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**UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
JUNE 13, 2012 MEETING**

Present: Richard Dickinson, Chair, Raymond McCandless, Joanne Bugbee, Gertrude Hodge, Randall Miller, John Lavoie, and Jennie Reed; Absent: Katherine Silloway, Dixie Vallie, John Langfeldt and Edward Pantzar; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m.
2. The minutes of the May 9, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Manager's Report:

2012-157 – Peter Gray – At the Board's May meeting it requested that the State and Dr. Gray's attorney work on a written agreement for the Board's consideration at today's meeting. This was tabled until the Board's meeting to be held July 11.

2011-334 – Dr. Lavoie presented this case for closure. Dr. Miller moved, 2nded by Ms. Bugbee, to close this case. Approved. Mr. McCandless was opposed.

2012-105 – Dr. Lavoie presented this case for closure. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to close this case. Approved.

2012-184 – Dr. Miller presented this case for closure. Dr. Lavoie moved, seconded by Ms. Bugbee, to close this case. Approved.

2011-893 – Ms. Reed presented this case for closure. Ms. Bugbee moved, seconded by Mr. McCandless, to close this case. Approved.

2011-814 – Dr. Miller presented this case for closure. Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Dr. Lavoie, to close this case. Approved. Mr. McCandless was opposed.

Case Managers Report:

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported that the Board has 41 pending cases. 5 are set for closure, 9 are pending Investigative Team meetings, 22 are under investigation, 2 charges are pending, 2 charges have been filed and 1 a hearing has been scheduled.

4. Old Business
 - a. The Board reviewed additional documentation submitted for deficient audits of renewal.
 - b. Discussion on the dental assistant jurisprudence exam was tabled until the Board's next meeting.

5. New Business

- a. Dr. Robert Ruhl wrote the Board requesting that it consider a change to the dental practice regulations to permit properly accredited registered dental hygienists to administer local anesthesia for operative procedures. At this time the statutes only allow administration of local anesthesia by hygienists for dental hygiene purposes. The Board will address this further at its next meeting, July 11, if he wishes to participate.
- b. Susan Wilmot, RDH, Clinical Manager of the Red Logan Clinic, wrote the Board asking if fourth-year dental students would be allowed to provide hygiene services when there is a Vermont licensed dental hygienist on site. The Board responded that no, there must be a Vermont licensed dentist on site.
- c. A committee consisting of Drs. Miller, Dickinson, Lavoie and Ms. Reed and Ms. Bugbee, has been selected to review the statutes and rules for changes, additions, etc.
- d. Mr. Novins brought up for discussion a possible statutory change to create an "inactive" license status.. This will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting.

6. The Board adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist