

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
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CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

**MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, August 7, 2017**

**Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting** – Cancelled.

**Board Meeting** – 3:00 p.m.

The August 7, 2017 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD with the following members present:

Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD, President  
Charles Albee, DMD  
Nilfa Collins, DMD  
Ellen Legg, RDH  
Robert Kuepper, DDS

Absent: Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD, Vice President  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW  
Puneet Kochhar, DMD  
Lisa Scott, RDH

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The minutes of the July 10, 2017 Board Meeting was tabled due to a lack of a quorum. (Dr. Collins recused).

Dr. Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD opened the public hearing on Proposed Rule Notices # 2017-93 and 2017-94, Initial Proposal - addressing various sections of Den 100, Den 300, Den 400 and Den 500 with respect to adoption and readoption with amendment - #17-189. She closed the hearing at 4:00 p.m., the Board having received one written comment from the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. (DANB).

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Dental Hygienists Committee
  - (a) Minutes of July 10, 2017 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting (FYI)
  - (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments – None.

2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association Comments – None.
3. Dental Society Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported the following:
  - The NHDS would like to congratulate Dr. Tara Levesque-Vogel on her election as President of the Board of Dental Examiners. It looks forward to working with Dr. Levesque-Vogel.
  - The NHDS is aware of a recent communication sent by the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) to it and other state dental Boards regarding an NBC news story about the tragic deaths of two children while undergoing in-office sedation and dental procedures in California. This letter contains a number of misstatements and improperly suggests a relationship between the tragedies described in the story and the recent revisions to the ADA's adult sedation guidelines. It also creates a misconception that the adult guidelines run contrary to the AAP/AAPD anesthesia guidelines. In fact, the adult guidelines defer to the AAP/AAPD guidelines whenever a child is involved. The NHDS stands behind the ADA's adult sedation guidelines. ADA's guidelines revision process occurred over the course of more than two years and was based on the most current scientific evidence, as well as input from all communities of interest, including the AGD. Furthermore, NHDS feels that the dental profession should be united in working toward the goal that such events never happen again. It is disappointed that the AGD suggests that the ADA guidelines create a risk of harm to the public. The NHDS is concerned this might lead to confusion and distrust among patients and public officials, the opposite of what is needed when these events occur. The NHDS is happy to provide any information about the ADA's sedation guidelines should the NH BoDE ask for it.
  - Finally, the NHDS would like to express its concerns about several television advertisements running in New Hampshire. These advertisements, promoting the Aspen Dental brand, suggest to viewers that other dental practices will overcharge patients. Under Sections 5.E. and 5.F. of the ADA's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct, a dentist may only promote his or her practice in such a way that it does not undermine the esteem of the practice of dentistry or otherwise employ false or misleading language (including unsubstantiated claims that his/her method of care is in some way superior to that of a peer). Based on this Code of Ethics (to which nearly 780 New Hampshire dentists, as NHDS Members, are committed), the dentists who posted these advertisements (many of the NHDS's New Hampshire Members work for Aspen Dental) could be subject to an ethics complaint. However, despite Board of Dental Examiners rules to the contrary (RSA 317-A:31), the dentists being advertised are not identified in the spots. In *Appeal of Sutfin* (1997), the NH Supreme Court ruled that, so long as it does not impinge on the free speech of advertisers, the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners has the authority to regulate false or deceptive advertising. Since these advertisements make unsubstantiated claims that any dentist outside of those working in an Aspen Dental practice will charge patients disproportionately more than is fair and disregard BoDE rules by maintaining the anonymity of the advertising dentists, the NHDS asks that the Board of Dental Examiners investigate these advertisements and take the action it deems necessary and appropriate.

The Board voted to discuss the Aspen Dental advertising issues at its next meeting.

4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Ms. Legg reported that she has an assignment at Tufts next week and at Rutgers in December. Dr. Levesque-Vogel reported that she has an assignment at Tufts.
  - Guest: Stacy Plourde, RDH – Ms. Plourde made a presentation to the Board regarding changes to the WREB Dental Exam for 2018. She will email Executive Director Connie Stratton the documentation and Ms. Stratton will disseminate it to the Board members.

Ms. Plourde also presented Dr. Levesque-Vogel with an award on behalf of Northeast Delta Dental, for her 15 years of service.

5. Board Office Comments – The Board voted that it does give credit for general attendance CEU credits from Yankee Dental, one time during the biennium.
6. Inquiry from Laura Pargas, RDH re: License Reactivation - #17-174 – The Board voted to ask Ms. Pargas for a list of the curriculum in her graduate program in Public Health.
7. Inquiry from Stephanie Korb, CDA re: Preliminary Oral Inspection Course - #17-175 – The Board voted to ask her if she is currently practicing anywhere and if she has been maintaining her CEU's as a Graduate Dental Assistant.
8. Memo - Jurisprudence Exam Questions - #17-176 – Board members will create questions for a revised jurisprudence exam as follows:
  - #5 – Dr. Kuepper – Den 304.01-304.02
  - RSA's – Dr. Albee
  - #6 – Dr. Levesque-Vogel – Den 401.01 and 401.03
  - #4 – Dr. Collins – Den 302.01-303.03
  - #2 – Ellen Legg – Den 302.05

Executive Director Connie Stratton to assign the following #'s to absent Board members:

- #3 – Dr. McKibbin - Den 301.01-301.13
  - #7 – Lisa Scott - Den 402.01 – 402.03
  - #8 – Linda Tatarczuch - Den 403 and Den 500
  - #1 and #9 – Dr. Kochhar - ADA's Principles of Ethics and Code of Conduct; Den 100's, 201.01, 202, 207.01-207.05, 208.10, 208.16, 212.01-212.04, 213.01 and 213.02
9. Memo - Possible administrative rule change (BLS-HCP providers) - #17-184 – The Board voted to accept BLS-HCP courses from the American College of Emergency Physicians, as Dr. Kuepper advised that it is comparable to the American Heart

Association courses. The Board voted to have Executive Director Connie Stratton obtain information on the BLS-HCP course given by the Military Training Network.

10. Memo - Application for local anesthesia permit - #17-187 – The Board voted to require Michelle Clark, RDH to take a refresher course or a local anesthesia course.
11. Conference Call Public Minutes (for Board Approval) - #17-195 – This item was tabled due to lack of a quorum.
12. Informational (emailed previously)
  - NY Times.com: Breaking the Opioid Habit in Dentists' Offices
  - Academy of General Dentistry Statement on Sedation
  - Letter to State Dental Boards re: AGD Comments on Sedation – Dr. Kuepper advised that he agrees with the Dental Society that there are inaccuracies in this letter.

### LICENSURE AND REPORTS

#### 1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Timothy S. Ahern, DMD	Min J. Ko, DDS
Ashley J. Blanchfield, DDS	Nicholas B. Koren, DMD
Eric W. El Masri, DMD	Chae Y. Lee, DMD
Ivanka I. Guigova, DMD	Justin D. Maillet, DMD
Kyoung S. Han, DDS	Abdelrahman A.E.L. Mohamed, DDS
Erin M. Hersey, DMD	John T. Walsh, III, DMD
Eric P. Holmgren, DMD	

#### 2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Meghan W. Coursey, RDH	Michelle E. Lamountain, RDH
Elizabeth M. Delaney, RDH	Mackenzie K. Marr, RDH
Sarah E. Fedas, RDH	Alexandra N. Pro, RDH
Felicia C. Fields, RDH	Kaitlyn E. Purtell, RDH
Mary L. Jenny, RDH	Kathleen M. Sartorius, RDH
Lynn S. Jundt, RDH	Elvera Terkulova, RDH
Lindsay M. Kitchen, RDH	Faith B. Turner, RDH

#### 3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

(a) #17-177 - The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Reports and send letters of appreciation to:

- Children's Dental Network
- Milford School Dental Clinic
- Salem Children's Dental Network

4. DENTAL STUDENT EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM REPORT

- Tabled - Indiana University Dentistry - Suncook Health (May & July 2017) - #17-126, also Atch I - This item was tabled due to a lack of a quorum.  
(Dr. Albee recused)

5. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations Chart - #17-178, also Atch I – The Board voted to approve:

▪ Facility Inspections of:

- Adam Bateman, DDS, MD - General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation for Concord, Portsmouth and Tilton locations

▪ Comprehensive Evaluations of:

- James Haas, DDS
- Brant Chandler Jones, DMD
- Keith Kealey, DMD
- James Spivey, DDS

- (b) Application for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permit - #17-188

- Eric Holmgren, DMD, MD – The Board voted to issue the permit. A facility inspection is not required because the office where he is employed in Lebanon, NH had a comprehensive evaluation less than 5 years ago.

- (c) Memo - New Practice Location - #17-192

- Nader Moavenian, DDS
- Cameron Braasch, DMD

The Board voted to approve the request to administer general anesthesia/deep sedation in their newly acquired practice location in Manchester, NH. A facility inspection is not required because the Manchester office had a comprehensive evaluation less than 5 years ago.

At 3:49 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.