

Dear Jennifer:

I have concluded that first and foremost:

1) I stand by my ethical beliefs that whatever the CDA's position becomes, we MUST NOT WAVER on our commitment to our traditional educational standards for dentists and dental hygienists. We MUST NOT ALLOW ANY diluted standards of providers' academic achievements, and we MUST NOT ALLOW ANY diluted standards of the care delivered to the public that we serve.

2) As per the Denver Post, the recent articles and letters re. anesthesiologists', and nurse anesthetists' dilemmas of how to provide general anesthesia to patients in rural areas can mirror our challenges in delivering dentistry to the public. It is unacceptable in my opinion to develop "midlevel providers."

3) I believe there are enough fully trained and licensed dentists and fully trained and licensed dental hygienists in Colorado to provide access to care to the people of Colorado.

4) As per the Denver Post, September 19, 2010, "Aurora set to expand school-based clinics." This article pertains to medical needs and indicates that Aurora Public Schools has already provided two years of students medical needs successfully and plans to open a second clinic in October. I believe this model could and should be expanded to include dental care. I will bring the article to the November 6th meeting.

5) If there exists any \$\$\$\$ at all on a state level, using them to develop training of MORE and DIFFERENT personnel is a total waste, and I reject this idea totally. Go directly to developing clinical availability to deliver dentistry. Work with school districts. Do not inject useless in between garbage.

6) Invite legislators DIRECTLY to our offices for one-on-one evaluations of their mouths. Never mind if they already see dentists and dental hygienists. Provide educational hours directly to THEM SO THEY UNDERSTAND WHY WE DENY THE IDEA OF MIDDLE LEVEL PROVIDERS. Do this gratis.

7) Make SURE there are NO plans to legalize dental assistants ability to scale teeth. Not "above the gum line" and not at all.

8) Keep in mind that our School of Dental Medicine has just increased their freshman class size 50% to seventy-five students. I believe this reinforces the provision of an adequate number of properly trained dentists into the community, of course not until this class graduates in four years.

This is my input for now. Thank you for taking my notes, and I am thinking we are meeting on November 6th, Saturday, at 9am again?

Best regards,
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