

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

MEETING MINUTES –June 29, 2009

The June 29, 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
Linda M. Seedner, RDH
Lynn Joslyn, Public Member

Absent: None

The Board approved the minutes of June 1, 2009 as amended.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board wishes to publicly thank Linda Seedner, RDH, Dr. Eliot Paisner and Dr. Charles Post for a combined 29 years of service to the citizens of New Hampshire as members of the Board of Dental Examiners. Their Board participation has been marked by an outstanding professionalism only found in the very best members of the dental profession. It would be difficult to overstate their contributions or how much they will be missed. The Board wishes them the very best.

1. Statutes and Rules
 - a. Statutory Proposals
 - 1) HB 2 – Regarding consolidating boards, a study committee is being established.
 - 2) HB 301 – Established a task force to study access to care. Awaiting Governor’s signature.
 - 3) HB 414 – Established a commission to study prevention of dental disease. Also waiting for the Governor’s signature.

b. Rule Proposals

- 1) Rule Package 2009-I – This package of 4 amendments to the Board’s administrative rules is in draft form. As this is the public part of the Board’s monthly meeting, the Board heard comments from Dr. Earle Simpson, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Dental Society, regarding the amendment allowing hygienists to place sealants without an oral examination by the supervising dentist under public health supervision. Dr. Simpson commented on possible financial and communication problems. The Board voted to begin the rule making process. There will be a public hearing as part of the rule making process.
2. Dental Assisting – The Board expressed some concerns about dental assistants receiving formal training that may not qualify them in specific areas pursuant to Den 302.05. This may compromise patient safety, if dentists assume that the training meets Board requirements. The requirements were established in close consultation with dental educators. The Board voted to establish an ad hoc committee to look into this issue. Stacy Plourde, RDH, Dr. Albee and Dr. Smith were appointed to the committee which will submit a report at the Board’s next meeting on August 3, 2009.
3. Examination Scoring – The Board strongly supports a national dental examination which tests clinical skills. Despite many years of pursuing this goal, already obtained by other professions, there are still multiple regional and state dental examinations the passage of which limits the movement of dentists and dental hygienists.

To protect the public, the Board requires applicants for licensure to obtain a score of at least 75% on each part of any examination the Board accepts. The Western Regional Examination Board (WREB) scores each part of its examination on a scale of 1 to 5. WREB has informed the Board that a score of 3 is equivalent to 75%. Without further information this makes no sense to the Board. The Board voted to write a letter to the WREB seeking clarification.

4. Kentucky Questions – Board answers
 - a. The Board inspects dental practices for compliance with ADA/CDC infection control standards when the Board receives a complaint that the standards are not being followed pursuant to RSA 317-A:17, II (g). The inspection is unannounced. The Board does not do annual or biannual inspections.
 - b. The NH Legislature, pursuant to RSA 317-A, specifies who qualifies to apply for licensure in New Hampshire as a dental hygienist or dentist.
5. Collaborative Agreements – Neither RSA 317-A (The Dental Practice Act) nor the dental administrative rules specifically address collaborative agreements.
6. ADEX/NERB –

a. The Board sent a letter to ADEX/NERB (Northeast Regional Board) expressing its strong support for a single national examination of the clinical skills of dental students or recent graduates of dental school.

b. Dr. Smith will draft a letter for Board approval in August regarding the unification of the American Dental Association (ADA) and Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) continuing education programs.

7. Informational

a. Dental Professional Assistance Program

b. Semi-Annual Project Update

c. Browns

d. ADEX – Board member, the Honorable Lynn Joslyn, has volunteered to be the public representative to ADEX from District 9, which includes NH, NJ and RI. She recently attended the NERB General Assembly.

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. **PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARY**

The Board voted to accept the following program reports:

a. Speare Memorial School Program

b. Seacoast Healthy Grins

c. Manchester Health Department

2. **HEALTHCARE CHARITABLE TRUST**

The Board was informed by the Sullivan County Oral Health Collaborative, a healthcare charitable trust, that it is opening a dental center. The board voted to send a letter of congratulations.

3. **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

In answer to a question regarding continuing education credits, the Board voted to send a letter explaining that credits for audio-visual programs are limited to 20% of the required continuing education.

4. **HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Pamela S. Rainey, RDH
Bethany D. Brooks, RDH
Linda C. Canzanelli, RDH
Kerri A. Duggan, RDH
Brooke M. Jacobs, RDH
Lynne M. Simmons-Peterson, RDH
Brittany A. Balch, RDH
Amy C. Bourque, RDH
Amanda C. Bussell, RDH
Cheryl-Lee Clough-Garvin, RDH
Lauren E. Cook, RDH
Sherry A. Donaldson, RDH
Audrey A. Dupuis, RDH
Amanda N. Duquette, RDH
Christine R. Hallmark, RDH
Melissa L. King, RDH
Christina M. Lavin, RDH
Nicole E. Martell, RDH
Maeve M. O'Connor, RDH
Nancy L. Prendergast, RDH
Heather A. Searles, RDH
Stephanie S. Seger, RDH
Robin L. Twombly, RDH
Tiffany O. Waters, RDH
Mina Carey, RDH
Felicia A. Picard, RDH
Ashley A. White, RDH
Michelle Foley, RDH
Amanda J. Lavoie, RDH
Janelle L. Rice, RDH
Sarah D. Norton, RDH
Irene P. Bowen, RDH
Ellen M. Smith, RDH

5. DENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED

Stephanie E. Lee, DMD
Jason R. Raynor, DMD
Sameer Dogra, DMD
Rebecca Groves, DMD
Mari N. Berry, DMD
Geetika Rastogi, DMD
Douglas P. Laliberte, DMD
Peter L. Bowman, DDS
Irina Lovinescu, DMD
James Rochefort, DMD
Andrew C. Albee, DMD

6. GENERAL ANESTHESIA/SEDATION

The Board voted to issue a permit to administer general anesthesia and sedation to dental patients on an outpatient basis to:

David C. Pak, DMD
Emily J. Van Heukelom, DDS

7. ANESTHESIA/SEDATION PROCEDURE EVALUATION

The Board voted to accept the evaluation of the practice of Gregory Shaker, DDS as it relates to the administration of general anesthesia and sedation.

8. BOARD OFFICERS

Pursuant to RSA 317-A:4, II, the Board voted to elect Dr. Neil S. Hiltunen President and Dr. Gerald A. Smith Vice President. Congratulations!