

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, October 1, 2018**

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

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The October 1, 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
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD, Vice President
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member
Lisa Scott, RDH
Muhenad Samaan, DMD
Dennis Hannon, DDS

Absent: Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH

Review minutes of August 27, 2018 Board Meeting - The Board voted to accept the public minutes, with the following changes: Item 4 under the Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA), last sentence, replace “Board of Directors” with “House of Representatives”. Also, add the following sentence: “The District 9 hygiene representative is Ellen Legg”. The Board voted to accept the non-public minutes as written.

Dr. Vogel also indicated, as an update to the CDCA comments of August 27, 2018, that she will be on the Board of Directors and the House of Representatives, instead of Dr. Kochhar.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Prescription/Dispensing of Fluoride Treatment by Hygienists - #18-226 – Mike Bullek, Administrator of the Board of Pharmacy, spoke to the Board about statutory changes that need to be made to RSA 318:42, in order for dental hygienists to be given provider status to prescribe fluoride supplements, topically applied fluoride and chlorhexidine gluconate oral rinse pursuant to the new statute. Mr. Bullek stated that he would work with Acting Administrator Walsh to find a sponsor and get a bill passed in the next legislative session.

Mr. Bullek also submitted draft rules for prescription authority for the Board to

review. He asked whether additional training needs to be given to dental hygienists who prescribe such treatments. Margaret Ray, RDH stated that dental hygienists already receive extensive training in this area. Dr. McKibbin suggested that perhaps a refresher training could be offered by NHTI for the spring semester. Margaret Ray, RDH indicated that she would reach out to them.

The Board, on motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Samaan, voted to conditionally approve the statutory change and draft rules proposed by Mike Bullek.

Mike Bullek then discussed certain medications, such as eye drops, which one dentist prescribed for conjunctivitis, which he believes is outside of the dentist's scope of practice. Further discussion ensued about what medications can be prescribed by dentists. Dr. Vogel stated that dentists can prescribe certain medications for the head/neck, such as Botox, which is within the dentist's scope of practice. A question was asked about dentists prescribing controlled substances to immediate family members or themselves. Mike Bullek stated that pharmacists are not authorized to prescribe any medication, especially controlled substances, to themselves or immediate family members, and does not think dentists should do so.

2. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of August 27, 2018 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes.
- (b) Dental Hygienists Committee (DHC) Comments – Margaret Ray, RDH stated that the DHC reviewed an inquiry as to whether a nutritionist can provide fluoride treatment. The DHC recommended that it was outside of its jurisdiction, as well as the Board's jurisdiction. The Board agreed.

Dr. McKibbin asked Margaret Ray, RDH if the DHC felt it was necessary for dental hygienists to take the CDCA exam in order to administer nitrous oxide. Margaret Ray, RDH stated that the DHC did not believe it was necessary in order to obtain a nitrous oxide permit. On motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted not to change the rules to require the CDCA exam before issuing a permit for nitrous oxide.

- (c) Memo re: Submission of "Frequently Asked Questions" by Dental Hygienists for the Board website - #18-227 - On motion by Lisa Clegg, RDH and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to accept the FAQ's and place them on the website. The Board congratulated the DHC for a job well done. The Board also stated that the website should be updated, as necessary.

3. NH Dental Hygienists' Association (NHDHA) Comments – Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH stated that the NHDHA will be sponsoring two upcoming continuing education opportunities:

- On October 13, 2018, from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Derryfield Country Club in Manchester, NH, Sherri Lukes, RDH will be speaking about Oral Pathology.

- On November 5, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Northwoods Community Learning Center in Whitefield, NH, Dr. John Echternach will be speaking on Silver Diamine Fluoride.
4. NH Dental Society (NHDS) Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach stated the following:
 - A delegation from the NHDS will be attending the ADA Annual Meeting in Hawaii in a few weeks. Among discussion will be the topic of specialties and the establishment of a separate national commission that will enable input from dental boards, the ADA and other relevant groups.
 - During Dr. Hugh Hawkins’ presidential visit tours, a few members voiced strong concern about the Board’s decision to no longer accept WREB. That decision is seen, by some, as a possible deterrent among recent graduates to pursue dental careers in NH.
 - The NHDS is preparing two upcoming continuing education courses in the fall. On November 9, 2018, at the Annual Fall/Winter meeting at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH, Dr. Mel Hawkins will be speaking about Anesthesia and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office. On November 2, 2018, at the Red River Theater in Concord, NH, the NHDS Foundation will be discussing an update on HIV/AIDS and its ongoing relevance to dental caregivers.
 5. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Dr. McKibbin stated that he had just returned from Baltimore, MD and has two more exams to grade in October and one in December of this year. Dr. Samaan stated that he was doing training at Boston University in February of 2019. The Annual Meeting will be from January 17-19, 2019. Dr. Vogel mentioned that the AADB Conference was a great conference and that she has requested that it be put in budget for 2020-2021.
 6. Board Office Comments – Acting Administrator Walsh stated the following:
 - The search is still on for an Administrator since the last person declined the position. There are two applicants and hopefully interviews will be conducted in the next couple of weeks. Dr. Vogel questioned whether changing the title from Executive Director to Administrator might be keeping away good candidates. Acting Administrator Walsh stated that the title had to be changed since there is only one Executive Director for OPLC and that is Peter Danles and that the position being part time was much more likely to be why there were not a lot of viable candidates. The position is posted in the NH Bar News for potential attorneys.
 - Dr. Vogel stated that she would like the two dental hygienists on the Board to start reviewing applications. It was suggested that the DHC could also review applications if it gets busy but Dr. Vogel stated that, since the Board has to approve the applications, it would be better for the two hygienists on the Board to do the review and that she could show them what they need to do. The role of the administrator was discussed and that when it comes to subject-matter expertise for questions, those should be answered by a Board member, not the administrator, as had been done sometimes in the past. This also avoids inconsistencies.

