

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING**

Present: Richard Dickinson, Chair, Katherine Silloway, John Lavoie, John Langfeldt, Raymond McCandless, Joanne Bugbee, Randall Miller, Gertrude Hodge, Dixie Vallie, Edward Pantzar and Jennie Reed; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: James Condos, Secretary of State, Christopher Winters, Director of OPR, Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille; Others: Sheila Bannister, Maureen Sgorbati, and Jonathan Wolff.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the September 14, 2011 meeting were approved as written.
3. Director Christopher Winters discussed the budget with the Board. The budget is showing that the ratio has increased slightly. The budget will continue to be monitored for consideration of a fee reduction in 2014.
4. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Case Manager's Report:

2010-304 – Dr. R. Scott Debruin – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Ms. Reed, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.

2010-736 – Dr. Peter Barrie Gray – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved. Mr. McCandless was opposed.

Carla Preston, Case Manager updated the Board on its case load. She stated that there are 28 cases currently pending: 3 are ready for closure; 6 are ready for I-Team meetings; 3 are to be charged; 2 are set for hearing, and 14 are under investigation.
5. Old Business
 - A. Newsletter – The Board updated the newsletter. It will be re-drafted and sent to Board members for a final review before being mailed.
 - B. Dr. Peter Abell submitted additional documentation regarding the active practice he has received in the past five years. Dr. Miller moved, seconded by Dr. Langfeldt, that he has met the active practice requirement and his license should be renewed. Approved.
6. New Business
 - A. Beth Ladd e-mailed the Board asking for the Board's consideration in requiring an ethics and jurisprudence exam to dental assistants when applying for initial registration. The Board stated that this would require a rule change and possibly a statutory change and it would address this again when it works on the redrafting of rules.

- B. Dr. Ellis Hall from NERB wrote the Board asking if there are any regulations regarding the use of injectable local anesthesia by candidates taking a dental hygiene licensure examination. The Board stated there was not. He also asked what Vermont would require in order to allow these candidates to legally utilize injectable local anesthesia during a licensing examination. It was determined that this would require a rule and possibly a statutory change.
 - C. Dr. Ellen Grimes wrote the Board regarding NERB's use of injectable local anesthesia by candidates taking a dental hygiene licensure exam. The Board stated that this would require a rule change and possibly a statutory change.
 - D. Dr. Ellen Grimes wrote the Board requesting that it modify the rules to allow the dental hygiene program at VTC the ability to administer local anesthetics under general supervision on the rare occasion when they are unable to have a dentist present at the facility. The Board responded that this would require a rule and statutory change which the board is willing to discuss in the future.
 - E. Susan Camp e-mailed the Board asking if dental assistants were permitted to adjust dentures. The Board considers proper adjustment of dentures to involve diagnosis. Denture adjustment may also contribute to or result in an irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy. Thus, under 26 V.S.A. § 864(b)(2) is not permitted.
 - F. Denise Tousignant, RDH requested approval of her Dental Awakenings program. The Board approved 3 non clinical hours.
7. Other
- The Board went into executive session at 12:00 p.m. per 1. V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) to consider 'appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee'.
8. The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille