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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING

Present: Jennie Kendall, Edward Pantzar, Randall Miller, Joanne Bugbee, Gerald Theberge, Katherine Silloway, Mimi Kevan, Randall Miller, and Dixie Vallie; Absent: Sally Buell and John Lavoie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Ellen Grimes, and Michelle Kendall.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the October 8, 2014 meeting were approved with one correction. Number 6 (b) should read FY2021, not FY2012.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:
  - a. 2011-281 – Jennifer M. Sheehan, TDA – Hearing was continued.
  - b. 2013-603 – Dr. William McDonald – Hearing was held.
  - c. Closing reports:

2014-421 – Ms. Preston presented this case for closure. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to close this case. Approved.

2014-482 Dr. Miller presented this case for closure. Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report:

Ms. Preston reported that the Board has 25 pending cases. 1 is in intake; 5 are ready for Investigative Team meetings; 5 the team has recommended closing; 6 are with investigators; 5 are set for hearing; 1 is under appeal and 2 are pending charges.
5. Correspondence:
  - a. Dr. Martin Nager wrote the Board regarding dental students taking the clinical periodontal portion of the NERB exam for licensure. This was noted by the Board.
  - b. AAO submitted a letter to the board with concerns with “do it yourself” teeth straightening companies operating in Vermont. The Board asked if they have a specific complaint they should submit this to the Office of Professional Regulation for review.
  - c. Robin Miller submitted a request for continuing education approval for a training entitled, “Tobacco Cessation: Helping Providers Work With Patients to Quit”. This was approved for 1 clinical hour.
  - d. Dr. Jeffrey Crandall submitted a letter to the Board regarding licensure of foreign trained dentists. The Board responded that the current statutes do not permit licensure to those who have not had some dental education in the U.S. See, 26 V.S.A. Section 601 and 602. Without legislative change, which is not possible this year, these statutes provide the only ways to licensure. The Board is willing to look at alternatives for future legislative changes.
6. Other
  - a. AADB dues of \$2140.00 were approved by the Board.
  - b. Michelle Kendall came before the Board to discuss her application for licensure as a dental hygienist on the basis of endorsement from California. California requires the passage of the

WREB or CREDITS. Dr. Theberge moved that the Board review WREB requirements, seconded by Dr. Pantzar. This motion did not pass.

Ms. Kevan moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to approve licensure. Approved. Drs. Theberge and Pantzar abstained from voting.

The Board determined that California standards for licensure are substantially equal to those of Vermont.

The Board has determined that the WREB examination is acceptable for individuals applying for licensure as dental hygienists in Vermont on the basis of endorsement or by the WREB examination.

- c. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 11th.
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. The Board adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist