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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
NOVEMBER 9, 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: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille; Others: Peter Taylor, Elizabeth Cote, Anthony Otis, Barbara Mulholland, Ellen Grimes and George Richardson.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the October 12, 2011 meeting were approved as written.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Case Manager's Report:

2011-87 – Ms. Vallie presented this case for closure. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Langfeldt, to close this case. Approved.

2010-517 – Dr. Pantzar presented this case for closure. Dr. Langfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Lavoie, to close this case. Approved.

2010-469 – Dr. Pantzar presented this case for closure. Dr. Lavoie moved, seconded by Dr. Langfeldt, to close this case. Approved.

Carla Preston, Case Manager updated the Board on its case load. She stated that there are 32 cases currently pending: 3 were just closed; 2 are in intake; 9 are ready for I-Team meetings; 3 have been charged, and 15 are under investigation.

4. Old Business
  - A. Ellen Grimes came to speak with the Board regarding the modification of 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 stated that this current draft of the statutes is to create statutes that are easier to read and understand. It is not the Board's intent at this time to change any policy, but to clarify the information with one exception being to the statutes that govern ownership of a dental practice. The Board, in the future, will review the statutes again to include more substantial changes.

Ellen Grimes also spoke to the Board regarding the use of injectable local anesthesia by candidates taking a dental hygiene licensure examination. The Board believes that the new statutes will address this issue.

Barbara Mulholland also spoke with the Board with suggestions on behalf of the VDHA for revisions to the statutes. Specifically, consideration to remove the wording "for hygiene purposes only"; to remove the requirement of tracking 50 local anesthesia injections within 5 years to maintain the local anesthetic endorsement; and that they support VTC's request to have the supervision changed from direct to general for administering local anesthesia.

The Board reviewed all statute changes and reviewed the comments submitted by the Vermont Dental Society. Changes were made. Attorney Novins will present the Board and others with an updated version to be reviewed at its December meeting.

5. The Board adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille