

**NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
121 S. FRUIT ST., SUITE 302  
CONCORD, NH 03301-2412**

**MONDAY September 9, 2019**

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

**Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.**

The September 9, 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  
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD  
Jay Patel, DDS  
Lisa Scott, RDH  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW, Public Member

Absent Ellen Legg, RDH

Attendees: Lindsey Courtney, J.D. Director, Division of Health Professions  
John Cafasso, Board Administrator  
JD Lavalley, Board Counsel  
Michelle Rico-Jonas, PDMP Administrator

**PUBLIC HEARING – 3:00 p.m. – #19-214  
(Proposed Rule Notice # 2019-134)**

Dr. Kochhar informed the Board and public that there was a Public Hearing set to begin at 3:00 p.m. for Proposed Rule Notice # 2019-134 addressing initial rulemaking proposal regarding Den 401.03 which was due to expire, and Den 402.01, Den 403.03 and Den 403.07. There was no public input at the Hearing. Dr. Kochhar adjourned the Hearing at 3:16 p.m.

Review of the public minutes of the August 5, 2019 Board Meeting – On a motion made by Lisa Scott, RDH and second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted to accept the minutes as written.

Review of the non-public minutes of the August 5, 2019 Board Meeting. On a motion made by Dr. Collins and second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted to accept the minutes as written.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

### 1. Dental Hygienists Committee

- (a) Minutes of August 5, 2019 Dental Hygienists Committee Meeting (FYI) - On a motion made by Lisa Scott, RDH and second by Linda Tatarczuch, the Board voted to accept the DHC minutes as written.
- (b) Dental Hygienists Committee Comments - Margaret Ray, RDH informed the Board that the DHC is still researching whether a Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist (CPHDH) should be the only one that should be allowed to work under Public Health Supervision. Once the research is completed, the DHC will submit their report to the Board.
- (c) Margaret Ray, RDH informed the Board that Myra Nikitas, RDH will be the next Dental Hygienist Committee Chair.

### 2. NH Dental Hygienists' Association Comments - Myra Nikitas, RDH presented the NHDHA comments to the Board:

NHDHA is preparing for a few upcoming CE courses:

- “Coding 101- Why are CDT Codes Important to You?” 2.0 clinical CEUs, presented by LeaAnne Haney, RDH, CPHDH, Christa Keddie, RDH, BDH, CPHDH and Stacy Plourde, RDH, MS, CPHDH, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 5:30-8 pm at the Northwoods Center for Community Education, Whitefield NH.
- The other upcoming CE course, “Inflammatory Diseases; It’s Not Just Perio Anymore”, presented by Lory Laughter, RDH, MS on Saturday, October 5, 2019, 0.5 non clinical CEUs + 4.0 clinical CEUs, at the Derryfield Country Club, Manchester NH.
- “Is your Office in Compliance? A Comprehensive Review of OSHA, Infection Control, and Environmental Regulations for the Dental Provider” and “A Shot to Prevent Cancer: The Dental Professionals Role in preventing HPV Cancers.” presented by Erin Kierce, RDH, BA, MS, MPH, and Jenna Schiffelbein, MPH, CHES, Thursday, October 17, 2019, 5:30- 8 pm, 2.0 clinical CEUs, Davis & Towle, Concord NH.

### 3. Dental Society Comments - Board Administrator presented comments on behalf of Mike Auerbach:

- An NHDS delegation is in San Francisco for the ADA Annual Meeting. Among the issues discussed are “do-it-yourself” dentistry, fluoride, dental student recruitment and specialty recognition.
- I am pleased to announce that Dr. Richard Rosato, Oral Surgeon from Concord and Peterborough, has been officially installed as Trustee of the ADA First District. This installation means that Dr. Rosato will be the first Trustee from New Hampshire in over 50 years.
- The NHDS is continuing to fight anti-fluoride forces in New Hampshire. The ADA First District, of which New Hampshire is a part, this week successfully shepherded through the ADA House of Delegates a resolution that will avail to all state government agencies and the general public a wide range of scientific fact-based information compiled by the ADA.

