

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
DECEMBER 11, 2013 MEETING

Present: John Lavoie, Jennie Kendall, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, David Baasch, Katherine Silloway, Gertrude Hodge, Randall Miller, and Joanne Bugbee; Absent: Dixie Vallie and Edward Pantzar; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Christopher Winters, Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Dr. Richard Dickinson, Dr. Janet Thomason Miccolo and Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.
2. The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved with minor corrections. Approved.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:

2011-500 – Dr. Lavoie presented this case for closure. Dr. Silloway moved, seconded by Ms. Bugbee, to close this case. Approved.

2012-596 – Ms. Kendall presented this case for closure. Dr. Silloway moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report:

There are 42 pending cases. 4 cases have been recommended for closure, 16 cases are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 2 are in intake, 13 are with the investigator, 1 case charges have been filed, 2 are set for hearing and 4 are pending charges.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Katy Knapp, RDH emailed the Board stating that they have started using the code D0180 (Comprehensive Perio Evaluation). She asks if the dentist legally has to see the patient during this appointment to inform the patient that they have periodontal disease. The Board responded that it is not permitted to give legal or advisory opinions. It can refer her to its rules, specifically, Rule 1.11 (a) and (b) which may provide guidance. She may wish to contact the ADA regarding use of this code.
 - b. Melissa Looman, RDH emailed the Board asking if continuing education credits can be obtained for the OSHA Hazard Communication/GHS. The Board stated that, no, they may not.

She also asked if they update their yearly OSHA review are they able to take continuing education credits if it is done in house or do they need to complete training through a credited program/course and licensed trainer vs OSHA coordinator. The Board responded that yes, if they go through an accredited program course that meets the guidelines of the Board's rules.

6. Other

- a. Dr. Richard Dickinson attended the Board meeting and updated the Board on what is happening with ADEX.
- b. Dr. Janet Thomason Miccolo attended the Board's meeting to discuss the future of the dental residency in Vermont.
- c. Dr. David Averill submitted a report to the Board of the ADEX House of Representative meeting which was held on November 10, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois.
- d. It was noted that the Board should take an active role in selecting the ADEX and NERB representatives. This should be reviewed during the summer.
- e. The Board's reviewed the template that is sent out for auditing of continuing education for dentists and dental hygienists. Some changes were made to the forms.
- f. The Board reviewed the current public dental hygiene agreements.
- g. The Board reviewed most of the audits. The remainder will be reviewed at the Boards February 2014 meeting.
- h. Director Winters and the Board thanks Gertrude Hodge for her years of dedication to the Office of Professional Regulation as a public member to various boards and more recently for her 10 years of dedicated service to the Vermont Board of Dental Examiners.
- i. The Board will not be holding a meeting in January 2014. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 12th.

7. The Board adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist