

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY  
RULES AND REGULATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING  
8 JANUARY 2008**

**A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry, Sub-Committee for Rules & Regulations was held on the above date at the Community College of RI, Lincoln Campus, Louisquisset Pike, Room 1602, Lincoln RI. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.**

**Committee members in attendance were:**

**Joseph Box, DMD**

**Richard Glick, DDS**

**Kathleen Gazzola, RDH**

**Susan Perlini, RDH**

**Mary Lou Buonaccorsi**

**Staff members in attendance were:**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator**

**In light of the recent policy changes that the Western Regional Examining Board has proposed to its examination, the Committee discussed the need to review the continued acceptance of the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) examination as a means for RI licensure. The Committee had concern as to whether new WREB exam would include all the components required by**

**NERB/ADEX examination. Dr. Box also voiced concern regarding WREB's policy on "Caries Remaining" (see attached). Mrs. Gazzola will gather information regarding the current WREB requirements in order to determine if it meets the NERB/ADEX criteria.**

**The Committee also discussed the administration of Botox and Restalyne type injections. Mrs. Gazzola advised the Committee that by virtue of the definition of dentistry in the RI Dental Practice Act it is within the scope of practice for dentists in RI to administer Botox, and Restalyne type injections and therefore there is no need to issue special permits to dentists to perform these injections. The Committee agreed this issue need not be addressed in the Rules and Regulations at this time.**

**The Committee also reviewed the need to amend the Rules and Regulations with regard to the supervision required for dental hygienists administering local anesthesia in an academic environment. Currently, the Rules and Regulations require "indirect" supervision of a licensed dentist. However, as Mrs. Gazzola explained that is not always possible in an academic setting. After discussion, it was proposed that an exemption be created within the Rules and Regulations to allow licensed clinical instructors to oversee hygienists administering local anesthesia within the academic setting. The instructor would be required to provide "indirect supervision".**

**The next meeting of the Committee will be held at a time to be determined.**

**Upon motion of Ms. Buonaccorsi, seconded by Dr. Glick, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator  
RI Board of Examiners in Dentistry**