

Rhode Island Dental Hygienists' Association  
Monthly Executive Board Meeting  
Official Minutes  
Tuesday, July 9th, 2024  
231 Douglas Ave, Providence

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienist's Association Mission Statement:**

*To ensure access to oral healthcare by remaining a strong and viable voice for protecting and promoting the public's health in Rhode Island.*

**Rhode Island Dental Hygienist's Association Vision Statement:**

*Dental hygienists are recognized as essential primary care providers in delivering total comprehensive oral care by developing a collaborative partnership with the healthcare community.*

1. Call to order: 7:03 by Ashley Soares
2. Present: Ashley Soares, Kathy MacLeod, Kathy Stack, Karla Vandale, Cora Rocha, Chantel Janeiro, Leah Maricle, Lillian Flor, Taylor Guilmette
3. Establish Quorum: Quorum is established
  - Voting Members Present
    - 8
4. Agenda:
  - **ADHA2024 Conference:**
    - July 25-27th
  - **HOD met June 28th-30:**
    - Friday:
      - Review of the different agendas that were to be changed
      - Candidates for the Officers that were running
    - Saturday:
      - Quick session
      - Review of the wording that the PBY & the PBR were revised
    - Sunday:
      - All voting was done
        - Officers
        - Agendas
      - PBY1:
        - Allows the board to make the monthly decisions without holding a session every month, but still will hold the yearly

session, discounted rate for the graduating DH students for 2 the first 2 years after graduating: PASSED

- PR1 - "ADHA advocates for the pursuit of Professional Autonomy...": PASSED
- PR2 - "ADHA supports the elimination of the clinical examination and recognizes graduates..." PASSED
- PR3 - "ADHA recommends the daily intake of free sugars be limited to ..." PASSED
- PR4 - "ADHD advocates for loan forgiveness and or repayment no matter if that individual is in private or public sector: PASSED
- PR5- "supports the DH performing therapeutic DH injections with in their scope of practice
- PR6-Free sugar regulations that are current in the WHO regulations
- These regulation are necessarily made for for each state
- The individual state still has to make their own regulations and bylaws to what that individual DH is allowed to do with in their state

○ **Event For Saturday, September 14**

- Confirmed for RI Nursing Education center
- Confirmed Emery's Catering

- Other sponsors:
  - Who can reach out to them?
  - Philips
  - Colgate
  - Oral B, Crest
  - Any other suggestions
- Timeline:
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- Any Suggestions on the CEU speakers
  - Email was sent to Tina Clarke to injure if she is available to do a refresher course of LA
  - Email was sent to Dr. Nager to injure if he can do an implant or surgical CEU
  - Dr. Garcia from Qualitas doing a CEU on Botox

