

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2017**

The Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

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

Also Present: Catherine Kasprak, RDH; Kathryn Young, LD; Paul Dunbar, DDS; Bonnie Vaughan, RDH; Lisa Howard, DDS; Lorraine Klug, RDH; Steve Collins; Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Minutes – March 10, 2017: Dr. Morse made a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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.

Executive Director’s Report: Ms. Vaillancourt provided an update to the Subcommittee members on the following:

- Legislative Update
 - LD 1085 – This bill would amend the requirements for independent practice dental hygiene authority by adding a third pathway for applicants to qualify, and remove the timeframe by which the clinical practice hours must be obtained.
 - LD 1152 – This bill would require licensing boards to establish a process to allow work-authorized immigrants who possess a professional license in another country to practice in Maine while participating in an educational program designed to meet the requirements for full licensure in Maine. ;
 - Various opioid prescribing legislation - Ms. Vaillancourt informed the Subcommittee members that there are a variety of legislative initiatives regarding opioid prescribing that either directly or indirectly impact the Board’s statute.
- Rulemaking Update – Chapter 14 is on the Board’s agenda for today; Chapter 13 is going through the rule making process; the Rules Committee members met on March 31st and reviewed Chapters 2 and 11 regarding hygiene licensure to fully implement the provisions of the new Dental Practice Act.

Executive Director's Report (Cont'd):

- Adjudicatory hearing schedule – There are no adjudicatory hearings that pertain to action taken by the Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists.
- Statute review – When time permits, Ms. Vaillancourt will provide an overview of the Board's statute as it relates to dental hygiene.
- Other: Ms. Vaillancourt reported that the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program will present its annual report to the Board at the June 9th meeting and would like both the Dental Hygiene and Denturist Subcommittee members to be present for the presentation.
- Ms. Vaillancourt informed the Members that she recently presented at the Maine Dental Hygiene Association meeting to provide an overview of the various changes with the Board of Dental Practice. There was good discussion and dialogue with the attendees.
- National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) Compliance Review – Ms. Vaillancourt reported that there was a recent compliance review performed by the NPDB to determine whether the Board was compliant with its federal mandated reporting requirements and received a 100%.

Complaint Process 101: Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General provided the Subcommittee members with an overview of the complaint process.

Complaint 16-90: This is a Board generated complaint against the licensee in order to investigate whether they complied with Board Rule, Chapter 2 regarding the notification process for Public Health Supervision (PHS) status. After a review and discussion of the complaint materials, Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend to the Board that they dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of guidance. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion. The letter of guidance will remain on file for six (6) months, and the content of the guidance will include a reminder of the notification requirements, as well as the distinction between public health supervision status and independent practice dental hygiene licensure/authority. The motion passed with Ms. Spearin recused.

Complaint 16-104: This is a Board generated complaint in order to investigate whether the licensee complied with Board Rule, Chapter 2 regarding the notification process for Public Health Supervision (PHS) status. After a review and discussion of the complaint materials, Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend to the Board that they dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of guidance. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion. The letter will remain on file for a period of six (6) months, and the content of the guidance will include a reminder of the notification requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene License - Doris Richard: Following a review of the application materials submitted for dental hygiene licensure, Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Richard's application for licensure and remind her of the new law which requires licensees to notify the board within 10 days of any change of name or address, any criminal conviction, any licensure action, or any material change from the original application for licensure. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene and Nitrous Oxide Renewal - Nicole Lachance: Following a review of the renewal application materials submitted, Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the application for renewal of Ms. Lachance's hygiene license and nitrous oxide permit and remind her of the new law which requires licensees to notify the board within 10 days of any change of name or address, any criminal conviction, any licensure action, or any material change from the original application for licensure. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Grenier made a motion to amend the original motion and that the letter include information regarding the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program. Dr. Morse seconded the motion to amend, and it passed unanimously.

Dr. Schneider made a motion to amend the original motion regarding Ms. Richard (above), and that her letter includes information regarding the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene Renewal - Additional information received - Kathleen Clarke, RDH: The Board entered executive session at 9:21 a.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S. §405 (E) and (F) to discuss confidential medical information. The Subcommittee came out of executive session at 9:26 a.m. A motion was made to recommend to the Board that they grant the renewal of Ms. Clarke's dental hygiene license. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Spearin made a motion to adjourn at 9:27 a.m. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary