

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
MARCH 9, 2016 MEETING

Present: Edward Pantzar, David Baasch, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Sally Buell, Robert Ruhl, Randall Miller, Jennie Kendall, Katherine Silloway, and Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston, and Larry Novins; Others Present: Vaughn Collins, Hilary Van Benthuyssen, and Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. The minutes of the February 10, 2016 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. Hearings/Stipulations and Consent Orders/Removal of Conditions Orders/Closings

2012-651 – Dr. Ronald DeBruin – An Order to Remove Conditions was reviewed. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to accept the Order to Remove Conditions. Approved.

2015-199 – Liza Powers, Traditional Dental Assistant – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.

The Stipulation and Consent Order had Liza Powers as a licensed dental assistant. The Board stated that dental assistants are registered not licensed. They asked that the minutes reflect that when these are being written, that it be typed correctly. If it is typed incorrectly in the future, the Board will not approve the Stipulation and Consent Order.

4. Case Manager's Report:

The Board has 31 pending cases. 1 is on hold, 1 is on appeal, 2 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 11 the I Team has recommended closing, 2 are set for hearing, 11 are with investigators and 3 the team has recommended charges.

5. Correspondence:

- a. The Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association submitted a continuing education request for attendees of the Annual Meeting of the Vermont Dental Hygienists' Association for an exhibit hall of 20-25 vendors. The Board has approved this request.
- b. Ellen Grimes has asked House Government Ops to amend 26 V.S.A. Section 581(c) to allow faculty of dental hygiene schools to serve on the Board. The Board discussed her proposal this morning. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, that the Board supports Dr. Grimes suggestion. It does feel, however, that the entire prohibition on faculty serving on the Board should be eliminated. The Board feels that the prohibition on all faculty should be deleted. It supports eliminating the entire clause which begins with the word, "nor ..." The Board would like Section (c) to read: (c) No member of the board may be an officer or serve on a committee of his or her respective state or local professional dental, dental hygiene, or dental assisting organization. [(rest deleted)]. Approved. Dr. Miller was opposed.
- c. Ellen Grimes submitted a request to the Board for a revision to Rule 7.10 How to Become Registered as an Expanded Function Dental Assistant. She requests that the rule

be changed to require these individuals to take the newly created CDCA EFDA exam. The Board will take this under advisement when it discusses rule changes.

6. Other

- a. The Board had further discussion on the non ADA accredited school requirement. Attorney Novins will continue to work on this and update the Board at its next meeting.
- b. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2016.

7. Public Comment

8. The Board adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist