahu for the National ADA convention this year, stay an extra day and support your professional association! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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Mahalo,
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