

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

**MEETING MINUTES – February 1, 2016**

The February 1, 2016 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Charles E. Albee, DMD with the following members present:

Charles Albee, DMD, President  
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD, Vice President  
Nilfa E. Collins, DMD  
Tara Levesque-Vogel, DMD  
Ellen Legg, RDH  
Stacy Plourde, RDH  
Arthur D. McKibbin, Jr. DMD  
Linda Tatarczuch, MSW  
Puneet Kochhar, DMD

**Hygienists Committee Meeting – 1:00 p.m.**

**Board Meeting – 3:00 p.m.**

At 3:05 p.m., Dr. Albee opened the public hearing on Proposed Rule Notice # 2015-205, addressing 2 expired rules and 1 rule due to expire in September of 2016, with few amendments - #16-21. He closed the public hearing at 4:00 p.m. There was no public comment on the rules package and the Board adopted the rules package.

Reviewed minutes of January 4, 2016 Board Meeting – The Board voted to adopt the public minutes.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

1. Hygienists Committee

- a. Minutes of December 7, 2015 Hygienists Committee Meeting (FYI) – The Board voted to accept the minutes into the record.
- b. Hygienists Committee Comments – Margaret Ray advised the Board that the Committee had its final discussion regarding prescribing fluoride and will provide a formal recommendation to the Board at its March meeting.

- c. Recommendation to the Board regarding infection control guidelines - #16-22 – The Board voted to amend its administrative rules and statutes to change the current references to the ADA to references to the CDC regarding standards for infection control, in the next rules package.

2. Hygienists' Association Comments - Joan Fitzgerald reported to the Board as follows:

- NHDHA would like to recognize NHDHA Past President, Joan K. Fitzgerald, RDH, BS, CPHDH for serving in a leadership capacity at the national level as District 1 Trustee for two 2-year terms on the ADHA Board of Directors from 2011 through 2015. Replacing Joan is Mr. Peter Gangi, RDH, BSDH from Massachusetts who was elected to serve ADHA Board of Directors as District 1 Trustee for the 2015-2027 term.
- NHDHA would also like to recognize President Jaime Murphy, RDH, BS for her leadership, being selected among 40 national leaders to attend the ADHA Leadership workshop in Chicago, Unleashing Your Potential, in November, 2015.
- All are invited to attend the NHDHA Spring Symposium on March 12, 2016, Sex & Oral Health: What's the Connection?, to be held at the Riverside Room, Waumbec Mill Building, Manchester, NH, 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The course relates to the sexually transmitted human papilloma virus (HPV) and its connection with Oropharyngeal cancer. The speaker, Jo-Anne Jones, RDH, has been selected as one of the Top 25 Women in Dentistry and joins the 2016 Dentistry Today CE Leaders for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive year. She is a published author in many leading publications in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom and Australia.

To register for the course, log onto [www.nhdha.org](http://www.nhdha.org), click on "Continuing Education", and then "View and Register for all upcoming events".

3. Dental Society Comments

- a. Infectious Disease Control CE - #16-23 – The Board voted to add to the last sentence in Den 403.03(a) that the infection control CEU's must comply with the CDC guidelines.
- b. Executive Director Mike Auerbach advised the Board as follows:
  - The NHDS is pleased with the turnout at this year's Yankee Dental Congress. Several members of the Board of Dental Examiners were on hand - it was very happy to have them join the NHDS at its lounge.
  - The NHDS has issued to its members a modified version of the dentist-patient prescription use guidelines featured in the emergency rules package.
  - The NHDS is planning its Annual March Continuing Education program on Friday, March 11, at the Grappone Center in Concord. The featured speaker

will be Dr. Matthew Hopfensperger of the University of North Carolina, who will present on the Utilization of Digital Technology in Dental Implants.

