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BOARD AND COUNCIL MEETINGS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER. . . . Regular public meetings of the volunteer citizen boards and councils overseen by the Oregon Health Licensing Agency (OHLA) begin in September, when the Board of Direct Entry Midwifery holds one of its two annual meetings on Monday, September 11, at 9 am. The Board of Denture Technology holds one of its two annual meetings on Monday, September 25, at 9 am.



All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at OHLA in Salem and are open to the public. Meetings for 2007 will be scheduled during board and council meetings in the fall/winter of 2006. For a complete listing of all board and council meetings, go to <http://www.oregon.gov/OHLA/BoardMeetings.shtml>.

Minutes to all board meetings can also be accessed by visiting the specific sections of OHLA-regulated professions and clicking on "Meetings" on the left navigation menu at www.oregon.gov/OHLA.



FDA REPRESENTATIVE SPEAKS AT OHLA OUTREACH EVENT. . . . Alan Bennett, a public affairs representative with the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) spoke at a special outreach event at OHLA on 8/7/06. Bennett's subject: how the FDA regulates "medical devices," which range from the simple toothbrush to invasive medical implants. Many OHLA-regulated professions use medical devices in providing services, but the field of

esthetics has received the most regulatory attention recently due to the proliferation of new equipment on the market targeted for esthetics use.

OHLA recently incorporated the FDA classification system for medical devices into Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for cosmetology. OHLA will continue collaborating with the FDA to better coordinate regulatory efforts between state and federal agencies.

OVERLAPPING SCOPES OF PRACTICE: A DEMONSTRATION. . . . In an effort to work collaboratively on issues of common interest, members from the Board of Cosmetology and Board of Massage Therapists met on 8/4/06 to view a demonstration of vacuum massage. *At issue:* whether or not vacuum massage is within the scope of practice of estheticians or massage therapists and what risks, if any, the service poses to the public.



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The demonstration appeared to provide board members with enough information to agree that vacuum massage could be provided by both professions, but for different reasons: estheticians for improving the appearance of the skin and massage therapists for therapeutic body treatments.

The Board of Cosmetology will review and vote to adopt a position statement on overlapping scopes of practice at its regular meeting on Monday, November 6, meeting at OHLA. To view a draft of the Board of Cosmetology's position statement on vacuum massage, [click here](#).

HEARING AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO VOTE ON RULES. . . After a year of administrative rulemaking during which extensive public comment was received, the Advisory Council on Hearing Aids will vote today in a conference call at 1 pm on proposed rules that expand the rights of hearing aid purchasers.

Proposed changes to Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) for dispensing hearing aids that the Council is expected to adopt include lowering the maximum amount that can be retained by the dispenser during the 30-day return period from \$500 to \$250 and from 20 percent to 10 percent of the total purchase price, whichever is less; and requiring additional documentation related to hearing tests, also known as "audiograms," and to the delivery and sale of hearing aids.

If adopted, the new rules will become effective on September 1, 2006. For more information, [click here](#).

OHLA IN THE NEWS: BEND BULLETIN COVERS ESTHETICS. . .

An OHLA representative is quoted in an article that appeared in the *Bend Bulletin* on 8/13/06, "C.O. (Central Oregon) beauty business flowers." The article focused on the increasing number of esthetic services being offered, including the proliferation of new equipment and devices.

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