

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING

15 JUNE 2011

A meeting of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry was held on the above date at the RI Department of Health, Beck Conference Room, Providence, Rhode Island. A quorum was established and the Chairman called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Board members in attendance were: Board members not in attendance were:

Craig VanDongen, DDS, Chairman Bernard Manchester

Christine Benoit, DMD, Vice-Chairwoman

Susan Perlini, RDH, Secretary

Henry Levin, DMD

Joseph Box, DDS

Joseph G. Samartano, Jr., DDS

Robert Bartro, DMD

Maureen Ross, RDH

Mary Lou Buonaccorsi

Staff members in attendance were: Others in attendance were:

Gail Giuliano, Board Administrator Marie Jones-Bridges, RDH, CDA,BS, RIDHA

Deborah Palumbo, Legal Counsel

At this time, Dr. VanDongen called for a motion to approve the Open Minutes of 18 May 2011. Upon motion of Dr. Benoit seconded by Dr. Levin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes as presented.

Sub-Committee for Dental Licensure

Dr. Samartano reported the following Dental License/Permit(s) have been issued since the last meeting:

Dental License: Anthony M. Paolucci, DMD

Anesthesia Facility Permit: Petito Oral Surgery

Sub-Committee for Dental Hygiene Licensure

Ms. Ross reported the following dental hygienists have been licensed since the last meeting:

Nickole Arraial Jennifer Butler Keryl Chadwick

Allegro Christofaro Jenna Deady Kimberly DiRosario

Danette Hector Jessical Hirst Cheryl Maciel

Laurel Moravec Jami Madjoucoff Margaret Nolan

Kerri Pattie Cheryl Plumb Rabetou Ly

Nicole Rainville Tammy Simas Dawn Scetta

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The Chairman apprised the Board that he had been contacted by Dr. Nicole Makhoul a candidate seeking licensure in Rhode Island based upon reciprocity of her credentials and her professional experience. After review of her application and documents it was determined that she is not eligible for dental licensure in Rhode Island. Dr. Makhoul does not meet the following requirements as defined in the Rules & Regulations:

Section 5.1.1(b) have successfully passed the national examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examination (Parts I and II); and

**Section 5.1.1 (c) have successfully passed the Northeast Regional Board of Dental Examiners, Inc., Examination within five (5) years
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Upon motion of Dr. Samartano, seconded by Dr. Levin, it was unanimously voted by the Board to deny licensure to Dr. Makhoul in that she does not meet the criteria for a dental license in the State of Rhode Island.

The Chairman reported the Community Review for the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations was held on June 1, 2011. The Administrator advised that the language pertaining to the “Volunteer Dental Permit” had not been included in the working draft.

The Board approved the following to be included in the proposed Rules and Regulations:

Volunteer Dental/Dental Hygiene Permit

2.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of the Act or these Regulations, the Board may issue a volunteer dental/dental hygiene permit that allows out-of-state dentists/dental hygienists to provide dental or dental hygiene services in Rhode Island without obtaining a Rhode Island license.

(a) Services provided pursuant to a volunteer dental/dental hygiene permit shall be limited to:

- (1) A free clinic or similar charitable medical event providing free health care services; or**
- (2) The Special Olympics or similar athletic event attracting a large number of out-of-state participants; or**
- (3) Participation in the Mission of Mercy program.**

(b) Application: An applicant for a volunteer dental/dental hygiene permit shall submit the following information to the Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the event:

- (1) A copy of the applicant’s current dental license or a letter of good standing from the state where the applicant is currently licensed: and**
- (2) A letter, signed by an authorized representative of the sponsoring**

agency, which specifies the date(s) and location(s) of the event, and the type(s) of volunteer dental or dental hygiene services that will be provided; and

(3) A notarized statement, signed by both the applicant and an authorized representative of the sponsoring agency, which specifies that it has been agreed between the parties that no compensation shall be paid for any dentistry or dental hygiene services rendered in Rhode Island while in possession of a volunteer dental permit.

The Board also discussed allowing Dental Hygiene faculty members the authority to administer nitrous oxide within the scope of an academic setting under the general supervision of a program's consulting dentist in the event a supervising dentist is not available. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that nitrous oxide should only be administered under the direct supervision of a dentist.

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The Board reviewed correspondence from Meredith Sharp seeking its opinion with regard to the licensure requirements for out-of-state dentists reviewing insurance claims to ascertain claim determinations. After discussion the Board was in agreement that such dentists are not required to be licensed in Rhode Island.

At this time, Dr. VanDongen, called for a motion to adjourn the “Open

Session” and enter into “Closed Executive Session” for the purpose of discussing disciplinary matters pursuant to the applicable exceptions of the “Open Meeting Law”, so called of Chapter 42-46-5 sub-division (1) and (4) of the General Laws. Upon motion by Ms. Buonaccorsi, seconded by Dr. Bartro, the Board entered into closed session at 9:15 a.m.

Ms. Jones-Bridges recused herself from the meeting at this time.

The Board returned to “Open Session” at 9:40 am.

Decisions Ratified and/or closed in Closed Session

The following case was closed with a finding of NO UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

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There was no other business discussed during Closed Session to be reported.

Sealing of the Closed Executive Minutes

The Chairman called for a motion to seal the minutes of the “Closed Executive Session” of 18 May 2011 meeting pursuant to Section 42-46 (1) and (2). Upon motion of Dr. Levin, seconded by Ms. Perlini, the Board voted unanimously to seal the closed minutes of that meeting.

Dr. Benoit will be representing the Board at the NERB Steering

Committee Meeting to be held in Washington, DC on July 24th and 25th.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 20 July 2011 in the Beck Conference Room.

Upon motion of Dr. Levin,, seconded, by Dr. Benoit, it was unanimously VOTED by the Board to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail P. Giuliano, Administrator

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