

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, November 5, 2018**

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

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The November 5, 2018 public portion of the meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD with the following members present:

Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD, President
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr., DMD, Vice President
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member
Lisa Scott, RDH
Muhenad Samaan, DMD
Dennis Hannon, DDS
Puneet Kochhar, DMD
Ellen Legg, RDH

Absent: Nilfa Collins, DMD

Review minutes of October 1, 2018 Board Meeting - The Board voted to accept the public and non-public minutes, as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of October 1, 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 came up with rulemaking language for Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDA) renewals. The DHC also has proposed changes to Den 301.03(a)(6), clarifying that dental hygienists have to practice at least 8 hours in the current biennium in order to remain active.
- (c) Memo re: Revised Forms for Local Anesthesia/Nitrous Oxide – On a motion by Lisa Scott, RDH, and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to approve the forms, since it was confirmed that no rule changes were necessary.

2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association (NHDHA) Comments – Acting Administrator Walsh read written comments from Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH, who could not attend today's meeting. The NHDHA will be sponsoring two upcoming continuing education opportunities:
 - 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.
 - On Thursday, November 8, 2018, from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Goodwin Community Health in Somersworth, NH, there will be a two-part presentation on Independent Practice 101: Owning a Dental Hygiene Business and A Shot to Prevent Cancer: The Dental Professional's Role in Preventing HPV Cancers.
3. NH Dental Society (NHDS) Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach stated the following:
 - A delegation from the NHDS just attended the ADA Annual Meeting in Hawaii. Among the many topics discussed were building referral networks between dentists, so-called "Do It Yourself Dentistry", and facilitating portability. Additionally, Dr. Jeffrey Cole was elected President of the ADA and Dr. Chad Gehani was elected President-Elect.
 - The NHDS is preparing for its Annual Fall/Winter meeting at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH on Friday, November 9, 2018. Dr. Mel Hawkins will be speaking about Anesthesia and Medical Emergencies in the Dental Office. A strong attendance is expected.
 - The NHDS has launched two major workforce initiatives in NH. One would create a new dental assistant training program in the North Country, as there is a shortage of dental assistants in that area. The other would create a Community Dental Health Coordinator training program, in coordination with ADA and SNHU, in the next two years.

Ellen Legg, RDH asked questions about the dental shortage in the North Country and indicated that Lisa Scott, RDH was involved with NHTI. Lisa Scott, RDH stated that there were ongoing discussions between NHTI and White Mountain Community College in Berlin, NH.

4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – The Annual Meeting will be held from January 17-19, 2019, in Orlando, FL. All of the Board members will be attending and there is an orientation for new Board members.
5. Board Office Comments – Acting Administrator Walsh stated the following:
 - John Cafasso, the new Board Administrator, will be starting on Friday, November 9, 2018. He will be attending today's meeting to sit in and also to introduce himself to everyone.

- Tom Broderick, currently Board counsel, will be starting at OPLC on Friday, November 9, 2018, as the new rulemaking attorney (replacing Attorney Bob Lamberti). Acting Administrator Walsh stated that she and Jeanne Clement will be working on a new rulemaking proposal, which will hopefully be ready for the Board's review by the end of the year.

6. Teledentistry - #18-230 w/Atch I and II (moved from Number 10 to Number 6 on the Agenda) – This topic was tabled from last month's meeting in order to further discuss the issues surrounding teledentistry. Two members of the public, from a company called Virtudent, John Voith and Dr. Scott Odell, a licensed NH dentist, were present. Dr. Vogel asked them to address the Board. They were there only to listen but agreed to address the Board.

John Voith is the co-founder of Virtudent, along with Dr. Hitesh Tolani. He stated that this company is fairly new and has businesses in both Massachusetts and NH. He deals with the under-privileged (primarily those who have never seen a dentist or have not seen a dentist for at least five years). He has arrangements with employers to have their employees get a cleaning from a dental hygienist. Dr. Odell reviews preliminary data and photographs taken by the dental hygienist in order to determine if a follow-up dental visit is necessary. If a follow-up visit is necessary, Dr. Odell refers the patient to a dentist. There is no dentist on-site to do a physical examination. He assured the Board that he has no financial relationship with any referring dentist and that the primary source of income is from billing insurance companies, like Northeast Delta Dental.

John Voith stated that the company's business model is to train dental hygienists, who are not just out of school, and that he uses two mobile vans in NH and seven in Massachusetts. The dental hygienist works alone but has access to a dentist at all times by phone. When asked about competition, Mr. Voith advised that there are several companies using similar business models, primarily in states like NJ, NY and Texas. He is proud of his business model since he believes it gives patients who may have never seen a dentist access to dental care, which is of great benefit.

