

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
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CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

**MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 5, 2019**

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

Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.

The August 5, 2019 public portion of the meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Puneet Kochhar, DMD with the following members present:

Puneet Kochhar, DMD, President
Dennis Hannon, DDS, Vice President
Muhenad Samaan, DMD
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Lisa Scott, RDH
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member

Absent Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD
 Ellen Legg, RDH

Attendees: John Cafasso, Board Administrator
 JD Lavallee, Board Counsel

Review of both public and non-public minutes of the July 8, 2019 Board Meeting – On a motion made by Linda Tatarczuch and a second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to accept the minutes as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of July 8, 2019 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting – On a motion made by Lisa Scott, RDH with a second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted to accept the DHC minutes as written.
- (b) Dental Hygienists Committee (DHC) Comments – Lisa Scott, RDH informed the Board that the DHC followed up to the Board’s request and discussed whether a Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist (CPHDH) should be the only one who should be allowed to work under Public Health Supervision Programs. Lisa informed the Board that they will continue to research the issue but that they are leaning towards the current rule that does not require a hygienist to be a CPHDH to work in a Public Health Supervision Program.

Lisa Scott, RDH informed the Board that Ellen Legg, RDH will be attending an upcoming ADEX meeting where she hopes to learn what other states rules are pertaining to this issue. They hope to finalization discussion on this issue and make a recommendation to the Board at its September 9, 2019 meeting.

2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association (NHDHA) Comments – On behalf of the NHDHA Lisa Scott, RDH presented the NHDHA comments:
 - The NHDHA welcomes attendance at our upcoming CE “Coding 101 – Why Are CDT Codes Important to You?” presented by LeaAnne Haney, RDH, CPHDH. Discussion will include dental benefits/coding for reimbursement, including new CDT Codes for 2019. The presentation will be held Wednesday, September 18, 2019 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at Northwood’s Center for Continuing Education, Whitefield, NH and will offer 2.0 clinical CEUs.
3. NH Dental Society (NHDS) Comments – Executive Director Mike Auerbach informed the Board of the following:
 - The ADA recently filed complaints with both the FTC and FDA regarding Smile Direct Club. We are concerned about fair and honest advertising about the product (which is being billed as “over the counter”) and the safety of the patients themselves. The NHDS is carefully monitoring the rest of the country for cases in which patients’ orthodonture is adversely affected by this product.
 - Over the last two weeks, the NHDS has been proud to support two highly-qualified candidates for the Board of Dental Examiners: Dr. Jay Patel and Dr. Roger Achong. Dr. Patel’s application has been submitted to the Governor already, and Dr. Achong’s will be submitted this week.
 - Last week, the NHDS was a proud sponsor of a calibration clinic for a regional school-based program through NYU. The two-day clinic took place at the Inn at Church Landing. Central to the success of such programs must be coordinated efforts between dentists and public health hygienists to build referral networks.
 - During the first week of September, a delegation led by NHDS President Dr. Lindsey Jackson will attend the ADA Annual Meeting in San Francisco. We look forward to seeing many of you there, particularly when we honor New Hampshire’s own Dr. Richard Rosato, who will take the reins as First District Trustee.
4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments – Lisa Scott, RDH informed the Board that she would be facilitating the Dental Hygienist Exam at Tufts on August 7, 2019 while Dr. Kochhar will be facilitating a dental exam at Rutgers on October 4, 2019.
5. Board Office Comments – Administrator John Cafasso informed the Board that:
 - The AADB Clearinghouse Site is back up and now available.
 - Den 400’s rule changes along with HB 615 that were accepted at the July 8, 2019 meeting passed the financial impact part of the rules process. A Public Hearing has been scheduled at the next NH Board of Dental Examiners meeting scheduled for September 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.

6. Recommendation from PDMP Advisory Council - #19-186 - On a motion made by Dr. Samaan and a second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted to follow the recommendations of the Board of Pharmacy's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program's Advisory Council that prescribing dentists write "acute" or "chronic" and not "terminal" (because dentists not prescribing opiates for anything palliative) on their opioid prescriptions to assist the dispensing pharmacists. Dentists will be notified of the Board's recommendation via an e-mail blast.
7. Preparation for future teleconference discussion with Attorney Emily Wein - #19-187 - At its July 30, 2019 meeting, the Board voted to invite Attorney Emily Wein from Washington, DC to attend a future Board meeting to discuss the rules and regulations used in other states pertaining to Teledentistry. Attorney Wein agreed to speak with the Board via teleconference but hoped the Board would prepare their questions in advance. Discussion ensued. The Board received a copy of the Board of Medicine's Teledentistry Statute and agreed to prepare questions on Teledentistry by the September 9, 2019 Board meeting. The Board's Teledentistry questions will be sent to Attorney Emily Wein in advance so she can prepare for her teleconference call scheduled for the October 7, 2019 Board meeting.
8. Inquiry from Dr. McKibbin re: Medical Emergency Training - #19-188 - On July 10, 2019, the office received an e-mail from Dr. McKibbin stating that the new rules regarding Medical Emergency Training did not make sense for all dentists and hygienists. Dr. McKibbin stated that he believed that it was meant for dentists and hygienists who were not practicing "clinical dentistry". Dr. McKibbin inquired if the wording could be modified by adding "dentists/hygienists who actively practice" Dr. McKibbin said he realized this as he observed non-clinical dentists and hygienists at Northeast Delta Dental who were practicing as dental consultants. Dr. McKibbin asked if this might also include retired dentists who were doing ADEX exams. Dr. McKibbin asked if a waiver could be allowed.

On a motion made by Lisa Scott, RDH and a second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted that all active New Hampshire licensed Dentists and Dental Hygienists must take 2 CEUs of Medical Emergency Training per biennium (starting in 2020 for Dentists and 2021 for Hygienists) but that a licensee may petition the Board for a waiver of this requirement.

9. Memo re: St. Joseph's Mobile Health Clinic - #19-189 - At its February 4, 2019 meeting, the Board reviewed an e-mail dated January 3, 2019 from Jeannie Gonyer, RN, MSN, Mobile Health Clinic Program Manager from St. Joseph Hospital asking for guidance on how to go about the licensing process for St. Joseph's Mobile Health Clinic. At that time, the Board requested more information from St. Joseph's Mobile Health Clinic as to whom the clinic would serve, what dental services would be provided and who would be supervising the employees working in the mobile unit.

The Board reviewed the additional information forwarded by the St. Joseph's Mobile Health Clinic and recommended that St. Joseph's Mobile Clinic complete a *Public Health Supervision Program Application* found on the Board's website and send to the Board's office for Board approval. And any hygienists that would be working under a NH licensed supervising dentist would need to complete a *Public Health Hygienist Participation Application* and forward to the Board's office as well.

10. New OPLC Board Member Packet (forms not included) - #19-210 - The Board was informed that there were new OPLC Board Member Packets.
11. Informational (emailed previously)
 - AADB Weekly Update – July 5, 2019
 - Practitioner Diversion Awareness Conference – August 19 & 20, 2019, Manchester, NH
 - New Mexico Court Rejects DSO’s Effort to Wipe Out Patient-Centered Dental Board Regulations

LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Imran Ahsan, DMD
Agate A. Bartels, DMD
Bryan J. Dawley, DMD
Clare C. Ma, DMD
Ali R. Rad, DMD
Stephen Y. Xu, DMD

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Katia F. Capelli, RDH
Ariel R. Chapman, RDH
Kelsey L. Golemo, RDH
Lauren A. Harlow, RDH
Brittanie M. Lister, RDH
Nora D. Litzelman, RDH
Krysta J. Noble, RDH
Rachel A. Roberge, RDH

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) Public Health Summary Reports Chart - #19-190 - On a motion made by Dr. Samaan and second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to approve all of the Public Health Summary Reports and to send thank you letters to the following reporting agencies:

- Children’s Dental Network
- Lamprey Health Care’s School-Based Program
- Manchester School Oral Health Program
- Salem Children’s Dental Network
- Upper Valley Smiles

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) #19-191 – On a motion made by Linda Tatarczuch and second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted to approve the Facility Inspection for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation for the new space at Elliot Hospital/Elliot OMS Center (Shane Citron, DDS, MD and Gopi Voonna, DDS, MHA).
(Dr. Samaan recused)
- (b) #19-192 – On a motion by Dr. Samaan and second by Lisa Scott, RDH, the Board voted to approve the request for a Facility Inspection (General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation level) for CRNA Dr. Rudolph Pavlesich.

At 4:19 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 6:05 p.m., the Board voted by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

At 6:05 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. Kochhar adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.