7. Medical Emergency Training Issues - #18-229 – Dr. Samaan had submitted a PowerPoint presentation for the Board to review. Lisa Scott, RDH stated that she thought the presentation was too detailed and that she was going to provide an outline for the Board members to review at the next meeting. A discussion ensued about whether medical emergency training should be mandated and there was significant debate about whether more training was necessary and if a mandate was appropriate. Executive Director Auerbach stated that courses are offered (similar to courses for opioids). Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting so that other states can be looked at and Executive Director Auerbach stated that he could look into the issue further as well.
8. Inquiry re: Teledentistry - #18-230 w/Atch I – There were two speakers who talked about Teledentistry. Gianna Hartwig, Regional State Affairs Coordinator with the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) stated that she was going to various dental boards to find out how each board was handling teledentistry and that the AAO was looking into it and “getting their heads wrapped around it”. Dr. Vogel stated that there are no specific rules in NH dealing with teledentistry, but that the issue is coming up more and more. Ms. Hartwig stated that she wanted to promote further conversation about the issue and that certain parameters should be in place, like some face-to-face contact and a physical examination, to avoid “do-it-yourself orthodontics”, which the AAO has concerns about. There was some discussion about mobile vans and that some stores were opening in malls providing dental services, with no contact with a dentist and no in-person care. Ms. Hartwig stated that she would continue to keep the Board advised of what the AAO decides to do about the issue and that she would be glad to come and speak with the Board at a later date.

Stacy Plourde, RDH, CPHDH stated that she was speaking on behalf of herself, a dental hygienist. Ms. Plourde stated that teledentistry was very exciting and offered opportunities for providing good oral health to some people who otherwise might not be able to go to a “brick and mortar” dental office. She stated that teledentistry was a good way to think “outside the box” and was a great preventative tool. Ms. Plourde stated the ADA has issued policy statements on this topic and that she had a solution which would fit within existing rules. Ms. Plourde requested a declaratory ruling stating that teledentistry falls within public health supervision, Den 101.24, and that preventative services delivered by teledentistry should be provided by a certified public health dental hygienist, pursuant to RSA 317-A:21-e. Ms. Plourde cautioned against rules that would be too restrictive and that the goal should be to reach more patients.

Tom Broderick, Board counsel, stated that before the Board consider taking a vote on the proposed declaratory ruling, he would like to talk to the Board about that in a non-meeting. On a motion by Dr. McKibbin, and second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted to table the issue, in order to fully consider all options, as well as to talk to legal counsel.

9. Inquiry re: American Academy of Dental Hygiene - #18-231 – On a motion by Lisa Scott, RDH and second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted to send this inquiry, through a Memorandum, to the DHC for review and recommendations.
10. American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine re: Treating Obstructive Sleep Apnea (FYI) – #18-232 – The Board had no discussion on this issue.

11. Dental Specialties - #18-177 w/Atch I and II - The Board voted to table until the next meeting, so that Dr. Kochhar can be present.
12. Inquiry re: Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Renewal - #18-233 – On a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to charge a \$25.00 fee for renewal and add 3 CEU's in BLS-HCP certification and 2 CEU's in infectious disease control.
13. Inquiry re: Caries Prevention in Community and Silver Diamine Fluoride - #18-246 w/Atch I – On a motion by Dr. Samaan and second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted that caries prevention can be conducted in the community, as long as it is within the protocols and not in violation of the laws or rules.
14. Inquiry re: Dental Licensure by Exam - #18-247 – On a motion by Dr. Vogel and second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted that, in order to determine if the exam is required, the person needs to submit an application for licensure by endorsement for the Board's review.
15. Informational (emailed previously)
 - AADA 34th Annual Meeting 9/20-21, 2018 – Final Pre-Meeting Documents
 - On Line Course “The New ADA Policy on Opioid Prescriptions”

The Board had no discussion on these issues.

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 - Nitin Agrawal, DMD
 - Andrew F. Beshay, DMD
 - Silvia S.W. Huang-Yue, DDS
 - Jonathan H. Kremser, DDS
 - Stanley S. McMorrow, DDS
 - Tadros M. Tadros, DDS
 - John E. Ver Ploeg, DMD
2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
 - Jordan J. Bernard, RDH
 - Sadie E. Conroy, RDH
 - Nicole M. DiPrimio, RDH
 - Emily Flanagan, RDH
 - Kristen L. Soucy, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

(a) #18-234 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Reports and to send letters of appreciation to:

- Concord Dental Sealant Coalition
- Health First Dental Program
- Lamprey Health Care's School-Based Program
- Speare Memorial Hospital School Dental Program
- Sullivan County Dental Initiative
- Sununu Youth Services Center
- WIC-Pay for Prevention Program

4. DENTAL STUDENT PROGRAM REPORT

(a) #18-235 – Children's Dental Network - The Board voted to accept the Dental Student Program Report.

5. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

(a) #18-236 – The Board voted to accept the Facility Inspection for a General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation permit for the following:

- Jonathan Bean, DMD – Nashua and Salem, NH locations

(b) #18-228 – Donald Gass, Jr., DDS - The Board voted to accept the application for 4 General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permits.

At 5:02 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, on a motion by Dr. Vogel and a second by Dr. McKibbin, 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.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board, on motion by Dr. Kochhar and a second by Dr. Collins, voted by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board voted unanimously to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member, or render the proposed action ineffective.

Dr. Vogel adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.