- Once again, the NHDS is grateful for the cooperative effort between the NHDS and the Board of Dental Examiners regarding the opioid crisis. Executive Director Auerbach reported that he had personally been told by legislators that their collaborative work on the issue (which began even before the Governor and Legislature launched their emergency session) underscored the fact that we - the dental community - are part of the solution.
- NHDS members, in large numbers, have contacted NHDS with regard to the new rules on continuing education for infectious disease control. NHDS members want to be in full compliance with this rule. However, the late notice of the rule, the unclear parameters of the courses required and the steady stream of information about guidelines, rules and expectations surrounding the opioid crisis, have in the aggregate caused a great deal of confusion and anxiety.
- The NHDS has done its part to direct members in the right direction. It reminded members that there were four infectious disease control-related courses at this past week's Yankee (sold out almost immediately after the most recent BoDE e-mail on this rule). It shared information about online courses available through Massachusetts and New York. It coordinated with its component leaders to ensure that the continuing education courses they looked to provide to their members were consistent with ADA and OSHA (and therefore satisfactory to this new BoDE rule). It has even mobilized its vendors to, on a statewide basis, make available for our members CE presenters.
- Despite these efforts, the NHDS receives calls daily that, for myriad reasons, members are concerned that they will be unable to satisfy this new rule before the current deadline of April 1, 2016. It is Executive Director Auerbach's understanding that dentists who, based on reasonable issues, can individually seek an extension for their renewal. However, he believed that, based on the number of calls he has received in just the last few weeks, this policy will generate an unexpectedly large number of individual requests that could potentially clog the BoDE's operations. NHDS will continue to seek solutions that will help dentists meet this deadline.

4. Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) (formerly NERB) Comments – Linda Tatarczuch reported that the Florida meeting in January was very helpful and Dr. Albee reported that it was a good meeting.
5. Board Office Comments – Executive Director Connie Stratton advised the Board that the office is making progress on its email distribution lists of licensees.
6. Board to vote on ADA Guidelines - #16-24 – The Board voted to table this discussion until the Board's May meeting, with respect to RSA 317-A:I(j)(1) (the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of the American Dental Association) at which

time Dr. Kochhar will report to the Board. With respect to RSA 317-A:17, II(g) (the current guidelines of the American Dental Association, as published in Infection Control Recommendations and Recommendations in Radiographic Practices) , the Board voted to adopt them in whole.

7. AADB mid-year meeting - #16-33 – The Board voted to have Ellen Legg attend, and if she is unable to do so, Linda Tatarczuch may be able to attend.
8. Botox and facial peels - #16-25 – The Board voted that it would review questions regarding Botox/dermafiller procedures on a case by case basis to determine if the procedure constitutes the practice of dentistry.
9. Dental Hygienist Exams (tabled from Jan. meeting) - #15-290 – The Board voted to accept all regional exams as long as they include a written or computerized part. (Ms. Plourde and Ms. Legg opposed).
10. Discussion re: Dental Assistants Education (tabled from Jan. meeting) - #16-3, also Atch I – The Board voted to send this letter with its edits to all dentists via email.
11. NHBODE Consumer Representative to ADEX (tabled from Jan. meeting) and to be addressed by Dr. McKibbin - #16-19 - Dr. McKibbin suggested to the Board that it put forward Linda Tatarczuch as its District Representative next year.
12. Informational (emailed previously)
  - a. AADB 2016 Mid-Year Meeting
  - b. Letter from AADB President
  - c. E-News from WV Dental Association
  - d. Recent news release re: expansion of ‘dental specialties’
  - e. Dr. Collins advised the Board of what she had learned about the issue of Silver Diamine Fluoride. Ellen Legg will ask NHTI to investigate the utilization of this product and she will report back to the Board in May.

## **LICENSURE AND REPORTS**

1. **DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**  
Ammar W. Awadi, DMD  
Minh C. Dinh, DMD  
Yelena V. Popkova, DDS  
Kushal P. Shah, DMD
2. **HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**  
None

3. PUBLIC HEALTH SUPERVISION

- (a) Certified Public Health Dental Hygienist Application - #16-26 - The Board voted to approve the application of Kyndra LaPlante, RDH.
- (b) #16-27 - The Board voted to accept the Public Health Summary Report into the record and send a letter of appreciation to:
  - North Country Health Consortium

4. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

- (a) Request re: PALS certification - #16-28 – The Board voted to accept a PALS training certificate rather than ACLS, as long as the PALS training has a hands-on component.

5. INFECTION CONTROL

- (a) Richard Berryman, DDS - Request for waiver of required CEU's - #16-34 – The Board voted to deny Dr. Berryman's waiver request.
- (b) Worksheet for discussing requirements for Infection Control Course - #16-35 – As previously discussed, the Board voted to change the administrative rules to refer to the CDC.

6. CPR/BLS-HCP Certification/hands-on component - Revisit - #16-38 – The Board voted that the Board office will have to check CPR courses if the CPR card submitted by a licensee does not show whether the course had a hands-on component.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

At 5:20 p.m., pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, the Board voted to go into non-public session by roll call vote because public disclosure may render a proposed action ineffective or adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member.