

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2017**

The Subcommittee meeting convened at 8:24 a.m.

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

Subcommittee Member Absent: Tricia Spearin, RDH, EFDA

Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – April 14, 2017: Ms. Foster made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on April 14, 2017. Dr. Morse 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 emergency legislation is now in effect and changes the requirements for independent practice dental hygiene authority by removing the timeframe by which the clinical practice hours must be obtained. The law also removes the number of hours required based on upon the type of hygiene degree obtained. Board staff will be implementing the changes to the application and will consider any necessary changes needed in rules.
- Rulemaking Update:
 - Chapter 13 “Continuing Education” – There will be a public hearing for this proposed rule on July 14th. The Board will review all comments received at their August meeting.
 - Chapter 14 “Rules for Use of Sedation and General Anesthesia” – The Board will consider the basis statement and response to comments document today. The rule will then go to the Governor’s Office and the Attorney General’s Office for review.

Executive Director’s Report (Cont’d):

- Ms. Vaillancourt, on behalf of the Board, invited the Subcommittee members to attend the Board meeting when they discuss the draft rule changes later in the day.
- Statute review – When time permits, Ms. Vaillancourt will provide an overview of the Board’s statute as it relates to dental hygiene.
- Continuing Education Audit – Board staff is continuing to work on audits from the 2013 – 2014 license biennium, and are requesting that the Subcommittee and Board allow the 2015 – 2016 random CE audits be waived, with the exception of any audits that have been mandated.
- Ms. Vaillancourt requested that the review of any applications (initial licensure and renewal) related to dental hygiene licensure/authority/permits, where a criminal conviction has been previously disclosed, reviewed and approved by Subcommittee members be delegated to Board staff. Dr. Schneider made a motion to accept this recommendation. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Other: Ms. Vaillancourt requested that the Subcommittee members remain present for the annual report presentation from the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program later in the day.

Review of Public Health Supervision (PHS) Notification and Letter – Cherri Blodgett, RDH: Ms. Blodgett provided information to the Board which indicated that she had provided PHS services without first submitting notification to the Board. Following their review of the information, Dr. Morse made a motion to recommend that the Board send a letter to Ms. Blodgett, reminding her of the requirement that she submit notification to the Board prior to providing services under PHS. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Nitrous Oxide Permit – Barbara Frost, RDH: Ms. Frost submitted an application to obtain a nitrous oxide permit. The course information provided had not been previously reviewed by the Subcommittee or the Board. Following the review of the materials submitted, Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board accept course as meeting the requirements for a nitrous oxide permit as outlined in Board Rule, Chapter 2, and grant Ms. Frost her permit. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene License – Wesley Shepard: Following the Subcommittee’s review of the application materials, Dr. Schneider made a motion to recommend that the Board grant a dental hygiene license, a local anesthesia permit, and a nitrous oxide permit to Ms. Shepard. A letter reminding her of the 10 day notification requirement, and providing her with information for the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program will be sent. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene Licensure and Nitrous Oxide and Local Anesthesia and Nitrous Oxide Permits – Laurie Dow: Following the Subcommittee’s review of the application materials, Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board grant Ms. Dow a dental hygiene license, a nitrous oxide permit, and a local anesthesia permit. A letter will be sent to Ms. Dow reminding her of the 10 day notification requirement, and information for the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program. Dr. Morse seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary