

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

MEETING MINUTES –September 28, 2009

The September 28, 2009 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners convened with the following members present:

Neil S. Hiltunen, DMD, President
Gerald A. Smith, DMD, Vice President
Charles Albee, DMD
Marshall Baldassarre, DMD
Stacy A. Plourde, RDH
Nilfa Collins, DMD
Arthur McKibbin, Jr., DMD
Carolyn Hartnett, RDH

Absent: Lynn Joslyn, Public Member

The Board approved the minutes of August 31, 2009.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

1. Statutory Proposals
 - a. HB-2 (2009) – A House sub-committee is addressing the part of this bill concerned with board consolidation.
 - b. Representative David Borden of Rye and New Castle has submitted a bill requested by the Board which addresses Board quorums, sedation and tooth whitening.

2. Rule Proposals
 - a. Rule Package 2009-I (LS 2009-117) – The Board held a public hearing at its August 31, 2009 meeting on proposed rule changes regarding license renewal, ethical duties and dental sealants. Public comments were heard from the New Hampshire Dental Hygienists' Association and New Hampshire Dental Society. The Board voted today to approve a final draft for submission to JLCAR. Dr. Baldassarre opposed.

3. Sedation Permits – The Board received a letter concerning the training and experience dentists need to administer moderate sedation; specifically as to what are “live patient experiences” required by the American Dental Association and New Hampshire guidelines. The requirement varies with the type of permit being sought and will be explained in a return letter by the Board, as voted. The most critical skill is being comfortable supporting an airway.
4. Categories of Credit – This inquiry was about obtaining CE credits to offer participants in a course. The Board will advise that Den 403.07 (a) lists organizations from whom he should seek sponsorship or approval.
5. Assistant Training – The Board is concerned that there is some confusion as to whether students who have graduated from a school of dental assisting are qualified to expose dental patients to x-rays. The Board will continue to discuss this matter with the school in question, and will address this issue with all NH dentists in an information letter.
6. Member Orientation – New Board members Dr. Nilfa Collins, Dr. Arthur McKibbin, Jr., and Carolyn Hartnett, RDH received their Board orientations during the week of September 21-25. The Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB) has been informed of their appointments. On January 14, 2010, there will be a NERB new examiner training program. The new Board members will also receive a full day of legal training from the Attorney General’s office.
7. Avis Goodwin Community Health Center – The Board voted to approve a dental program under public health supervision to be provided for a targeted population on the UNH campus.
8. Hygienists’ Association Comments – The Dental Hygienists’ Association informed the Board that the Association will be proposing a bill in the 2010 session regarding an independent board.
9. Dental Society Comments – The Dental Society informed the Board of the 2 legislative committees addressing dental care.
10. Malpractice Committee – The Board voted to appoint Dr. Albee, Dr. McKibbin and Dr. Baldassarre to the Board’s Malpractice Committee.
11. Medical Malpractice Screening Panels – The Board voted to send a request made by the Superior Court to the Dental Society for a volunteer dentist.

12. Informational

- a. Dental Training Programs/Externships in New Hampshire.
- b. NERB Board Secretary/Executive Meeting
- c. State Employees Association Shut Down Review.
- d. ADA Ethical Standard – The Board voted to send this to the APU.
- e. Council of Independent Testing Agency Recognition.

QUALIFICATION AND LICENSURE

1. **PUBLIC HEALTH SUMMARIES**

The Board voted to approve the following program summaries:

- a. Merrimack County Nursing Home Oral Health Program
- b. Belknap-Merrimack & So NH Early Head Start Program
- c. Lamprey Health Care School Based Program

2. **ANESTHESIA REVIEW**

The Board voted to approve the anesthesia review of Dr. Paul Levy.

3. **FACILITY INSPECTION**

The Board voted to approve the new facility of Dr. Tom Trowbridge, Dr. Jeff Stone and Dr. Amy Field as it relates to the administration of general anesthesia and sedation to dental patients.

4. **HYGIENIST APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Alexei A. LeClair, RDH
Renee L. Lincoln, RDH

5. **DENTAL APPLICATIONS APPROVED**

Yoon J. Kim, DMD
Kelly S. Wojcicki, DMD
Melissa Kleinschmidt, DDS
Michael E. Gelfman, DDS