Much discussion ensued about infection control with the mobile vans, how the hygienist deals with medical emergencies and the fact that no on-site physical examination by a dentist may violate the rules. Mr. Voith definitely supports a rule change and states that the ADA has adopted his business model. He offered to come back to the Board at any time to provide more information.

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

At 4:45 p.m., the Board, on a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Lisa Scott, RDH, voted by roll call to go out of a non-meeting and into public session.

6. Teledentistry - #18-230 w Atch I and II – The Board decided to table this item until the next meeting, for further discussion.

7. NHASEC Advisory Subcommittee 9/21/18 Minutes with Recommendations and Questions - #18-267 (moved from Number 6 to Number 7 of the Agenda) – Dr. Mark Scura, who is a member of the NHASEC Advisory Subcommittee, provided an update to the Board of rule changes necessary as a result of HB 1577. There is another meeting scheduled for December 13, 2018 and Dr. Scura hoped that a Board member could attend that meeting and further meetings if needed. The Board asked if Dr. Hannon could attend that meeting and help the subcommittee with the rules. Dr. Hannon stated that he already intended to go to the meeting on December 13, 2018 and that he would be glad to be the representative from the Board to assist with rules.
8. 2019 Financial Interest Forms – #18-250 (moved from Number 7 to Number 8 of the Agenda) – These forms are required to be filled out annually by all Board members. The forms should be completed and brought to the December 3, 2018 Board meeting.
9. Holiday Party Discussion – #18-251 (moved from Number 8 to Number 9 of the Agenda) - The Board agreed to have Siam Orchid deliver food for the next Board meeting. There will be a Yankee Swap (around \$15-\$20). Each member should contribute approximately \$20 to cover cost of food, tips, etc.
10. Inquiry re: EFDA renewal - #18-252 (moved from Number 9 to Number 10 of the Agenda) – On a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to waive the continuing education requirement for the current biennium and renew the applicant.
11. Medical Emergency Training Issue - #18-229 w/Atch I - On a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Hannon, the Board voted to include Medical Emergency Training as part of the required CEU's for dentists and hygienists (Dr. Vogel opposed).

On a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to require 2 credits for Medical Emergency Training per biennium, starting in 2020.

Ellen Legg, RDH, requested that the next agenda include a discussion of increasing the number of CEU's for dentists and hygienists.

12. Dental Specialties - #18-177 – This item was tabled from October. On a motion by Dr. Hannon and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted not to change the rules and continue using the ADA list of specialties, which resulted in a tied vote, 4-4. As a result of the tied vote, the Board decided to table the item until its December meeting, for further discussion.
13. Informational (Emailed previously)
 - 2017 State Antibioqram
 - CDCA's 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting

The Board had no discussion on these items.

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Jessica S. Cheng, DMD
Francesca Failla, DMD
Daliah M. Salem, DMD
Julie A. Saviano, DMD
Quan Zhao, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Cherree A. Berry, RDH
Lydia A. Laliberte, RDH
Jolie R. Rivenbark, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

(a) #18-253 – The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Reports and to send letters of appreciation to:

- APD Upper Valley Smiles
- Concord YMCA Cavity Prevention Program
- Coos County Family Health Services

(b) #18-254 – Coos County Family Health Services Year End Oral Health Report (FYI) – The Board voted to accept the report.

4. Letter/Report – Visiting OMS Resident to Dartmouth-Hitchcock - #18-268 – On a motion by Dr. Kochhar and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to send a letter advising the resident to apply for a temporary license pursuant to Den 301.05(a).

5. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

(a) #18-255 – The Board voted to accept the following:

- Facility Inspection for General Anesthesia/ Deep Sedation Permit for Kyle Stiefel, DDS
- Comprehensive Evaluation for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permit for Patrick McCarty, DDS
- Comprehensive Evaluation for Moderate Sedation Unrestricted Permit for John Herrin, DDS

(b) #18-256 – Kelly Martino, DMD - The Board voted to accept the application for a Moderate Sedation Unrestricted Permit

(c) #18-257 – NHASEC Advisory Subcommittee Quarterly Meeting Minutes – The Board voted to accept the minutes, as written.

At 6:05 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, on a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Hannon, 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 6:47 p.m., the Board, on motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Linda Tatarczuch, voted by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

At 6:47 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 6:47 p.m.