



Board of Dental Examiners

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Unapproved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, December 8th, 2021 at 9:00a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M., by Dr. Ruhl

Members Present: Robert Ruhl, William Koch, Elizabeth Merrill, Lucille Kelly, Cheryl Ullman and Mimi Kevan.

Members Absent: David Baasch & Linda Greaves.

OPR Personnel Present: Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; and Corey Young, Licensing Administrator.

Guests: Diane Dumas, Cheyanne Warren, Heather Blair, Patrick Gallivan, Anubhav Jain and Debora Teixeira

2. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Ms. Kelly moved to approve the minutes of November 10th, 2021 as presented. Ms. Kevan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discipline: None

4. Other Business:

- a. The Board reviewed two § 601(2)(B) applications from graduates of public health specialty programs.
 - Dr. Koch moved that the Board table the matter to January in order to establish a consistent program-acceptance policy going forward. Ms. Merrill seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
 - Mr. Gilman distributed to members two .xls files containing tabular data collected by Mr. Bruce describing the characteristics of CODA-accredited specialty programs. These may be helpful in understanding the impacts and effects of different program-acceptance policies.
 - It was agreed that OPR staff would reach out to VDH Oral Health with the goal of preparing recommended policy options for program acceptance, for further discussion and deliberation at the January meeting.

- b. Ms. Warren asked the Board for clarification on questions of dental therapist practice scope. There was a consensus that the 1,000 hours of supervised clinical practice required by § 614 is a threshold to be met “before a dental therapist may enter into his or her first collaborative agreement” to independently perform acts within the full scope of dental therapy practice; however, the 1,000 hours need not be completed for a Dental Therapist to perform dental hygiene care.

5. Public Comment:

- a. Cheyanne Warren advised that a Minnesota DT may be interested in licensure in Vermont and inquired as to the timeline for application. Mr. Gilman advised that the online application is complete and operating, and the State is ready to issue DT licenses to qualified applicants. Applicants with questions are encouraged to reach out to Mr. Young.

6. Adjournment:

After inviting public comment, Dr. Ruhl adjourned the meeting at 9:59am.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, January 12th, 2022
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