- On behalf of the New Hampshire Dental Society, I would like to welcome Dr. Jay Patel to the NH Board of Dental Examiners.

4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) Comments -

- ADEX Annual Meeting Update – Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD: Dr. Vogel and Ellen, Legg, RDH attended the ADEX Annual Meeting from August 8-9 in Chicago. Dr. Vogel reported that the meeting was broken up into various subcommittees to include: Scoring, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Endodontics, and Restorative. Dr. Vogel felt that the Restorative committee was most interesting. These committees gave members the chance to share comments and concerns. Dr. Vogel informed the Board that a Pilot Exam called Allin Items Type Exam (AITE) was written and that it will be used in different states as part of the Pilot Program.

5. Board Office Comments – No comments at this time.

6. PDMP Data Sharing - #19-215 – Guest Michelle Ricco-Jonas, Administrator, Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) informed the Board that SB 120 was signed into law moving the oversight of the PDMP from the Board of Pharmacy to under the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification (OPLC). The language that was in SB 120 was requesting the ability for OPLC/PDMP to enter into data sharing agreements with other NH State agencies was removed with the intent to review the idea this past summer. Ms. Ricco-Jonas informed the Board that in preparation for a Data Summit hosted by Senator Giuda on September 25, 2019, the NH PDMP is seeking input from the regulatory boards on the benefits and/or concerns of sharing PDMP data with other state agencies. Discussion ensued as to the benefits of having data sharing agreements.

The NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has made a request to work on legislation with OPLC that would allow OPLC to enter into PDMP data sharing agreements with state agencies (e.g., NH DHHS) and identifiable date.

NH DHHS provided information as to the possible benefits to sharing data with the NH PDMP:

- To target prevention efforts
- To address access and system barriers
- To forecast emerging trends

Ms. Ricco-Jonas informed the Board of the data that would lend itself to linkage with the PDMP Rx data for study includes:

- Medicaid and CHS Data
- Vital Records for Birth and Death Data
- Hospital Discharge Data
- Infectious disease investigation
- SUD Treatment Data

Ms. Ricco-Jonas concluded her presentation by asking the Board if they had any concerns or questions with OPLC/PDMP entering into data sharing agreements with other state agencies. Short discussion ensued and the Board let Michelle-Rico Jonas know that they had no additional questions or concerns and understood the intent of the data sharing agreements.

7. OPLC Board Chairs/Presidents Meetings - #19-216 – The Board was informed that the next OPLC Executive Director’s Board Chair/President’s Meeting would be held on October 8, 2019 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Room 119. If the Board Chair were unable to attend, OPLC would invite the Board Chair to send a designee in their place. A call in number for participation for those who cannot attend in person but would like to participate is in the works. Dr. Kochhar asked the Board that in the event that he or Vice President Dr. Hannon could not attend the scheduled OPLC Board Chairs/President Meetings that he may ask another member of the Board to attend.
8. APU Support of OPLC and APU Case Information - #19-217 - The Board went over the statistical data provided to OPLC from APU. The Board went on to discuss APU’s organizational capabilities, limitations, and opportunities. The Board voiced concerns with the lack of assistance and the delays that they have experienced in APU responding to Board’s requests. The Board is aware that the issue is in the process of being addressed by OPLC Executive Director David Grosso and Director of Health Professions Lindsey Courtney, J.D.
9. Preparation for teleconference discussion on October 7<sup>th</sup> with Attorney Wein - #19-187 - The Board provided teledentistry questions that will be sent in advance to Attorney Emily Wein, Foley & Lardner LLP from Washington D.C. Attorney Wein has volunteered her time to participate in this teleconference call with the Board scheduled for October 7, 2019. Some of the teledentistry questions submitted by the Board include:
  - 1) Why should rules be any different for teledentistry vs. in-office dentistry?
  - 2) Are other states allowing teledentistry only for public health or for both public health and private practices?
  - 3) Can we get a list of states that specifically address the practice of teledentistry in their rules?
  - 4) Can you please brief the Board as to what is going on in the teledentistry field and how you became involved?
  - 5) Concerns about Public Supervision in teledentistry.
  - 6) A few follow-up questions.
10. Teledentistry “White Paper” from Neil Hiltunen, DMD - #19-235 - The Board reviewed the “White Paper” from Dr. Neil Hiltunen and asked that the matter along with Dr. Hiltunen’s “White Paper” be tabled until the November 4, 2019 meeting. It was recommended by PDMP Administrator Michelle Rico-Jonas to invite Michael Bullek, R.Ph., Pharmacy Board Administrator/Chief of Compliance to attend this Board meeting to discuss the issue of prescription writing as it pertains to teledentistry.
11. Review of Jurisprudence Exam Questions - #19-218 – Lisa Scott, RDH informed the Board that she had reviewed the questions on the Jurisprudence Exam. The Board requests to amend question # 51.
12. Opioid Course Proposal – Richard Harold, DMD, J.D. - #19-219 - On a motion made by Dr. Samaan and second by Dr. Collins, the Board voted to approve the Opioid Course of Richard Harold, DMD, J.D.

13. Inquiry from Brittany DeFlumeri re: IV certification - #19-237 - On a motion made by Dr. Vogel and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to send a letter to Brittany DeFlumeri informing her that IV certification does not fall under the Dental Board's jurisdiction.
14. Informational (emailed previously)
  - Dental Seminars linked to over-treatment (Neuro-muscular dentistry)
  - National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties inviting public comment that Orofacial Pain/Oral Medicine be recognized as dental specialties

### LICENSURE AND REPORTS

1. DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Tofool Alghanem, DMD	Anthony M. Manfredi, DMD
Lauren A. Baratta, DMD	Lucas Patrick, DMD
Jihyun Kim, DMD	Mark A. Stevens, DMD
Nayun Lee, DDS	

2. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Kristine K. Abbondanzio, RDH	Nicole Y. LaPlante, RDH
Melanie A. Akeley, RDH	Viktoriya Marshall, RDH
Marcia F. Crisp, RDH	Erin E. Foss, RDH
Lily Chung, RDH	Katrina G. Ullrich, RDH
Autumn C. Fernald, RDH	Shanna E. Welvaert, RDH
Jeffrey R. Hagan, RDH	

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) Public Health Summary Reports Chart - #19-220 - On a motion made by Dr. Vogel and second by Dr. Patel, the Board voted to approve all of the Public Health Summary Reports and to send thank you letters to the following reporting agencies:

- Milford School Dental Program
- Monadnock Healthy Teeth to Toes
- Speare Memorial Hospital School Dental Health Program
- Sununu Youth Services Center

4. DENTAL STUDENT PROGRAM REPORT

- (a) Dental Externship - #19-221 - On a motion made by Dr. Vogel and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to accept the Dental Student Program Report from Puneet Kochhar, DMD for the College of Dental Medicine/UNE, Rochester, NH. (Dr. Kochhar recused)

- (b) Children's Dental Network/Ahern and Nichols Family Dentistry - #19-243 - Letter with request from John Ahern, DDS - On a motion made by Dr. Collins with a second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to accept the report from Dr. Ahern under the condition that clinical director Dianne Powers, CPDH, RDH does not supervise dental students. (Dr. Kochhar recused)

5. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

On a motion by made Dr. Vogel and second by Dr. Samaan, the Board voted to approve the applications for General Anesthesia/Deep Sedation Permits for:

- (a) #19-222 - Thomas Burk, DMD (2 NH locations)
- (b) #19-223 - Imran Ahson, DMD, MD (3 NH locations)

At 5:35 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 6:53 p.m., the Board voted by roll call to go out of non-public session and into public session.

At 6:53 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 6:53 p.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, October 7, 2019 at 3:00 p.m.