

WREB Hygiene Exam Review Board (HERB)
Tempe, Arizona
November 15, 2019

Executive Summary

HERB members in attendance:

Dale Chamberlain, DDS, President	Marilyn McClain, RDH (AZ)
Brenda Chavez, RDH, Educator Member	Yadira Martinez, RDH (OR)
Beth Cole, CEO	Beverly Marsh, RDH (ND)
Phelecia Cook-Gyder, DH Supervisor	Sharon Osborn Popp, PhD, Psychometrician
Christy Jo Fogarty, RDH, ADT (MN)	Betty Pate, RDH (NV)
Jill Harding, RDH (KS)	Deborah Polc, RDH (MO)
Kathleen Harris, RDH (UT)	Kelly Reich, RDH, Co-Director of DH Exam
Janet Ingrao, RDH, Co-Director of DH Exam	Melinda Reich, RDH, Chair
Paula Jenkins, RDH (NM)	Laura Richoux, RDH (MS)
Michael Johnston, RDH (WA)	Karen Sehorn, RDH (OK)
Daniel Kelley, Data Specialist	Marianne Timmerman, RDH (HI)
Diane Klemann, RDH (MT)	Patty Weber, RDH (WY)
Jennifer Lamb, RDH (AR)	Gail Walden, RDH (AK)
Meg Woodhouse Long, RDH (ID)	Robin Yeager, Director of DH Operations

The meeting was called to order at 8:30am by the HERB Chair, Melinda Reich, RDH. Melinda welcomed members and introductions were made.

Committee Reports

Kelly Reich and Janet Ingrao, Co-Directors of Dental Hygiene Exam Development, provided a summary of the written reports on behalf of the Restorative, Local Anesthesia and Dental Hygiene Committees. The reports detailed the work the committees accomplished over the past year and updates for the upcoming exam season.

Psychometric Review

Sharon Osborn Popp, PhD, presented an overview of the 2019 exam statistics, to date. The information provided included pass rates, examiner agreement, exam site comparability, and Candidate performance.

State Board Updates

Each HERB member briefly reported on behalf of their respective State Board or Dental Hygiene Committee.

In addition, Brenda Chavez, the educator member of the board, reported that educators are concerned with the new AAP guidelines and how WREB will be applying those in the exam for 2020. She also mentioned that students continue to appreciate the onsite Q&A sessions. She also wanted to reiterate that schools remain interested in purchasing the calibration typodont models.

WREB in Review

Beth Cole provided general updates for the WREB organization.

- Hosted a member state Board Executive Director meeting.
- WREB is in the process of developing a Dental Therapy exam.
- Connecticut and Massachusetts now have statutory requirements that starting in July 2021, a non-patient-based exam must be administered.
- Reiterated that any new sections, tests, etc., that are feasible, implementable and cost effective must be field tested to ensure high validity and reliability before bringing to market.
- Working towards a “Cafeteria Plan” – for member states to select/accept as many testing or component options as necessary to meet their individual state needs.

Beth reminded the members of the role of the HERB, as it relates to member participants focus on clinical licensure testing. She also reminded members that full minutes will not be released for the meeting, only a bulleted summary, which members are requested to use to provide updates to their respective state boards.

Kathy Heiar, RDH, from the state of Illinois, was elected HERB Chair.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Yeager
Director of Dental Hygiene Operations