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APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
OCTOBER 8, 2014 MEETING

Present: Jennie Kendall, John Lavoie, Edward Pantzar, Randall Miller, Joanne Bugbee, Gerald Theberge, Katherine Silloway, and Mimi Kevan; Absent: David Baasch and Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Christopher Winters, Larry Novins, Peter Comart, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Robin Miller.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the September 10, 2014 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:
 - a. M2014-70 (2001-41) Roger Hirschberg – A Modification Order was reviewed. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to accept the Modification Order. Approved. Dr. Theberge abstained from voting.
 - b. 2011-281 – Jennifer Sheehan – Hearing was continued.
 - c. Closing reports:

2014-354 and 2014-355 – Dr. Lavoie presented these cases for closure. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to close these cases. Approved.

2013-664 – Dr. Lavoie presented this case for closure. Dr. Pantzar moved, seconded by Dr. Theberge, to close this case. Approved.

2013-493 – Ms. Kendall presented this case for closure. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Pantzar, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report:

Ms. Preston reported that the Board has 26 pending cases. 1 is on hold; 9 are ready for Investigative Team meetings; 1 is set for hearing, 4 the Investigative Team met and recommended they be closed, 1 is under appeal, 7 are with the investigators and 3 are pending charges.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Sam Petrone submitted an email to the Board asking if a patient is seen by another dentists (their dentist), other than the supervising dentist, for dental care that is encouraged by the dental hygienist, is it necessary for the supervision dentist to review the records. The Board responded that the supervising dentist reviews the records of the dental hygienist under general supervision. The Board stated that she should be mindful that according to statutes and rules, a dental hygienist may perform tasks under general supervision of a licensed dentist only in "public or private schools or institutions." She should refer to 26 V.S.A. §624 and Board Administrative Rules 2.1(n) and 10.2(b).
 - b. Melisa Porter submitted a request for continuing education approval for an educational session, Dental Team Educational Meeting. The Board determined that 1.5 continuing education credits can be granted for the Health through Oral Wellness portion of the session.
6. Other
 - a. Attorney Novins presented the Board with a letter to the Dean and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at Boston University notifying them that the Board will not grant a license to any individual who is not yet, "a graduate of a dental college accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association." The Board requests that they notify their students who may be interested in licensure in Vermont that they will be eligible for licensure only

when they have received their degree from their dental college. The Board hopes that they will be able to accommodate the needs of their well-qualified students and ensure their prompt eligibility for licensure.

- b. Director Christopher Winters came before the Board to discuss the budget. The recommendation: The ratio has decreased by a full point in last year. The fund balance will be almost gone by FY2021. The Board should consider a minor increase to fees in 2015. Director Winters will come back before the Board in 2015 to determine if an increase will be needed after the 2015 renewal cycle.
 - c. Director Winters sent a notice to the members of the Dental Board of a Prescribing Professions Opioid Summit that is being planned for early November.
 - d. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for November 12th.
7. Public Comment:
- Robin Miller spoke to the Board about the opioid addiction in Vermont. She stated that a meeting will be held on October 16 in Burlington to discuss dentists prescribing practices and invited the Board to attend.
8. The Board adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist