

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

MEETING MINUTES –May 4, 2009

The May 4, 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
Charles Albee, DMD
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD
Charles F. Post, DMD
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH
Lynn Joslyn, Public Member

Absent: Linda M. Seedner, RDH

The Board approved the minutes of April 6, 2009 as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

1. Statutes and Rules
 - a. Statutory Proposals
 - 1) SB 64 – This bill has again been voted inexpedient to legislate by a House Executive Departments and Administration (ED and A) sub-committee. The bill would add 2 hygienists to the Board of Dental Examiners, establish a committee to study the regulation of dental hygienists, and have the Dental Hygienists’ Association submit an independent report to the Legislature. The Board would also submit a report.
 - a) HB 2 – This bill has been passed by the House with amendments. This is a massive bill with consolidation of all professional boards as only a small part.

b. Rule Proposals

1) Rule Package 2009-I – The Board made further revisions to a draft of proposed rule amendments. Some of the topics to be addressed include fees, sealants, termination of doctor/patient relationships and consultants.

a) Dr. Margaret Snow (Dental Director, Medicaid Services) and Ms. Katie Dunn (NH Medicaid Director) spoke to the Board about the federal Medicaid requirement that dental examinations must be performed by a dentist. The Board had been asked by the Dental Hygienists' Association to promulgate a rule which would allow dental hygienists working in or for a state pre-school program under public health supervision to do oral examinations on children ages 0-5. Since federal funding would be lost under such an agreement, the Board voted not to pursue rule making regarding this issue.

2. Sedation – The Board considered several issues regarding dental sedation:
 - a. One dental assistant is needed when a dentist administers moderate sedation.
 - b. A permit to administer moderate sedation is needed if a dentist prescribes a sedative to be taken the night before a procedure and then administer a day of procedure sedative.
 - c. The Board considers patients under the age of 16 to be pediatric patients rather than age 13, the position of the American Dental Association. The Board and its dental specialist consultants believe the higher age provides a margin of safety necessitated by differences in growth and development.
3. Dental Program Form – The Board voted to approve a form to be used for the reporting of information regarding dental educational programs in New Hampshire.
4. Board Meetings – Some boards are placing their agendas on laptop computers. The Board will research this possibility.
5. Biennial Registration of Dental Hygienists – The biennial renewal of 1,504 dental hygienists was conducted very smoothly by Marat Morrill and Arlene Bolduc, the Board's administrative assistant and licensing clerk. As of May 4, 2009 there were 1,300 dental hygienists with active licenses and 204 with inactive licenses. In addition, 66 licenses lapsed on May 1, 2009.
6. Informational
 - a. AADA - Advertising
 - b. AADA – School Dentistry
 - c. AADA – Board Fees
 - d. ADEX – to be placed on June Agenda
 - e. ADEX (Nevada)

- f. Anesthesia/Sedation (Kentucky)
- g. General Supervision (Kentucky)
- h. National Boards
- i. NERB Exams - The Board will seek information regarding the NERB jurisprudence examination.
- j. Background Checks
- k. Whitening
- l. Emergency Dental Resources – This was an interim report submitted by Richard R. Scherf, DMD concerning dental resources available in a public emergency.

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARY

The Board voted to accept the annual public summary report from the Frisbee Memorial Hospital School Dental Program.

2. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The Board voted to issue a restricted permit to administer moderate sedation to Kimberly Meyer, DMD.

3. HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Sheena L. Chaffee, RDH
Robin L. Murray, RDH

4. DENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Mona Elzarka, DMD
Julia Faigel, DMD
Ansana Shrestha, DMD
Michael Selesnick, DDS
Emily Van Heukelom, DDS
John Wilson, DDS