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To: drhoaglin@ [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Dental State Board

Thank you Dr. Hoaglin for your email.

It is past the deadline to introduce new legislation for this session, but I will learn more about this and share it with the Health Committee Chairman Senator Barto.

Thank you again,

Debbie Lesko

drhoaglin@a [REDACTED] wrote:

Honorable Senator Lesko:

I resigned from serving the state board as an investigative interviewer and office anesthesia evaluator over a disagreement of the board (or its ancillary personal) and its desire for tolerance and non-intervention. In this state, when a negligent homicide occurs by the actions of a dentist (improper use of general anesthetic drugs by improperly trained dentist), the dental statutes do NOT make it mandatory for the Dental Board to report this type of case to the legal authorities for review. It would be great for the welfare of the citizens of Arizona to change the dental statutes to make it mandatory that the State Dental Board report these types of cases the attorney general (or other state legal investigative service) to ensure the out comes of a poorly executed procedure are not repeated. When a death or significant harm occurs to a patient receiving dental care in Arizona, this case and it's out come should be shared with the dental community to foster their understanding of the complications that occurred and how to prevent this in the future. Terrible results should be used as a learning tool for all to improve. The state board does not share this information, it is only leaked out through the grape vine. As you can surmize, I was the chief reviewer for a dental case in which improper training, improper technique, provision of general anesthesia occurred with out the doctor having a permit to provide general anesthesia and the patient died. The response I received about why this case did not go for legal review was, " We do not have to according to the state statutes" . When I asked why was NO professional punitive or license restriction was applied to the dentist, the response was, " because he is a good christian and he does things for the board" . I wrote a letter to board and asked them how they will fell when this incompetent practitioner kills the next patient when they certainly could have prevented it from ever happening. Needless to say, I would not want any harm to any one's reputation at the board, just pass a state law that will make it mandatory for the Dental State Board to forwarded these types of cases to the proper legal body for review.

Dr. Donald Hoaglin

