

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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MONTPELIER, VT

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
JUNE 10, 2015 MEETING

Present: David Baasch, John Lavoie, Randall Miller, Gerald Theberge, Mimi Kevan, Dixie Vallie, Katherine Silloway and Sally Buell; Absent: Jennie Kendall and Edward Pantzar; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Diane Lafaille, Carla Preston, Larry Novins and George Belcher. Others Present: Vaughn Collins.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m.
2. The minutes of the April 8, 2015 meeting were approved with a minor correction.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals:
 - a. M2014-70 – Dr. Roger Hirschberg – Petition for Modification of Board Condition #4 – Required Coursework. The Board heard a Petition for Modification of Board Condition #4 – Required Coursework. The Board conditionally approved the modification once the word physician has been changed to dentist. Approved.
 - b. 2012-651 – Dr. Ronald Scott DeBruin – Stipulation and Consent Order. The Board heard a Stipulation and Consent Order. Dr. Theberge moved, seconded by Dr. Lavoie, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved.
 - c. 2013-603 – Dr. William McDonald – Review of continuing education documenting completion of a course “Concepts in Dental Risk Management”, which has been completed. This will go to the Investigative Team. The Board does not need to take any action.
4. Case Manager’s Report:

Ms. Preston reported that the Board has 24 pending cases. 1 is under appeal, 8 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 5 have been recommended for closing, 6 are with investigators, 3 are pending hearing and 1 charges are pending.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Jessica Hacker wrote to petition the Board for acceptance of the licensure examination administered by the National Dental Examining Board of Canada for licensure to practice dentistry in Vermont in lieu of a regional exam. The Board finds that this exam is not patient based. There is no clinical examination (live patient). Vermont rules require this. Therefore, the Board is unable to accept this exam at this time.
 - b. Nancy DuMont emailed the Board that in New Hampshire their certified public health dental hygienist can do “interim therapeutic restorations” in the schools. She is wondering if their supervising dentists for their Vermont schools would be able to offer this service in Vermont. The Board responded that under current Board Rules this is not a permitted practice. The Board is not considering a change to its statutes and rules at this time.
 - c. Laura Remick submitted a request for continuing education credit for the workshop, “Cultural and Linguistic Competency Training”. The Board has approved 1 non-clinical continuing education credit for both dental hygienists and dentists. The Board suggests that she may want to contact ADA if she would like full approval for this course.
 - d. The Board’s next meeting is scheduled for July 8th.
6. Public Comment
7. The Board adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist