

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
MARCH 08, 2017 MEETING

Present: David Baasch, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Dixie Vallie, Elizabeth Merrill, Sally Buell, and Jennie Kendall; Absent: Randall Miller, Edward Pantzar, Katherine Silloway, and Robert Ruhl. Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: S. Lauren Hibbert, Diane Lafaille, and Carla Preston; Others present: Ellen Grimes, Vaughn Collins and Deborah Teixeira.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting were approved with the following correction:

#7 Correspondence, the word “changes” should read “changed”. Approved.
3. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders/Removal of Conditions Orders/Closings

2016-37 – Closing Report – Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager’s Report:

The Board has 43 pending cases. 1 is on appeal, 2 are on hold, 15 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 3 have been recommended for closure, 1 is in intake, 13 are with the investigator and 8 are pending charges.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Robin Miller submitted a request for continuing education approval for a Mandated Reporting Course. The Board approved this for 2 continuing education credits.
 - e. Linda Greaves requested the Board review a revision drafted by the Office Oral Health team of general supervision for hygienist’s in the public setting. The Board made some changes to what was submitted. A draft will be reviewed at the Board’s next meeting.

She stated to the Board that the Public Health Dental Hygienist in the District Offices are part of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children. There are no records for dental in this program to share or review with the DDS. Our scope of work is referring families to dental practices, Oral Health Risk Assessments and applications of fluoride varnish if parents agree to this service. She asks, “Do they need to have this agreement in place.” This was addressed at the Board’s November 2016 meeting in which it stated:

Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Ms. Kevin, that yes, they would be required to submit a General Supervision Agreement to the Board and added that dental assistants may not do this because they work under direct supervision. And that yes, Public Health Dental Hygienists who apply fluoride varnish working in District Health Departments are required to submit a General Supervision Agreement to the Board. Approved. Ms. Kendall was opposed.

6. Other:

- a. Draft rules for dental therapists – to be further discussed at the Board’s next meeting.

The Board will obtain the CODA guidelines for dental therapists and also the Minnesota rules for credentialing of schools for review at its next meeting.

- b. Review of a proposed amendment for statute changes for 26 V.S.A. Section 602 by adding (c) and (d). The Board will continue discussion on this at future meetings.

- c. The Board will review the Jurisprudence Examinations for both Dentists and Dental Hygienists.

- d. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2017.

7. Public Comment

8. The Board adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist