

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
Subcommittee Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2017**

Meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Tricia Spearin, RDH, EFDA; Ann Marie Grenier, RDH; Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; Stephen Morse, DMD; and Lisa Howard, DDS

Also Present: Lauren LaRochelle, Assistant Attorney General; Teneale Johnson, Executive Secretary; and Penny Vaillancourt, Executive Director

Minutes – August 11, 2017: Ms. Foster made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ms. Grenier seconded the motion and it passed with Dr. Howard recused.

Secretary’s Desk:

- Continuing Education Approval List – The information was accepted as an FYI;
- Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming Meetings – Ms. Grenier reported that she will not be present at the October meeting.

Executive Director’s Report:

- Legislative Update: Ms. Vaillancourt reported that there will be an informational letter sent to all licensees informing them of any changes that may impact the Board’s statute, and/or the practice.
- Rulemaking Update: Board Rule, Chapter 14 went into effect on August 27, 2017; Chapter 13 is currently in the Governor’s Office for review, along with the licensing chapters.
- Adjudicatory Hearing Update: The Board will hold adjudicatory hearings on two days in September and two days in November.
- Statute Review – Ms. Vaillancourt will provide a review of the Board’s new statute at a future meeting when time permits.
- Revisit the Delegation Chart – Student Loan Default Question: Board staff requested that the members consider delegating the review of applications which indicate a positive response to the student loan default question to Board staff. The applicant must provide a written explanation including their steps on a repayment plan. Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend to the Board, that the delegation chart be

updated for dental hygiene related applications. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Review of PHS Notification Documentation – Belinda Poor, RDH: Following their review of the materials, and an explanation as to why Ms. Poor did not notify the Board prior to providing services under Public Health Supervision, Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend that the Board send a letter to Ms. Poor reminding her of the process for notification of Public Health Supervision. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene License; Local Anesthesia Permit; and Nitrous Oxide Permit – Jessie Robinson: At 8:27 a.m., the Subcommittee entered into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S. Section 405 (6)(F) so that the members can discuss information related to Ms. Robinson’s application for licensure, which is confidential pursuant to 22 M.R.S. § 1711-C(2). The Subcommittee came out of executive session at 8:33 a.m. Dr. Howard made a motion to recommend that the Board grant the license and permits to Ms. Robinson, and to provide her with resources for the Maine Medical Professionals Health Program. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Nitrous Oxide Permit – Maria Comeau, RDH: Ms. Spearin made a motion to recommend that the Board grant Ms. Comeau a nitrous oxide permit. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene Licensure – Kelly Lyon: Ms. Grenier made a motion to recommend that the Board approve Ms. Lyon’s application, and that she be issued a license upon completion of her application file. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application Question Review: Following their review of the proposed questions to be used on applications, Dr. Howard made a motion to recommend that the Board approve the questions as presented, and to make them applicable to all license types. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Spearin made a motion to adjourn at 8:46 a.m. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary