

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2017**

The Subcommittee meeting convened at 8:04 a.m.

Subcommittee Members Present: Tricia Spearin, RDH, EFDA; Ann Marie Grenier, RDH; Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; and Dr. Stephen Morse

Also Present: Lorraine Klug, RDH; Bonnie Vaughan, RDH; Catherine Kasprak, RDH; Steve Collins; Mark Terison, Esq.; Deborah Bruns; Adam Lee, Esq.; James Belleau, Esq.; Susanne Kuehl, RDH; Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Subcommittee Minutes:

June 9, 2017 – Ms. Foster made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

July 14, 2017 – Dr. Morse made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary's Desk:

- Continuing Education Approval Lists: The information was accepted as an FYI.
- Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming Meetings: Ms. Grenier reported that she would not be available for the October 13, 2017 meeting.

Executive Director's Report:

- Legislative Update:
 - Ms. Vaillancourt updated the Subcommittee members on the new opioid law and the new prescribing requirements;
 - Ms. Vaillancourt informed the members that the application for an authority to practice as an independent dental hygienist has been updated which implements the recently passed legislation that revised the qualifications for this authority.

Executive Director's Report (Cont'd):

- Ms. Vaillancourt informed the members that an informational letter will be drafted and sent to all licensees informing them of legislation that affects the practice.
- Rulemaking:
 - Chapter 14 – is currently at the Office of the Attorney General for legal review;
 - Chapter 13 – the Board members will be considering all verbal and written comments submitted for the proposed rule later today;
 - Chapters 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, and 18 – these rules are current being reviewed at the Office of the Governor.
- Statute Review – When time permits, Ms. Vaillancourt will provide an overview of the Board's statute as it relates to dental hygiene.
- Application Questions
 - Ms. Spearin made a motion to enter executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. § 405 (6) (E) to receive legal advice. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A motion was made to come out of executive session at 8:32 a.m. The Subcommittee members approved of the way the questions were going to be re-worded and will review the draft questions at a future meeting.

Complaint 16-57 – 2013 – 2014 Continuing Education Audit: As a result of the 2013-2014 continuing education audit, the Subcommittee and Board determined that this licensee had not met the requirements for renewal of her license. The Board offered the licensee a consent agreement to resolve the failed audit which required her to complete additional credits. The licensee indicated that she was no longer practicing dental hygiene, and has since allowed her license to lapse, and requested that the additional credits not be included in the agreement. Assistant Attorney General LaRochelle presented the Subcommittee members with a proposed draft consent agreement which

Complaint 16-57 – 2013 – 2014 Continuing Education Audit (Cont'd): includes a statement that the individual agrees to not apply for licensure in the future, and included a warning for failure to meet the continuing education requirements for renewal of her license. Ms. Foster made a motion to accept the consent agreement as drafted and forward it to the licensee. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. If the individual does not

sign the agreement within thirty days, the matter will be set for an adjudicatory hearing.

The members voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary