

**Maine Board of Dental Practice
Subcommittee on Dental Hygienists
April 6, 2018 - Meeting Minutes**

The Subcommittee meeting convened at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Ms. Tricia Spearin, RDH, EFDA; Ms. Nancy Foster, RDH, EFDA; Dr. Lisa Howard; and Dr. Stephen Morse

Member Absent: Ann Marie Grenier, RDH, IPDH

Minutes - January 19, 2018: Following their review of the draft minutes, Ms. Foster made a motion to accept the minutes. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Secretary's Desk:

- Continuing Education Approval List - Following their review of the information, the members requested that more detail be provided regarding the courses.
- Preliminary Agenda for Upcoming Meetings - The information was accepted as an FYI.

Executive Director's Report:

- Legislative Update - Ms. Vaillancourt reported that LD 1825 was enacted, and is awaiting the Governor's approval. If signed, the legislation will go into effect 90 days following the adjournment of the Legislature.
- Rulemaking Update - Ms. Vaillancourt reported that the Board has requested that the proposed rules currently in the Governor's office be returned because of the statutory changes in LD 1825 that conflict with the proposed rule; also, proposed language in Board Rule, Chapter 13 needs to be updated; and there are three new Board members who will be able to provide feedback to proposed rule changes. She also reported that the Rules Committee is working on streamlining all chapters to align with the Dental Practice Act, as well as identifying a practice requirement chapter.
- Board Member Training - Ms. Vaillancourt reminded the members of the training available on Friday, May 18, 2018.

Initial Complaint Presentations:

Complaint 17-37: The Board initiated a complaint against a dental hygienist based on the allegations that she failed to provide notification to the Board that Public Health Supervision (PHS) services were going to be provided on nine occasions over a 2-month period. Following a thorough review and discussion, Dr. Howard made a motion to recommend to the Board that this complaint be dismissed with a letter of guidance reminding the licensee of the requirements outlined in Board Rule, Chapter 2, Section III (D), and that the letter remain on file for five years. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The licensee will also be informed that the Board will be proposing that the notification of these services be eliminated from Board Rule.

Complaint 17-38: The Board initiated a complaint against a dental hygienist based on the allegations that she failed to provide notification to the Board that PHS services were going to be provided on two occasions over a two-month period. Following a thorough review and discussion, Ms. Spearin made a motion to recommend that the Board dismiss the complaint and issue a letter of guidance reminding the licensee of the requirements outlined in Board Rule, Chapter 2, Section III (D) which would remain on file for five years. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The licensee will also be informed of the Board's proposal that the notification of these services be eliminated from Board Rule.

Complaint 17-39: The Board initiated a complaint against a dental hygienist based on the allegations that she failed to provide notification to the Board that PHS services were going to be provided for an additional month beyond what she had previously notified. Following a thorough review and discussion, Dr. Howard made a motion to recommend that this complaint be dismissed. Ms. Foster seconded the motion and it passed with all members in favor.

Applications for Review:

Application for Local Anesthesia Permit - Colleen Jolley, RDH: Following their review of the application materials, including the course information, Ms. Foster made a motion to recommend that the Board grant Ms. Jolley a local anesthesia permit. Dr. Howard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Local Anesthesia Permit and Nitrous Oxide Permit - Amy DeMott, RDH: Following their review of the application materials, including the course information, Ms. Spearin made a motion to recommend that the Board grant Ms.

DeMott a local anesthesia permit and a nitrous oxide permit. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Application for Dental Hygiene License Renewal (2016) - Meghan Packard, RDH: The Subcommittee and Board had previously tabled Ms. Packard's renewal pending the outcome of a deferred disposition which was to be reported to the Board no later than November 3, 2017. When no response was received, Board staff sent a communication and learned that the deferred disposition had been extended to July 2, 2018. Following their thorough review and discussion, Dr. Howard made a motion to recommend that the Board deny the license renewal pursuant to 32 M.R.S. §18325 (1)(E), Unprofessional Conduct for the allegations of admission to theft of money. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

E-mail dated February 23, 2018 RE: CODA Winter 2018 Accreditation Actions: The information was accepted as an FYI.

E-mail dated February 23, 2018 RE: Hearing on Standards and Q & A at ADEA Annual Session: The information was accepted as an FYI.

Ms. Spearin made a motion to adjourn at 9:05 a.m. Dr. Morse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Teneale E. Johnson
Executive Secretary