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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
MAY 9, 2012 MEETING**

Present: Richard Dickinson, Chair, Katherine Silloway, Raymond McCandless, Joanne Bugbee, Gertrude Hodge, Dixie Vallie, Randall Miller, John Lavoie, John Langfeldt, Edward Pantzar and Jennie Reed; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Beth Ladd, Susan Maynard, Jennifer Hinchey, Stephanie Knight, and Rubina Turdieva.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. The minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting were approved as written.
3. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Manager's Report:

2012-157 – Dr. Peter Gray – A Motion to Dismiss Specification of Charges and to Reconsider Summary Suspension was heard at 9:15 a.m. The Board requested that the State and Dr. Gray's attorney work on a written agreement for the Board's consideration at its June meeting.

Robert Schmidt, DMD – Request for removal of conditions. Dr. Langfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to remove the conditions from Dr. Schmidt's license. Approved.

Case Managers Report:

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported that the Board has 41 pending cases. 9 are ready for an Investigative Team meeting; 24 are under investigation; 2 are ready for closing, 1 is in intake, 3 charges have been filed and 2 charges are pending.

4. New Business
 - a. Dr. Ellis Hall asked the Board if it would accept continuing education certification, if issued by the NERB in conjunction with the development and administration of dental and dental hygiene licensing examination. The Board stated that it would accept this.
 - b. After receiving inquiries from the dental hygiene profession regarding the definition of clinical dental hygiene continuing education, the Board has defined it as "Clinical or didactic dental or dental hygiene subject areas" shall mean a hands-on or didactic (lecture based) course that has significant intellectual or practical content and is designed to directly enhance the dental hygienist's knowledge and skill in providing clinical care to the individual patient. This will be put on the Board's website as well.

5. Old Business

- a. The Board reviewed additional documentation submitted for deficient audits of renewal.
- b. Ms. Vallie presented the Board with a draft of a Jurisprudence examination for dental assistants. This will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting. Attorney Novins stated that this will take a statutory change and he will add this to the Office Bill for next year if the Board decides to administer this exam.
- c. Attorney Novins informed the Board that the OPR Bill had gone through the House and Senate. It is now waiting for Governor Shumlin's signature.

6. The Board adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist