

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
Monday, February 6, 2017

Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The February 6, 2017 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Charles E. Albee, DMD with the following members present:

Charles Albee, DMD, President
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD, Vice President
Stacy Plourde, RDH
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW
Puneet Kochhar, DMD

Absent: Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD
Salman Malik, DMD, MD

Review minutes of January 9, 2017 Board Meeting. The Board voted to approve the minutes as published.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee
 - a. Tabled minutes of December 5, 2016 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to enter the minutes into the record.
 - b. Minutes of January 9, 2017 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to enter the minutes into the record.
 - c. Dental Hygienists Committee Comments – Ellen Legg reported that the Committee reviewed several issues and reviewed a number of CEU audits.
2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association Comments – None.
3. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised the Board of the following:

- Last week, the NHDS took part in the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston. In addition to the myriad of CE and networking opportunities, the NHDS welcomed to its lounge a high volume of dental students as well as hygiene and assisting students, all of whom were given an opportunity to meet with Member dentists.
 - Among the many issues discussed at Yankee was the initiative promoted by each of the New England state societies to improve license portability. The ability of qualified dentists to attain licensure across state lines is a high-priority issue for both the ADA (of which the NHDS is part) and the American Student Dental Association. The NHDS is again appreciative of the Board of Dental Examiners' willingness to examine this issue in greater detail, and would be glad to help further the conversation we had in October.
 - The NHDS is pleased to promote our March 10, 2017 CE, which will feature Dr. Thiago Morelli, who will give a presentation on Periodontics, Implantitis and the CIST Protocol.
 - We are also getting closer to the NHDS's biggest event of the year – the 2017 NHDS Annual Meeting! This year's meeting includes eight top-quality CE courses, plus our Annual Awards Reception, a tailgate party, our Annual Business Meeting and other great networking and social events.
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Ms. Plourde reported that she did two exams this past weekend in New York at NYU and Columbia. She also said that she was appointed to be Chairperson of the New Members Committee of the CDCA. Dr. Albee reported that he did his first exam using the Buffalo model in Detroit. Dr. Levesque-Vogel reported that Indiana is trying to license dental offices.
5. Board Office Comments – Executive Director Connie Stratton reported that the NH Dental Hygienists Association is offering two CEU's:
- Health Through Oral Wellness: A 'H.O.W'. To, on February 21, 2017 at Delta Dental, 6:00-8:00 pm.; and
 - Dying From Dirty Teeth & My Favorite Things, on March 4, 2017 at the Grappone Conference Center, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.
6. Questions from Davis & Towle Insurance Group - #17-28 – The Board answered the following questions:
- Can a licensed hygienist see patients if the dentist is not present in the office? – The Board voted yes, Den 402.01(a).
 - Are hygienists in NH required to do oral cancer screenings? – The Board voted no; it is best practices but is not required by the administrative rules.
 - Can a front desk person who has not received their hepatitis shot record perio numbers as given by an assistant? – The Board voted to refer the questioner to OSHA for an answer, but noted that dental assistants are not qualified to do perio charting.

7. Questions from dental assistant Amy Wilson - #17-29 – The Board voted to send a letter to Ms. Wilson asking her to provide it with the following information: how many hours she has worked as a dental assistant; when was she certified in radiology; and whether she passed the ICE exam.
8. Discipline Options (no document, Dr. Albee to discuss) - #17-30 – The Board voted to ask Dr. Albee to investigate whether dental schools in the New England area would be willing to tailor specific continuing education courses for those licensees who have been disciplined.
9. RSA 317-A:16 (for discussion) - #17-31 – The Board voted to take no action.
10. CE Credit for CDCA Participation (no document, Dr. Albee to discuss) - #17-32 – The Board voted not to offer CE credits for CDCA participation.
11. Previous waiver request - proof provided of infection control course - #17-33 – The Board voted to accept the infection control course and give the waiver.
12. DANB Annual Cumulative Report (FYI) - #17-34 – The Board voted to send a letter to DANB and the NH Dental Hygienists Association to ask them to find another way to identify individuals other than their social security cards. The NH Dental Hygienists Associations puts licensees' social security number on their CEU cards.
13. Draft Rule Package 2017 - #17-4 – The Board voted to make the following changes:
 - Den 101.05 – capitalize the first letters of “dental assisting national board”
 - Den 101.13 – capitalize the first letters of “commission on dental accreditation”
 - Den 301.03(a)(10)(d) – change it to read “Currently has or ever has had any professional license subjected by any professional licensing body. . . .”
 - Den 301.04(a)(12)(d) – change it to read “Currently has or ever has had any professional license subjected by any professional licensing body. . . .”
 - Den 302.04 – change “botox” to “Botulinum Toxin”
 - Den 302.05(d)(4) and (f)(4) – delete the words “or dental assistant”
 - Den 302.05(h) – change the wording to read “The duty of placing dental sealants”
 - Den 302.05(p)(3) – change the wording to match that in Den 302.07(e)(1)
 - Den 302.06(c) – delete the words “addressing at least the following subjects:” and 1-6 (Dr. Collins and Ms. Plourde opposed).
 - Den 403.07(j) – delete.

14. HB 538-FN – The Board voted to have its Executive Director attend the hearing and testify if necessary to oppose the bill if it means that someone could be granted a temporary license who did not attend a CODA approved dental school.

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Matthew R. Annese, DMD
Jeremiah M. Granados, DMD
Usman Javed, DMD
Richard T. Miller, DMD
Shivani A. Patel, DMD
Hajra O. Sheikh, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Shannon Y. Anderson, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) #17-35 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report into the record and send a letter of appreciation to:
 - North Country Health Consortium (dba The Molar Express)
- (b) #17-46 – The Board voted to accept the application for a Public Health Supervision Dental Program of the following agency:
 - Upper Valley Smiles for Life

The Board voted to appoint Linda Tatarczuch as its representative to the National Dental Examiners' Advisory Forum (NDEAF).

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 5:15 p.m. pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, the Board voted to go into non-public session by roll call vote because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.