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**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
OCTOBER 10, 2012 MEETING**

Present: Katherine Silloway, Chair, Raymond McCandless, Gertrude Hodge, John Lavoie, John Langfeldt, Joanne Bugbee, Randall Miller, Edward Pantzar, Dixie Vallie and Richard Dickinson; Absent: Jennie Reed; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Christopher Winters, Larry Novins, Peter Comart, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille. Others Present: Ellen Grimes.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.
2. The minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. Director Winters acknowledged Dr. Langfeldt for his dedicated service to the Board and the public. Today is Dr. Langfeldt's last meeting.

Dr. Dickinson and Raymond McCandless' terms end December 31, 2012.

Director Winters discussed the budget. The ratio has decreased slightly. This will continue to be monitored and a fee increase will be considered in 2015.

The Office of Professional Regulation submitted a survey regarding OPR personnel. The Board asked Director Winters of the results of this survey. He stated that he hasn't shared the results with members of the staff and he will take more to the Board about the results once he has done this.

4. Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Langfeldt, to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Approved.
5. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports/Removals/Case Manager's Report:

Case Managers Report:

Carla Preston, Case Manager, reported that the Board has 45 pending cases (3 are waiting for response), 1 is in intake, 7 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 4 have been recommended for closing, 23 are under investigation, 2 charges have been filed and 2 are pending charges.

6. New Business
  - a. Joshua Bratt, DMD sent the Board a letter asking if his residence program could be used toward the continuing education requirements. Board rules to not require that a dentist show proof of continuing education until they have held a license for a full two years. Because his license was issued in May of 2012 he is not required to show proof of continuing education until the next renewal cycle, October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015. All continuing education must be

completed within the renewal cycle, which means he would not be able to apply these credits to the October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013 renewal.

- b. Dr. Thomas Chadwick emailed the Board asking if an anesthesia permit was needed for a dental hygienist to administer Oraqix. The Board replied that the rules and statutes do not address topical anesthesia. Local anesthesia does require a special endorsement for dental hygienists.
  - c. Lori S. from Wendel Family Dental Care wrote the Board asking if their Intravenous Moderate Sedation Course could be considered for approval for the doctors of Vermont. The Board responded that it does not approve programs. They refer her to Board rule 5.11 for what types of programs the Board does accept.
  - d. Leanna Talotta, RDH applied for local anesthesia privileges. She has completed an approved program, but has not yet completed the NERB written examination. This will be required before the privilege can be added to her dental hygiene license.
  - e. Dr. James Gold wrote the Board requesting an exemption so 4<sup>th</sup> year dental student externs can provide routine dental hygiene procedures, not general dental procedures, under the general supervision of a licensed dentist. The Board responded that at this moment there are not any rules or statutes that have an exemption to allow for interns to practice in the capacity outside of what is in the current statutes, Section 563 (3) (C), which states, “participates in a supervised externship program authorized by a dental school recognized by the board in order to provide dental treatment under the direct supervision of a dentist licensed under the provisions of this chapter.” The Legislature has not given the Board the authority to waive or make exemptions to the statutory requirements.
7. Correspondence
- a. NERB – 2013 Annual Meeting – Dr. Dickinson will be attending.
8. Other
- The Board wishes Dr. Langfeldt well and thanks him for his dedicated service to the Board and the public he served.
9. The Board adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist