

**Maine Board of Dental Practice  
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists  
Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2017**

The Subcommittee meeting convened at 7:35 a.m.

**All Members Present:** Tricia Spearin, RDH, EFDA; Ann Marie Grenier, RDH; Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; Geraldine Schneider, DMD; and Stephen Morse, DMD

**Also Present:** Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

**Secretary's Desk:**

- Continuing Education Approval List - The information was accepted as an FYI.
- Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming Meetings - The information was accepted as an FYI.
- 2017 Subcommittee Officers - Dr. Schneider made a motion to keep the current officers for 2017 which are: Ms. Spearin as Chair, and Ms. Grenier as Secretary. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Legislative Update - Ms. Vaillancourt provided the Subcommittee members with an update regarding legislation;
- Rulemaking Update - Ms. Vaillancourt reported that the Board will be accepting public comments on Board Rule, Chapter 14, later in the day, and also reviewing the draft of Chapter 13. The Rules Committee is scheduled to meet again on March 31<sup>st</sup>;
- Adjudicatory Hearing - Ms. Vaillancourt reported that the adjudicatory hearing scheduled for today was continued, and that the Board may be holding two on February 24, and again on March 10<sup>th</sup>;
- Statute Review - Ms. Vaillancourt will be putting together a review of the new statute for the Subcommittee members.

**Dental Hygiene License Renewal - Marilyn Clark, RDH:** Ms. Clark did not file a timely request for an extension of time to complete her CPR certification prior to her license expiration. Dr. Schneider made a motion to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Clark's application for renewal of her license and send her a letter explaining the process for license renewal. Dr. Morse seconded the motion passed with Ms. Foster and Ms. Spearin opposed to the motion.

**Application for Independent Practice Dental Hygiene Authority - Patricia Ericson, RDH:** Following review of the application, Dr. Schneider made a motion to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Ericson's application for IPDH authority. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Addition to Agenda:** Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend to the Board that applications for IPDH authority be reviewed by Board staff, unless there is an issue with the application that should be brought to the Subcommittee/Board attention. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Compliance Review - Julie Valente, RDH:** Ms. Valente entered into a consent agreement in order to resolve a failed continuing education audit. Ms. Valente completed additional continuing education in order to comply with the agreement. Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board accept the compliance documentation provided by Ms. Valente. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed with all in favor.

Ms. Grenier made a motion to adjourn at 8:10 a.m. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson  
Executive Secretary