NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, June 4, 2018

Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – Cancelled

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The June 4, 2018 public portion of the meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD with the following members present:

Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD, President
Puneet Kochhar, DMD – Arrived 3:25 p.m.
Charles Albee, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member
Lisa Scott, RDH
Muhenad Samaan, DMD – Arrived 3:10 p.m.
Nilfa Collins, DMD

Absent: Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD, Vice President

Review minutes of May 7, 2018 Board Meeting - The Board voted to accept the public and the non-public minutes as written. (Dr. Collins recused herself as she did not attend the May 7, 2018 meeting.)

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Workforce Development Survey - #18-151 – Attorney Lamberti stated that Connie Stratton had addressed this survey awhile back. The Board members did not recall that discussion. He explained the survey and that it is maintained by DHHS and if the Board wants to participate, there are rules that need to be implemented. The Board voted to have copies of the survey questions provided for review at its next meeting before a decision is made.

2. Adoption of Expedited Rule Package - #18-152 – Attorney Lamberti stated that JLCAR approved the rules and the Board needs to formally adopt the rules. The Board voted to adopt the rules.

3. Dental Hygienists Committee

   (a) Minutes of May 7, 2018 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes as published (Dr. Collins recused herself as she did not attend the May 7, 2018 meeting)

   (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments – There were no comments.

4. NH Dental Hygienists' Association Comments – Ellen Legg, RDH, reported that there is an upcoming meeting in Columbus, Ohio from June 20-25, 2018, focusing on several topics, including opioids. Part of that meeting includes community service on oral health and a 5K fundraiser for the International Oral Health Foundation.

   Lisa Scott, RDH, reported that the New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) has passed accreditation.

5. Dental Society Comments - Executive Director Mike Auerbach reported to the Board as follows:

   - The New Hampshire Dental Society (NHDS) had its Annual Meeting from May 17-19, 2018, in Meredith, NH, which was a great success. Over 400 guests attended and CE courses were offered in infection control, opioids and BLS-HCP. They also welcomed their new President, Dr. Hugh Hawkins, of Littleton, NH, who outlined his goals, including recruiting qualified dental assistants to address the ongoing state-wide workforce problem; creating a dental insurance advisory committee to build bridges between dentists and insurance providers; and conducting a review of NHDS CE programming to ensure that it meets the needs of NH dentists.

   - At its annual meeting, new Board members were elected: Dr. Hugh Hawkins (President); Dr. Lindsey Jackson (President-Elect); Dr. Joshua Osofsky (1st VP); Dr. Melissa Kennell (2nd VP); Dr. John Girald (Secretary-Treasurer); and Dr. Richard Rosato (Delegate-At-Large).

   - SB 377 as amended is awaiting the Governor's signature.

   - HB 1577 (the "Sedation Bill") as amended is awaiting the Governor's signature.

   - On behalf of NHDS, they welcome one of their newest members, Dr. Muhenad Samaan, to the Board of Dental Examiners.

6. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Dr. Levesque-Vogel reported that she did examinations in Jamaica, which was a great experience. She also stated that the annual meeting would be in Florida in January of 2019.

7. Board Office Comments – Dr. Levesque-Vogel indicated that there are two candidates for the Board Administrator position. She is looking to have herself, Dr. McKibbin, Linda Tatarczuch and Director Sheri Walsh on the interview panel and hopes to arrange interviews in the next week or two.

8. SB 531 - #18-126 – Director Walsh gave an update on SB 531, which addresses having OPLC get funding instead of money going back into the General Fund and to have OPLC undergo rulemaking on those Board rules which are the same for all Boards. Director Walsh will continue to update the Board as rules proceed.

9. Discussion re: Medical Emergency Training - #18-63 – Dr. Albee did some research with the state of Vermont and Massachusetts regarding medical emergency training. Vermont provides CEs for emergency training. Dr. Samaan had someone come to his practice to go over emergency medical procedures and what equipment is necessary for each office, etc. The Board voted to have Lisa Scott, RDH create a subcommittee to review medical emergency training and the Board also voted to have the Dental Hygienist Committee spearhead this Ms. Scott.

10. Discussion re. Suboxone - #18-141 – Dr. Sally Garhart from the Professional Healths Program (PHP) discussed suboxone. She reported that she is not aware of any dentist who has returned to work on suboxone therapy but that there may be neuro-cognitive issues. Dr. Garhart stated that, in the event that occurs, she would want neuro-cognitive testing done, although there is currently no testing done in NH. Dr. Garhart concluded that suboxone issues should be treated on a case-by-case basis. After further discussion regarding whether there should be a requirement to notify the Board of substance abuse issues (Dr. Garhart stated there was a "split" philosophy on that issue), the Board voted to propose a rule that licensed recovering dentists with a substance abuse disorder self-report to PHP for evaluation and monitoring. The Board also voted to seek legislation to cover dental hygienists as well as dentists.

11. Inquiry re: New Website Dental Resource -#18-161 – A private company providing assistance with Medicare wanted to have a link on the Board's website as a resource. Initially, there was confusion as to whether this was part of the federal government or a private company. Once clarified that it was a private company, the Board voted to send a letter stating it would not allow that company to be added to the Board's website.

12. Louisiana State Board of Dentistry CDC/Anesthesia Inspection Survey - #18-155 – FYI – There was no discussion.

13. Informational Letter from American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons – FYI – There was no discussion.

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Elizabeth R. Bejarano, DDS
Mari N. Berry, DMD
Michael W. Courtney, DMD
Yajun Cui, DMD
Nader H. Ebeed, DMD
Daniel J. Garcia de Paredes, DDS
Maryam Hariri, DDS
Scott A. Odell, DMD
Arvinder S. Sawhney, DMD
Thomas P. Shannon, DDS

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Chelsea E. Dana, RDH
Noelle A. Demers, RDH
Amy S. Harris, RDH
Diahann B. Koustenis, RDH
Sherri L. Parks, RDH
Samantha N. Stutz, RDH

3. DENTAL STUDENT PROGRAM REPORT

(a) Alliance for Dental Care - #18-153 – The Board voted to accept the report. (Dr. Kochhar recused himself)

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

(a) Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluations Chart - #18-154 – The Board voted to approve the Facility Inspections of:

- Mindy Hall, DMD
  - Anesthesiologists Dr. Hector Vila and Dr. Michael Garcia approved to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation at Dr. Hall's practice in Alton, NH.

- Lily Hu, DMD
  - Dentist anesthesiologist Dr. Hu approved to administer General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation at the practice location of Kalil & Kress Family and Cosmetic Dentistry, Nashua, NH.

At 4:15 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, on a motion by Dr. Albee and a second by Dr. Kochhar, the Board voted by roll call to go out of public session and into non-public session because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.