

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, March 4, 2019**

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

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The March 4, 2019 public portion of the meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners (hereinafter, Board) 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
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 February 4, 2019 Board Meeting - The Board voted to accept the public and non-public minutes, as amended. (Dr. Kochhar recused himself as he did not attend the February 4, 2019 meeting.)

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee
 - (a) Minutes of February 4, 2019 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – The Board voted to accept the minutes. (Dr. Kochhar recused himself as he did not attend the February 4, 2019 meeting.)
 - (b) Dental Hygienists Committee (DHC) Comments – Margaret Ray, RDH stated that the DHC continues to work on the CEU audits.
2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association (NHDHA) Comments: Pam Delahanty, RDH, CPHDH informed the Board of the following:

- That NHDHA is actively working on vetting potential candidates for the NHDHA seat on the Dental Hygienists Committee. They will be working with the Governor's office to get that person confirmed by the end of March.
- NHDHA welcomes attendance at their upcoming CE's:

Spring Symposium- Saturday, March 9, 2019, 7:30AM – 4:30PM at the Derryfield Country Club located at 625 Mammoth Rd., Manchester, NH

Part 1- "Generational Differences Related to RDH and to the Oral Health of Your Patients" - Trisha A. Cloutier, CDA, RDH, BS, MA presents on the past, present, and future of dental hygiene and examines how the differences between generations shape their views on oral health.

Part 2- "Medical Marijuana: What you Need to Know" - Katherine Soal, RDH, CDA, MSDH discusses dental treatment considerations in relation to medical and recreational marijuana use. 1.5 Non-Clinical CEU + 7.0 Clinical CEU (includes working lunch)

"A Comprehensive Review of OSHA Standards and HIPPA Regulations" - Tuesday, March 19, 2019, Goodwin Community Health, 311 Route 108, Somersworth, NH, 5:30PM – 8:00PM, 2.0 Clinical CEU, presented by Erin Kierce, RDH, BA, BS, MPH

"Coding 101 – Why are CDT Codes Important to You?" - Monday, March 25, 2019, Northeast Delta Dental, 1 Delta Drive, Concord, NH 5:30PM - 8:00PM - 2.0 Clinical CEUs. Presented by LeaAnne Haney, RDH, CPHDH; Christa Keddie, RDH BDH, CPHDH; and Stacy Plourde, RDH, MS, CPHDH - discussion includes dental benefits/coding for reimbursement, including new CDT Codes for 2019.

3. NH Dental Society (NHDS) Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach stated the following:

- On May 16, 2019, during our Annual Meeting, we will be hosting two three-hour courses of value to those seeking opioid training CEUs. On the morning of May 16th, we will host a seminar on SBIRT – Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Training – which is a concept that will help dentists not only treat addicted patients but help them find treatment. During the afternoon, PDMP Program Manager Michelle Ricco-Jonas, in a 3-hour course, will share the latest on the PDMP. It is the hope of the NHDS that either or both of these courses will satisfy the Board's opioid CE requirement for licensure. The Board voted to accept both of the PDMP courses as meeting the opioid CE requirement for licensure.
- The NHDS is currently advocating for Medicaid reform in New Hampshire. Central to our endeavors – focusing on reimbursement, no-shows and the administrative burden – will be included in any proposal for updated fees and advocating for care coordination.
- We have received questions about last month's decision by the Board regarding dental hygienists' continuing education on the use of nitrous oxide. The questions are about the dentist's role in this training – specifically, whether the dentist must still be present when a hygienist administers nitrous oxide if that individual has the proper training.

4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Dr. Vogel and Dr. Kochhar informed the Board that they will be facilitating the licensure examination process in Maryland. Dr. Vogel will also be facilitating exams at Tufts.
5. Board Office Comments – The Board voted to see if the Board office could add a Dentist "disciplinary link" on the Board's website to make it easier to search for the disciplinary actions against dentists. The Board asked if the link could be like the one that the NH Board of Medicine currently has on their web page. Director Sheri Walsh said that this was a great idea and would ensure the link was added.

Discussion took place to see if there was any way to make it easier to search for rules on the Board's website. Director Sheri Walsh informed the Board that she understands the Board's frustration but that a different agency handles administrative rules and there is no search engine.

At 3:21 p.m., the Board, on a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Samaan, voted by roll call to go out of public session and into a non-meeting with Board Counsel, JD Lavallee.

At 4:07 p.m., the Board voted by roll call to go out of a non-meeting and into public session.

6. Inquiry re: Foreign Dental Practice Opening Office in NH - #19-52 - On a motion by Dr. McKibbin and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to thank the attorney for his inquiry about Foreign Dental Practices opening in New Hampshire but to inform the attorney that the Board does not provide legal advice pertaining to licensing.
7. CEU Audit Clarification - #19-53 - The Board discussed at length a memo submitted by the Board office regarding the CEU audit process and timeframe for audits. The Board decided to keep in place the February 4, 2019 Board meeting vote that the dentist and hygienist audit deadline should be March 31st beginning in 2020.
8. Potential Rule Changes - #19-54 -
 - (a) Reporting Adverse Events/Analysis of Root Causes - RSA 317-A:20-a - On a motion by Linda Tatarczuch and second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to explore "Root Cause Analysis" forms used by other states to possibly adopt for use by the Board.
 - (b) Ownership by Spouse after the Death of a Dentist - On a motion by Dr. Kochhar and second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted to create a rule for RSA 317-A:30 that the spouse of one who has died may continue such business for a period of one year, and after one year they shall petition the Board for an extension.
9. Informational (emailed previously)
 - New Report: Disparities in the Quality of Pediatric Dental Care

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
Hayrapet Sahakyants, DDS
Jesse E. Snow, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED
Tracy D. Gerard, RDH
Alyssa L. McLain, RDH
Kelly A. Patch, RDH
Emily R. Rezzarday, RDH
Yued D. Swirko, RDH

3. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION
 - (a) #19-55 - Anesthesia/Sedation Evaluation Chart - On a motion by Dr. Kochhar and second by Dr. McKibbin, the Board voted to approve:
 - Comprehensive Evaluation – Jonathan Williams, DMD

 - (b) Applications for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permits - On a motion by Lisa Scott, RDH and second by Dr. McKibbin, the Board voted to approve General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permits and follow the recommendations of Dr. Crowley for all of the following:
 - Keith Kealey, DMD #19-56
 - Jill Brinkman, DDS #19-57
 - Kyle Stiefel, DDS #19-58
 - Jesse Snow, DMD #19-59
 - Jonathan Williams, DM (2 locations) #19-68

 - (c) #19-60 - Application for Moderate Sedation Unrestricted Permit - On a motion by Dr. Kochhar and second by Dr. McKibbin, the Board voted to approve a Moderate Sedation Unrestricted Permit to:
 - Russell Mann, DDS

At 4:38 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, 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 6:25 p.m., the Board voted by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

At 6:25 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 6:25 p.m.