

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
July 14, 2017 – Meeting Minutes**

The Subcommittee meeting convened at 8:18 a.m.

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

Also Present: Lorraine Klug, RDH; Anne Head, Commissioner of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation; Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Subcommittee Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2017: The minutes were not available for review.

Secretary’s Desk:

- Continuing Education Approval List – Any continuing education that was not on this month’s list will be placed on the next agenda;
- Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming Meetings – This information was accepted as an FYI.

Executive Director’s Report: Ms. Vaillancourt provided the following report to the Members of the Subcommittee:

- Legislative Update –
 - Recently passed legislation revised the qualifications for an individual to obtain an independent practice dental hygiene (IPDH) authority. Ms. Vaillancourt informed the members that the IPDH authority application has been revised to show that an applicant must show proof of 2,000 clinical practice hours no matter if they hold an associate’s or bachelor’s degree in dental hygiene, and the hours need not be obtained within a certain timeframe.
 - Board staff will be drafting an informational letter for licensees regarding legislation passed this session;
 - Finally, Ms. Vaillancourt made the Members aware that there have been numerous inquiries made to the office regarding the new opioid law and the new prescribing requirements as a result of an Informational Letter that was sent to all dentists;

Executive Director's Report (Cont'd):

- Rulemaking Update –
 - The Board will be holding a public hearing on Board Rule, Chapter 13 later today, and
 - The Board will be reviewing proposed changes to Board Rule, Chapter 11.
- Statute review – When time permits, Ms. Vaillancourt will provide an overview of the Board's statute as it relates to dental hygiene.
- Commission on Dental Competency Assessments (CDCA) participation – Ms. Vaillancourt discussed with the Board the distinction between serving as an examiner for the CDCA in an official state capacity, versus serving as an examiner for the CDCA by virtue of qualifying to examine based on prior or current membership to the Board of Dental Practice. Serving as an examiner for the CDCA is not an official state board function.

Review of Public Health Supervision (PHS) Notification and Letter –

Belinda Poor, RDH: Ms. Poor submitted a letter, along with PHS notification and reporting forms indicating that she had provided PHS services on thirty-one (31) dates, without notifying the Board office in advance of the activities. Ms. Poor has held an active dental hygiene license since July 3, 1976. Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend that the Board send Ms. Poor a letter reminding her of the requirements for providing services under PHS, thanking her for the services she has been providing over the years, and reminding her that it is her responsibility to submit the appropriate information to the Board. Dr. Schneider seconded the motion. The motion failed with Ms. Foster, Dr. Morse, Dr. Schneider, and Ms. Spearin opposed to the motion. Dr. Schneider made a motion to recommend that the Board table the review of the information and request further information from Ms. Poor regarding what process she did follow when completing the past PHS forms, such as where she filed them, and when. Ms. Spearin seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Applications for Review:

Ms. Spearin made a motion to enter into executive session at approximately 8:45 a.m. pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405(6) (F), to discuss information that is made confidential by statute. The motion was seconded and it passed unanimously. The members came out of executive session at 8:53 a.m.

Application for Dental Hygiene License and Local Anesthesia Permit – Jennifer Burns: Following their review of the application materials, including documentation relating to a “yes” response, Dr. Schneider made a motion to recommend that the Board grant a dental hygiene license and local anesthesia permit to Ms. Burns. Ms. Spearin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene License – Jaime Blumenthal: Following their review of the application materials, including documentation relating to a “yes” response, Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend that the Board extend dental hygiene licensure to Ms. Blumenthal. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The members briefly discussed that there will be a review of the certain disclosure questions on all licensure applications at the Board’s August meeting.

Dr. Schneider informed the members of the Subcommittee that she would be officially resigning as a board member effective at the end of today’s meeting.

Ms. Foster made a motion to adjourn at 8:56 a.m. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary