

**MINUTES  
NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
DENTAL HYGIENISTS COMMITTEE  
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**MEETING MINUTES – August 31, 2015**

The August 31, 2015 meeting of the New Hampshire Board of Dental Examiners Dental Hygienists Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Margaret Ray, RDH with the following members present:

Margaret Ray, RDH  
Ellen Legg, RDH  
Mary Duquette, RDH

Lisa Malfait, RDH was absent.

Note: All votes were unanimous unless otherwise indicated

Draft minutes of the June and July were tabled due to a lack of quorum for the members who were present at those meetings. August minutes were approved.

Review of rule language-dental hygiene patient assessment and charting of findings. The committee worked on updating the current rules to reflect the language of the ADA CODA standards for dental hygiene education which sets competency standards for providing dental hygiene care. The committee will prepare a proposal of rule changes for the Board's October meeting.

Ellen Legg, RDH was asked by the Board to get input from the committee regarding the NH Professionals Health Program. She explained that a presentation was given at the last board meeting regarding the program, benefits and fees. The committee was concerned with the cost. Should the hygienists have to pay the same fee as the dentist? Many only work part time. There were questions on the need for a program for hygienists. Ellen will bring this information back to the board.