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Dr Ziebert---

I expect to follow up more formally once the state's official Work Group addressing OHP scope of practice and other standards completes its work. I would, however, like to initiate the conversation about the possibility of CODA becoming the recognized accrediting body for OHP, ADHP, and/or DT programs in Minnesota and elsewhere.

I am attaching a copy of the legislative action that passed earlier this year. You'll note that the Board of Dentistry is put in a position of having to approve OHP programs until such time as CODA becomes involved. Until that time, our Board will need to rely on recognized accrediting organizations that accredit the schools, but not the specific programs. Our Board will have to become fairly involved in the programs to ensure that they meet our expected standards.

I am interested in what preliminary discussions you may have had within your staff. This concept is one that the ADA has actively opposed, and we hope that they will not inappropriately influence any progress toward this goal. The situation for us is that, whether anyone likes it or not, this new profession has been introduced... and we as a Board want to make sure that the training programs meet the highest standards. This is where we will need your assistance.

Please advise as to what "next steps" we should engage in.

Thank you very much. I look forward to working with you.

---Marshall

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