

NEVADA STATE BOARD of DENTAL EXAMINERS



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**November 01, 2019
Board Meeting**

October 28, 2019



COMMUNITY DENTAL CONNECTIONS
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To: Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners

From: Lancette VanGuilder, RDH, BS

RE: Approval of New Public Health Program and Endorsements for Lancette VanGuilder

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration for a new public health program for our state, Community Dental Connections. After working for Future Smiles, I am beyond excited to return to my role in public health and serving vulnerable populations in our state and I appreciate the opportunity to submit my complete packet to you for approval. I apologize that I am unable to attend today's meeting since I am out of state working and I humbly ask for your support to allow me to help meet the needs of many Nevadans.

I have spent the majority of my life either living in, advocating for or serving rural and underserved communities in Nevada. I have 25 years of experience as a registered dental hygienist and have advocated for public health and the dental hygiene profession on the state and national level for over two decades. I have served on various professional boards for all of my 25 years as well, including the American Dental Hygienists Association. Currently, I work in private practice with Sierra Smiles, I am an international continuing education speaker for dentists, dental hygienists and dental therapists and serve as a professional educator and key opinion leader. In 2018, I invested more in to my education and received my certificate of nonprofit management from the University of Nevada, Reno. I am hoping that my vast knowledge of public health, rules and regulations, clinical expertise and leadership prove that I meet the qualifications to start a new program and ensure my commitment to public health and safety. I hope to complete a project with a local high school (approximately 100 students) before year end; due to some generous donations that needed to be allocated before Jan 1, 2020.

I have submitted the requirements for the approval of the new program and the endorsement to allow me to work with the program, as well as a request to be added to His Heart as a volunteer. This provides me the opportunity for a broad reach in my public health work.

While I am hopeful that the application will be approved as submitted, I understand there is a slight possibility that you may have a question. Unfortunately, I am teaching a couple courses in Hawaii during the same time as the board meeting. While it would be best to not be imposed on during my work, I would take a call should the board need to contact me to approve the application. I would need to let the attendees know that I would take a brief 5-minute break. I can be reached at [REDACTED]

Respectfully Submitted,

Lancette VanGuilder, RDH, BS

