

**Western Regional Examining Board
Hygiene Exam Review Board Meeting
Tempe, Arizona
November 2, 2018**

Executive Summary

Present:

Brenda Chavez, RDH	Norm Magnuson, DDS
Beth Cole	Beverly Marsh, RDH
Christy Jo Fogarty, RDH, ADT	Yadira Martinez, RDH
Heather Hardy, RDH	Sharon Osborn Popp, PhD
Kathleen Harris, RDH	Betty Pate, RDH
Kathy Heiar, RDH	Deb Polc, RDH
Janet Ingraio, RDH	Kelly Reich, RDH
Paula Jenkins, RDH	Melinda Reich, RDH
Michael Johnston, RDH	Laura Richoux, RDH
Lorie Jones, RDH	Marianne Timmerman, RDH
Mary Kelly, RDH	Gail Walden, RDH
Diane Klemann, RDH	Patti Weber, RDH
Jennifer Lamb, RDH	Robin Yeager
Jackie Leakey, RDH	
Meg Long, RDH	

Committee Reports

- Kelly Reich and Janet Ingraio, Co-Directors of Dental Hygiene Exam Development provided an overview of the Local Anesthesia, Restorative and Dental Hygiene committees work over the past year as well exam updates, where applicable.

Role of HERB/DERB

- Beth Cole, WREB CEO, clarified the role of ERB members which include providing two way communication and input related to clinical licensure exams, advocating for WREB in the examining community and sharing information they hear regarding WREB, both positive and negative.
- HERB/DERB will meet once a year, tentatively each fall.

Psychometric Review

- Sharon Osborn Popp, PhD, provided an update regarding year to date pass rates for Candidates and a comprehensive statistical analysis of both Candidate and Examiner performance.
- She also provided an overview of the dental hygiene practice analysis that was completed in collaboration with CRDTS with data gained utilizing the ADHA's email list.

- Sharon enlightened the members with a brief Dental exam update on the 2018 exam changes and their success in 2018. Year to date WREB needed 42% fewer patient procedures to come to the same determinations regarding candidate competence in the operative section of the exam.

State Board Updates

- Each HERB member briefly reported on behalf of their respective State Board or Dental Hygiene Committee. Noting any proposed, pending or future legislation and whether their state is considering or has accepted other testing agencies' examinations for licensure.
- Brenda Chavez, the educator member of the board, reported that educators are appreciative of the student and educator webinars, love that there will be no fee for onsite retakes for dental hygiene in 2019 and that schools remain very interested in purchasing the calibration typodonts.

WREB Update

- Beth Cole provided a review of the successful changes to both dental and dental hygiene exams.
- She discussed internal and external factors that contribute to WREBs success as well as the challenges that WREB faces.
- She walked the attendees through an overview of the Examiner pool and the addition of new exam sites and schools.