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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
JULY 11, 2012 MEETING**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the June 13, 2012 meeting were approved with the following correction:
Number 3 Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Managers Report: 2012-157 – Peter Gray – the last sentence, “This was tabled until the Board’s meeting to be held July 11” should be changed to read, “The hearing was continued”.

3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Manager’s Report:

2012-157 – Peter Gray – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.

2011-816 – Robert S. Bates – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.

2010-337 – Dr. Dickinson presented this case for closure. Dr. Silloway moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to close this case. Approved.

Case Managers Report:

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported that the Board has 39 pending cases. 7 are ready for an Investigative Team meeting, 2 are in intake, 4 are ready for closure, 20 are under investigation, 3 are pending charges and 3 are pending hearings.

4. Old Business
 - a. The Board reviewed additional documentation submitted for deficient audits of renewal.
 - b. Discussion on the dental assistant jurisprudence exam was discussed. The Board will vote next meeting on whether or not it wants to administer the dental assistant jurisprudence examination.

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- 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. Additional information will be obtained and the Board will re-review this at its September 12th meeting. Dr. Ruhl will be notified.
 - d. Further discussion on a possible statutory change to create an “inactive” license status was discussed further. The Board requested additional information. They would like to know what the Vermont Medical Practice Board currently does. Mr. Novins will look into this further and report back to the Board at its next meeting.
6. The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist