



Board of Dental Examiners

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS OCTOBER 10, 2018 MEETING

Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Gerald Theberge, David Baasch, Sally Buell, Dixie Vallie; Mimi Kevan, and Randall Miller; Absent: Cheryl Ullman, Elizabeth Merrill and Jennie Kendall; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Gabriel Gilman, Lauren Layman, and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Robin Miller, Linda Greaves, Diane Dumas, Debora Teixeira, Ellen Grimes and David Englander.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2018 with the following corrections:
 - Number 2, “Commission of Health”, should read “Commissioner of Health”.
 - Number 4 (a) should read, “Dr. Koch, moved, seconded by Dr. Ruhl, to strike WREB as a testing agency for dentists effective July 1, 2019.” Approved.
3. Application Hearings:

2018-87 – Sarah Balch – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Baasch moved, seconded by Dr. Miller, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.
4. Correspondence:
 - a. Winnie Furnari submitted an email to the Board requesting that the American Academy of Dental Hygiene, Inc. be approved as a sponsor for continuing education. Ms. Jennie Kendall will look into this further and will report back to the Board at its October meeting. This was tabled.
 - b. Aditi Mehan Khanna emailed the Board asking if Operative Dentistry would allow for him to become licensed to practice in Vermont. The Board stated that he would need to apply for licensure and it would review his completed application at that time and make a determination.

5. Topics for Discussion:

a. The Board of Dental Examiners, by motion of October 10, 2018, has waived the restrictions of Rule 10.6 to allow Public Health Dental Hygienists to incorporate Silver Diamine Fluoride in their practice, pursuant to the following protocol.

This waiver is applicable only to Public Health Dental Hygienists affiliated with the Vermont Department of Health. This waiver shall be nullified by: (1) final adoption of revised Administrative Rules, now under development by the Board, or (2) express revocation by the Board.

A Public Health Dental Hygienist may apply Silver Diamine Fluoride (SDF), in accordance with the SDF Protocol maintained and published by the Vermont Department of Health and the following principles and rules:

(1) As used by a Public Health Dental Hygienist, SDF is a valuable dental first-aid, which in the presence of suspected caries, may mitigate pain and arrest decay until appropriate diagnosis and care can be obtained from a dental home. SDF must not be employed in such a manner as to lower the standard of care for disadvantaged populations or to supplant tooth restoration where clinically indicated. In no circumstance should SDF be applied more than twice to the same tooth without evaluation by a dentist and development of a plan of dental care. Applications ideally should be six months apart, continuing no more than twelve months.

(2) A Public Health Dental Hygienist shall have successfully completed a SDF training course offered by the Vermont Department of Health or a CODA-approved dental education program.

(3) A Public Health Dental Hygienist must complete a visual inspection of the teeth and document all relevant findings.

(4) SDF may be applied if:

- (i) inspection shows suspected caries;
- (ii) there appears an immediate need for care;
- (iii) SDF is clinically indicated;
- (iv) the patient does not have an appropriate dental home and cannot reasonably be expected to obtain timely access to an appropriate dental home;
- (v) the patient, parent, or guardian of the patient has executed a Board-approved, SDF-specific informed consent that includes illustrative photos of the blackening effect of SDF upon carious tissue, warns of the risk of food impaction in cavitated areas, and informs that follow-up care should be obtained from an appropriate dental home.

(5) SDF must not be applied if:

- (i) abscess is suspected;
- (ii) pulpal exposure is observed.

The Board will work with Attorney Gilman in drafting a consent form.

b. The Board stated that as a general rule, it would like to receive documentation for agenda items a week prior to a Board meeting.

6. Continuing Education:

a. United Way Free Dental Day – this was denied because it does not meet the requirements as outlined in Rule 4.13.

7. Other:
 - a. Draft rules were reviewed.
 - b. Dr. Koch updated the Board of the 2018 AADB meeting he attended in Chicago.
 - c. The review of the revision of the General Supervision Agreement forms was tabled.
 - d. Dr. Ruhl asked the Board if they wished to have the meetings recorded. The Board does not.
 - e. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2018.
8. Public Comment
9. The Board adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Administrator I