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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE & BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Dental Hygiene, Dental Therapy, and EFDA Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date & Time
Wednesday, October 1, 2025
6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location
Nevada State Board of Dental Examiners
2651 N. Green Valley Parkway, Suite 104
Henderson, NV 89014

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Note: Asterisks (*) "**For Possible Action"** denotes items on which the Board may take action.
Note: Action by the Board on an item may be to approve, deny, amend, or table it.

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1. Call to Order

a. Roll Call/Quorum

Committee Members' Present: Dr. Joshua Branco (Chair), Ms. Jana McIntyre, Ms. Yamilka Arias, Ms. Kim Petrilla.

Committee Members' Absent: NA

Board Staff Present: Director Higginbotham, General Counsel Barraclough, A. Cymerman, M. Kelley, L. Chagolla.

2. Public Comment (Live public comment by teleconference and pre-submitted email/written form):

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Director Higginbotham read a submitted public comment from Ms. Greenfield, representing the California Extended Functions Association. Ms. Greenfield

submitted a letter offering support in developing educational regulations for extended functions, referencing their experience with Senate Bill 310 in California.

The letter was provided to members by email prior to the meeting and will be attached to the minutes.

3. Chairperson's Report: (For Possible Action)

a. Request to Remove Agenda Item(s) (For Possible Action)

NA

b. Approve Agenda (For Possible Action)

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

4. New Business: (For Possible Action)

a. Review, Discussion, and Possible Approval/Rejection of Public Health Program Applications – NRS 631.190; NRS 631.34583; NRS 631.287.

i. Future Smiles

Dr. Branco communicated that he had no objections to this application. Dr. Branco inquired about how the program submits location dates and how the Board office/staff is handling that information.

Director Higginbotham advised that the locations are being submitted via a monthly calendar and are being posted to the public website and lobby. Director Higginbotham stated that Future Smiles is the only program currently doing this, and that receiving location dates in advance is the direction the Board would like to work towards as we revise the public health program.

Ms. Chandler, director of Future Smiles, communicated that she was informed in 2009 by the Executive Director at that time to provide monthly updates on the locations of their school and community programs. This practice ensures

transparency and allows the Board to know where public health dental hygiene-endorsed hygienists are practicing.

Ms. Arias inquired about Future Smiles Infection Control protocol as well as how Future Smiles provides treatment.

Ms. Chandler communicated their use of portable dental equipment with all disposable instruments for providing fluoride varnish and sealants. They work with Compliance Alliance to manage infection control and have previously submitted for Dental Board inspection. Board staff and inspector have visited the program to review the equipment. A formal infection control inspection is expected to be conducted following the meeting.

A motion to approve Future Smiles application was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

ii. The RDH Humanitarian Project

Director Higginbotham communicated that this is a new program application and that if this application is approved an inspection would be needed.

Dr. Branco communicated that the application appears incomplete and is missing treatment protocols and infection control protocols.

A motion to table the RDH Humanitarian Project application was made by Ms. Arias, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

iii. Sagebrush Smiles

Dr. Branco communicated that no locations were specified for this program within its application. He communicated that while it is noted this is a school based program, voices his concern about the vague description provided.

Ms. Arias communicated that further information could be added such as stating if the schools to be services were Title 1, Elementary, High School, etc.

Ms. McIntyre agreed with Ms. Arias and suggested that Sagebrush Smiles submit

locations to the Board monthly as modeled by Future Smiles.

Dr. Branco suggested that new programs should submit protocols for approval, then once approved, prior to operations locations should be submitted so an infection control inspection can be conducted.

Director Higginbotham asked if the Board could set up a system for program approval pending the inspection and location lists.

Ms. Petrilla asked if the Board could implement the pending status now for this program.

Ms. Arias vocalized her support.

Director Higginbotham communicated that through the active Infection Control program development there will be clearer guidelines and processes for inspecting mobile programs such as these.

General Counsel Barraclough emphasized the challenges of requiring location details before granting provisional approval to public health programs. Schools are unlikely to contract with a program that lacks board approval, creating a catch-22 situation. The recommended approach is to provide provisional approval, allowing programs to market themselves and secure school contracts. Once a contract is obtained, the program should immediately notify the board of specific locations, enabling future inspections. This strategy prevents unnecessarily blocking programs from establishing their services while maintaining the board's ability to oversee and inspect their operations.

A motion to approve the Sagebrush Smiles application pending the receipt of their operations locations was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

iv. Buddhish Tzu Chi Foundation

Dr. Branco communicated that he had no items to discuss regarding this program.

Ms. Petrilla and Ms. McIntyre vocalized their agreement.

A motion to approve the Buddhish Tzu Chi Foundation application was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Ms. Arias.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

v. Healthy Athletes

Dr. Branco communicated that he had no items to discuss regarding this program.

Ms. McIntyre vocalized her agreement.

A motion to approve the Healthy Athletes application was made by Ms. McIntyre, and it was seconded by Ms. Petrilla.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

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Ms. Chandler provided insights into Future Smiles' operational model with Clark County School District. The program uses the district's facility use permit system to secure specific classroom locations, with the flexibility to canvas entire schools. Parent consent rates vary significantly, ranging from 50 to 200 students per school, which impacts scheduling and service delivery. Ms. Chandler emphasized the importance of monthly communication with the Dental Board about planned school locations, a practice she has maintained since the program's inception. She suggested that other public health programs could adopt similar communication strategies, proposing flexible reporting frequencies (monthly or quarterly) to keep the board informed. Chandler also expressed willingness to provide a comprehensive list of assigned schools and community sites to the Board if requested.

Michelle Venable, representative for The RDH Humanitarian project, sought to clarify the contents of her submitted application, expressing concern that the documents may not have uploaded correctly. Ms. Venable explained that her submission includes two key documents: an RDH Humanitarian Project Clinic

Guide with infection control, medical emergency, and HIPAA protocols, and a separate proposal outlining patient screening, safety protocols, dental hygiene services, and follow-up procedures. The applicant highlighted her partnerships with a clinic, nonprofit organizations, and volunteer dentists willing to screen patients. Her primary goal was to ensure that all necessary documentation was properly submitted and accessible to the board, and to confirm that the materials met the board's requirements for program approval.

6. Announcements:

NA

7. Adjournment: (For Possible Action)

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Branco, and it was seconded by Ms. McIntyre.

No discussion.

All members' voted 'AYE'.

Notice: To minimize computer resource and data storage drains, only the copies of the applications (redacted to exclude personal identifying or personal health information) are included with this agenda. However, the Board acknowledges that some records attached to the applications (aside from any included proprietary information, but including such things as permits, licenses, route maps, etc.) are generally public records. The Board will make available copies of the non-confidential documents attached to the applications to any member of the public upon request.