

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

**MEETING MINUTES –January 5, 2009**

The January 5, 2009 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners convened at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Eliot L. Paisner, DMD, President  
Neil S. Hiltunen, DMD, Vice President  
Gerald A. Smith, DMD  
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD  
Charles Albee, DMD  
Charles Post, DMD  
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH  
Linda M. Seedner, RDH  
Lynn Joslyn, Public Member

Absent: None

The Board approved the minutes of December 1, 2008 as amended.

Hearing – 4:00 p.m. – Administrative Rules

The Vice president of the Board of Dental Examiners, Dr. Neil S. Hiltunen (presiding officer) held a public hearing to receive comments, under RSA 541-A:11, regarding proposed dental administrative rules. Pursuant to RSA 541-A:3, a notice of the proposed rules was filed with the state, the rules were made available to the public, and the time and place of hearing noticed.

The presiding officer closed the hearing at 4:20 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

1. Statutes and Rules
  - a. Statutory Proposals
    - 1) Professional Assistance Program – This proposal by the Board addresses program funding. The Board will need to charge a fee of up to \$15 per year per licensee to adequately fund the program. The Board voted to testify before the legislature to this fact.

- 2) 2009 LSRs – informational. This was a list of medical/dental LSRs being proposed in the 2009 legislative session. Many are relevant to oral health. The Board will address the proposals in February when there may be bill numbers and written proposals for Board review.
- b. Rule Proposals
- 1) Rule Package 2008-II – Hearing as above.
  - 2) Rule Package 2009-I – This package of rule changes is being developed. Three of the proposed changes are rule amendments relating to dental hygienists working under public health supervision. They were addressed by an ad hoc Board subcommittee composed of Board members and non-members. In its report to the Board the subcommittee supported the proposals. These were:
    - a.) That dental hygienists under public health supervision be allowed to place sealants, if qualified, when authorized by a dentist with an active license.  
The Board voted to table this proposal for further study.
    - b.) That dental hygienists under public health supervision be allowed to place temporary fillings without prior examination by a dentist, with follow-up by the supervising dentists.  
The Board voted to table this proposal for further study.
    - c.) If consistent with federal and state law, that dental hygienists working in or for a state preschool program under public health supervision shall be qualified to do oral examinations on children 0-5, with a follow-up referral for treatment.  
The Board voted to support the proposal 6 to 3.  
Opposed: Paisner, Baldassarre and Albee
2. Dental Student Program Form – The Board received an initial draft of a reporting form submitted by Dr. Smith. The Board will use the form to monitor dental residencies and externships, as well as hygiene student training in programs outside the NH Technical Institute facility. The Board already receives reports from programs using public health supervision and from healthcare charitable trust dental programs.
  3. Moderate Sedation – The Board reviewed a letter to be sent to holders of moderate sedation permits. It also heard a report from Dr. Baldassarre about a Dental Organization for Conscious Sedation (DOCS) video portraying moderate sedation training.
  4. Professional Assistance Update – Sally Garhart, MD, the Medical Director of the NH Dental Professionals’ Health Program gave an update on the program. The program is being funded by dentists. Because dental hygienists also need

professional assistance and take part in the program, the Board believes they should fund the program with dentists.

5. Glucose Testing by RDH – The Board voted to inform a dental hygienist asking about glucose testing that her question is being referred to the Board of Medicine.
6. Online License Verification – The Board voted to table this matter until costs, if any, are determined.
7. Informational
  - a. Financial Interest Forms
  - b. Pharmacy
  - c. Project Update
  - d. Survey of Legal Provisions
  - e. AADE Drug Guidelines
  - f. National Exam
  - g. ADA re: CODA
  - h. Dental Consultants
  - i. Business Entities

## **QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE**

### 1. **HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Sarah E. Otterman, RDH  
Angel A. Hilton, RDH

### 2. **DENTIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Valerie A. Smith, DMD  
Brian McLellan, DMD

### 3. **LICENSURE QUESTIONS**

- a. The Board voted to inform Dr. Mitchell Mayers that he did not need a dental license in New Hampshire. Dr. Mayers works for an insurance company and determines whether proposed treatment is covered by the client's insurance plan. Dr. Mayers understands that he cannot diagnose for New Hampshire patients without an active license.
- b. Karima Ayesh, DMD – The Board voted not to waive passage of the written portion of the Northeast Regional Board.