○ **For the current standing offers:**

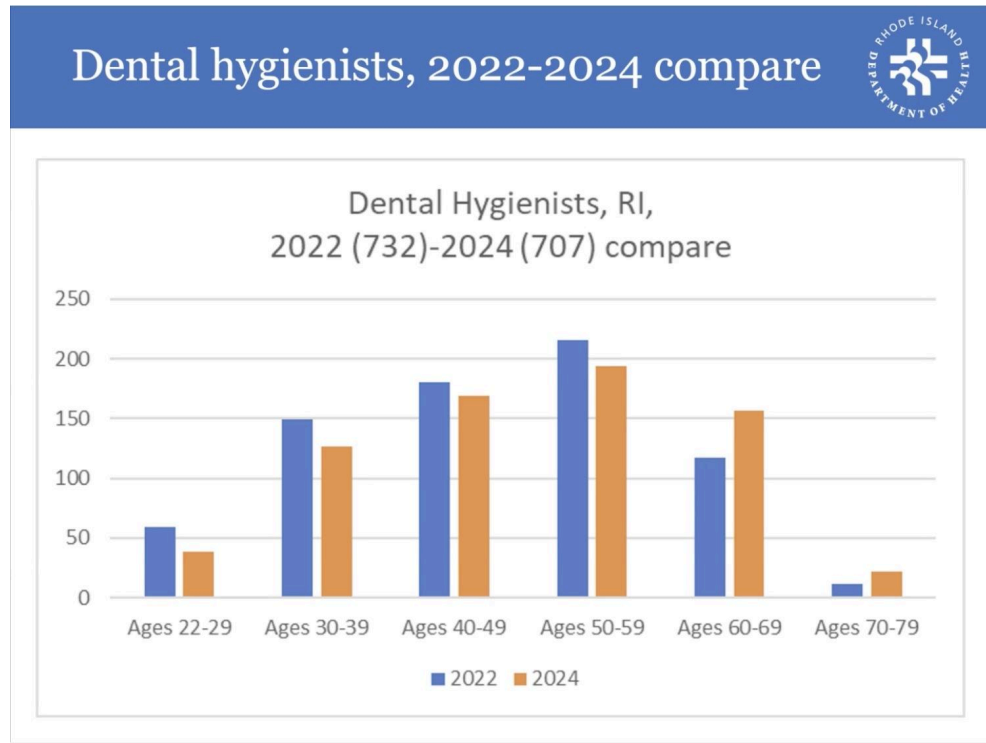


**Timeline for Annual meeting, Saturday, September 14, 2024  
8-5pm**

- 8:00 am- 9:00am:
  - Vendors will arrive 8:00
  - Check in time for attendees
  - 8:00-8:30 am
  - Carter showing up 7:30ish, Breakfast will be out
  - 8:00 am- till when first CEU starts at 10:00 am
  - Business meeting association at 9:00 am-9:30
  - Break for 30 min to talk to vendors and or for those who showed up late
- 10:00 am-10:50am:
  - Lecture slot open:
  - X
- 11:00 am-11:50pm:Booked
  - Lecture slot open: Dr. Garcia
  - Botox
- 12:00pm-12:50pm
  - Lunch will be served
  - Break with vendors
- 1:00pm-1:50pm:
  - Lecture slot open:
  - X
- 2:00pm-2:50pm:
  - Lecture slot open:
  - X
- 3:00pm-3:30pm
  - Break for vendors

- I know it was mentioned last month to creating a promo for those who decide not to proceed the next year, but just wanted to mention it this month
- Please create your own campaign for the elections in September
- I know that for next year I'm more than happy to help the next president but I will no longer be able to fulfill the role as required after September.

**5. Licensures for DH for RI:**



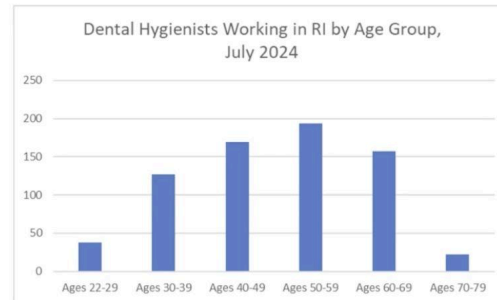
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# Dental hygienists



- 1167 Listed, as of 7/8/24
- 1026 (88%) renewed, 141 (12%) did not renew
- 707 Report working in RI

Age Group	Count	Percentage
Ages 22-29	38	5%
Ages 30-39	127	18%
Ages 40-49	169	24%
Ages 50-59	194	27%
Ages 60-69	157	22%
Ages 70-79	22	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>707</b>	



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- This is a span for 2 years time
- The reasoning of why the decrease isn't determined
- The assumption is either
  - DH changing to other states
  - Retirement
  - Those that are practicing but have not renewed their license

## 6. Reports

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:
  - Membership: 54 members
  - Community Outreach: None
  - Legislative: None
- OFFICER REPORTS:
  - President: See agenda
  - Vice-president: None
  - Treasurer: RIDHA TREASURER'S REPORT
    - Beginning Balance \$4,885.33
    - Deposits & Credits:
    - American Dental Payables: +\$64.05
    - Total Deposits: \$64.05

- Debit: Zoom Account: -\$171.09
- Total Debit & Checks: \$171.09
- End Balance Checking: \$4,778.29
- End Balance Savings: \$17,270.69
- Total Checking & Savings: \$22,048.98
- Respectfully Submitted
- Leah Maricle RIDHA Treasurer
- Kathy and Leah to meet for the budget meeting-done
- Trustees:
- Secretary: None
- Acceptance of Officer Reports
  - Motion: Kathy MacLeod
  - Second: Kathy Stack

7. Additional Items:

- Upcoming Events:
  - July 2024 - Budget Meeting
  - September 2024 - RIDHA Annual Session
  - October 2024 - RI Mission of Mercy Oct 5th and 6th
    - I was told yesterday at the Dental workforce meeting that the registration will most likely be going out next week
- IPP Report:
  - Organized & finalized PHDH interim therapeutic restoration hands on training
    - Aug 17th
  - We are covering the cost and then the EOHHS will reimburse us through their grant
  - Course registration & design will be provided by CCRI
    - Including all continuing education, certificates, & credits
    - Re-scheduling Spain dinner
      - From June to September
        - i. Not sure of the date or time

8. New Business: None

- Motion:
- Second:

9. Announcements: Location for meeting will stay in Providence, for those who can't attend the meeting a Zoom link will be provided
10. Communications: None
11. Correspondence: None
12. Meeting adjourned: 7:39 by Ashley Soares
  - Motion:Kathy MacLeod
  - Second: Kathy Stack

Respectfully Submitted by: Taylor Guilmette