

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

The Subcommittee meeting convened at 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Kathryn Young, LD; John Merrill, LD; Michael Adkins, LD; Glen Davis, DMD; and Paul Dunbar, DDS

Minutes – January 6, 2017: Dr. Davis made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 6, 2017 meeting. Mr. Merrill seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Desk:

- CE Approval List: The information was accepted as an FYI.
- Preliminary Agenda: 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.
- 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. The Subcommittee members were fine with the request.
- Statute review – When time permits, Ms. Vaillancourt will provide an overview of the Board’s statute as it relates to denturists.
- Ms. Vaillancourt requested that the review of any applications (initial licensure and renewal) related to denturists licensure/authority/permits, where a criminal conviction has been previously disclosed, reviewed and approved by Subcommittee members be delegated to Board staff. Dr. Davis made a motion to recommend that the Board accept this request. Dr. Dunbar 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 Consent Agreement Compliance Documentation – Complaint

09-39: Following the Board’s review of consent agreement compliance documentation, it appears that this licensee’s contract with the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program (MPHP) was amended to reduce the frequency of random testing, and therapy sessions. The licensee did not submit a request to the Board prior to reducing the frequency of testing, and reducing the frequency of sessions to the MPHP contract, which are violations of the consent agreement dated June 5, 2013. Dr. Davis made a motion to initiate a complaint for non-compliance with the consent agreement. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion and it passed with Mr. Merrill opposed. Dr. Dunbar made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the reduction in therapy and testing. Dr. Davis seconded the motion and it passed with Ms. Young opposed.

Dr. Davis made a motion to recommend that the Board reconsider its motion to reduce the frequency of random testing and therapy sessions, upon receipt of an amended MPHP contract. The motion was seconded. Dr. Davis made a motion to amend his motion that the MPHP contract be reviewed and approved by Board staff. Mr. Adkins seconded the motion to amend, and it passed unanimously.

The members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary