

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, April 2, 2018**

Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – 1:30 p.m.

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The April 2, 2018 public portion of the 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
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD, Vice President
Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member
Lisa Scott, RDH

Absent: Charles Albee, DMD

Review minutes of March 5, 2018 Board Meeting. The Board voted to accept the public minutes as published and the non-public minutes as amended. (Dr. Kochhar recused himself as he did not attend the March 5, 2018 meeting.)

Review minutes of March 9, 2018 Emergency Meeting Agenda and Conference Call (Brian Hunter, DDS). The Board voted to accept the public minutes as written. (Dr. Kochhar and Dr. Collins recused themselves as they did not participate in the March 9, 2018 conference call.)

Review minutes of March 28, 2018 Conference Call (Brian Hunter, DDS). The Board voted to accept the public minutes as written. (Dr. Kochhar, Dr. Collins and Ms. Legg recused themselves as they did not participate in the March 28, 2018 conference call.)

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of March 5, 2018 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes as published. (Dr. Kochhar recused himself as he did not attend the March 5, 2018 meeting.)

- (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments – Margaret Ray, RDH reported that the Committee is working to create a FAQs document for the checklist for hygienists to be posted on the website and updated by the Committee, which the Board had previously voted for.
- (c) The Dental Hygienists Committee recommended that the bottom of the Nitrous Oxide and Local Anesthesia application form for permits be changed as it has been confusing for applicants. The Board voted to change the form as follows:

“ The use of this form facilitates the gathering of information required by the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiner’s administrative rules. In lieu of this form a syllabus must be submitted along with a certificate of written evidence that the course has been successfully completed and is signed by the course provider”.

- 2. NH Dental Hygienists’ Association Comments – There were no comments presented.
- 3. Dental Society Comments - Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported to the Board as follows:

- Next week, a delegation of NHDS representatives will be traveling to Washington, DC to meet with its congressional delegation. Among the topics of discussion will be a non-covered services bill, student debt management and the Action for Dental Health bill (which would enable the State to launch oral health education and awareness campaigns).
- The NHDS is continuing to plan for the NHDS Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 17-19, 2018, in Meredith, NH. Among the CE courses offered are three required by the Board: infection control, opioids and BLS.

- 4. Dr. Guy Shampaine, a former oral surgeon who is from ADEX, flew in from out-of-state to discuss the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (hereinafter, CDCA) US Dental Licensure Update with the Board. Dr. Shampaine did a PowerPoint presentation which is attached to these minutes. Dr. Shampaine expressed that he is not in favor of multiple examinations. He stated that ADEX is the only national organization of state dental boards and with ADEX, the Board would be setting an examination standard, not a testing preference. Dr. Shampaine also indicated that if examinations are the same, why would there be a need for multiple examinations and why wouldn’t other testing agencies administer ADEX?

At the conclusion of the PowerPoint presentation, Dr. Kochhar asked Dr. Shampaine several questions as to who he was representing and Dr. Shampaine said he was not representing anyone but himself and that he believed that ADEX was the way to go but that it was really the Board’s ultimate decision, which should be based upon predictive validity. Linda Tatarczuch asked questions about Canada and its testing approach. Dr. McKibbin then asked Dr. Shampaine if he believed that WREB was similar to ADEX and Dr. Shampaine said there were vast differences, which he had pointed out in his PowerPoint presentation.

At 4:10 p.m., on a motion by Linda Tatarczuch, and second by Dr. Kochhar, the Board voted by roll call to go out of public session and into a non-public meeting with Board counsel.

At 4:50 p.m., on a motion by Dr. Collins, and second by Dr. McKibbin, the Board voted by roll call to go out of a non-public meeting and into public session.

5. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – There were no comments presented.
6. Board Office Comments – Director Sheri Walsh, temporarily filling in as Board Administrator for Connie Stratton, who has retired, explained the hiring process. The vacant position is over at the Department of Personnel, as there are going to be some changes to the position. As soon as it comes back, the position will be posted and the Board will be updated at that time.
7. Letter from Sidley Austin LLP re: Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) – #18-108 - The Board voted to table discussion of the letter until the next meeting. Dr. McKibbin expressed that, although he had opposed the Board’s vote in August of 2017 to not accept the 2018 WREB exam, he now agrees with the Board’s decision. The Board voted to look at the administrative rule, Den 301.02(a)(8), to either clarify what constitutes “...similar US regional or state board clinical examination for dentists” or to remove that language.
8. Inquiry from Generations Dental Care re: Nutritional Counseling - #18-83 - Inquiry pertained to having a nutritionist on staff at a dental office and billing questions surrounding that. The Board voted to send a letter stating it has no jurisdiction over nutritionists or billing questions involving nutritionists on staff.
9. Inquiry from Fouad Yadani, DMD – #18-84 - Inquiry pertained to giving free oral cancer screenings. The Board voted to send a letter stating that it does not govern or regulate scope of practice as it pertains to free oral cancer screenings.
10. Inquiry from Neha Gupta, DMD – #18-85 - Inquiry pertained to student externs and supervision over them. The question was “whom should we walk out the patients under?” The Board voted to send a letter requesting further clarification.
11. Memo and letter from Mouayed Karem-Hamid, BDS, MDS - #18-98 - Inquiry asking several states to allow him to take CDCA exam from an unapproved dental school. The Board voted to send a letter stating that in order to be licensed in NH, applicants must be graduates of a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited general dentistry program of at least 2 years duration that awards a DMD or DDS degree.

12. Proposed Changes to HB 1577 and SB 377 – Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported to the Board as follows:
 - SB 377 – The NHDS is in agreement with most of the bill, except for Section 16, which might create confusion among consumers reference the difference between a general dentist and a specialist. Because of timing, it might be prudent to remove Section 16 in its entirety so that the rest of the bill could pass, and then work together in the coming months to find language everyone can agree upon. Dr. Collins remembers a discussion at last month’s meeting, which is not reflected in the minutes, which talked about a second option, other than striking out the language, for this section of the bill. The Board voted to get more information and table it until next month’s meeting.
 - HB 1577 - The Senate will be hearing this bill, the “sedation” bill, tomorrow, April 3, 2018. The NHDS has been working with Representative Marsh, Representative Dean-Bailey and the Board to tighten up the language and give greater rulemaking control to the Board. There have been some roadblocks. There was discussion about the exemption for those dentists who are “dual-boarded” (Line 14 of the Bill). Ellen Legg, RDH offered to write to Representative Marsh for the Board.

13. Informational (emailed previously)
 - Updated Assessment Services Program Informational Booklet

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 Anitha Abdulrahiman, DMD
 Miguel A. Roque, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 Heidi J. Lord, RDH
 Vanessa K. Robbins, RDH
 Nichole Winslow, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION
 - (a) #18-86 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Reports and to send letters of appreciation to:
 - Ammonoosuc Community Health Services - Dental & Oral Health
 - POH Senior Program

 - (b) #18-87 – The Board voted to accept the Application for a Dental Public Health Supervision Program of the following agency:
 - Smiles (formerly Upper Valley Smiles)

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations Chart - #18-88 - The Board voted to approve the:
 - Comprehensive evaluation of Peter Reich, DMD.
- (b) Application for Moderate Sedation Restricted - #18-80 - The Board voted to send a letter to Peter Bowman, DDS, with questions and recommendations and also to have Mark Scura, DMD from the Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation Committee attend next month's meeting to review.
- (c) Inquiry from Captain John Gerhauser, DMD - #18-90 – Questions regarding effect of Den 304.02 Permits for Use of General Anesthesia, Deep Sedation and Moderate Sedation. The Board voted to refer to Dr. Karen Crowley and table until next month's meeting.

At 6:20 p.m., on a motion by Dr. Levesque-Vogel and a second by Dr. McKibbin, the Board voted by roll call to go out of public session and into non-public session.