

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE  
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS  
OCTOBER 14, 2009 MEETING**

Present: John Lavoie, Chair, Edward Pantzar, John Langfeldt, Raymond McCandless, Katherine Silloway, Linda Retchin and Richard Dickinson; Absent: Gertrude Hodge. Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Larry Novins and Diane Lafaille; Others: Peter Taylor and Rebecca MacDonald.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m.
2. The Board observed a moment of silence in memory of Rena Chernick.
3. The minutes of the September 9, 2009 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
4. Hearings/Stipulations/Closing Reports
  - A. 2008-189 – Dr. Ronald Dell’ Amore – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Langfeldt, to approve this Stipulation and Consent Order subject to correction of adding the name of the Board at the top of the Order and correcting the docket number. Approved. Ms. Retchin recused herself.
  - B. 2008-188 – Jennifer Day – A Stipulation and Consent Order was heard. Dr. Langfeldt moved, seconded by Dr. Dickinson, to approve the Stipulation and Consent Order. Approved. Ms. Retchin recused herself.
5. Old Business
  - A. The Dental Hygiene Jurisprudence examination update – tabled until the Board’s November meeting.
  - B. Template to use when setting up conditions in a Stipulation and Consent Order – tabled until the Board’s November meeting. The Board would like Gregg Meyer, Prosecuting Attorney to be part of the discussion when reviewing this.
  - C. AAOMR letter regarding CBCT. Dr. Pantzar update the Board. He stated that per the Radiologic Technology Board dental hygienist does not need a license to operate this equipment. A dental assistant, who has completed courses in this, can also operate this equipment. Dr. Pantzar is gathering additional information and will report back to the Board at its November meeting.
  - D. Judi Wilson submitted a letter regarding IV star ts by surgical assistants. Dr. Pantzar is gathering information and will report back to the Board at its November meeting.
  - F. Proposed Rule Changes –
 

Dr. Dickinson moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to make the following changes to the Proposed Rules and then have Attorney Novins file them with the Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR ):

- 4.4 Take "In Vermont" out as this created an inequity between dentists previously licensed in Vermont and dentists previously licensed in other jurisdictions.
- 4.5 The Board added to (a) The Board... who "meetst here requirements of Rule 4.1(d)" and...

Approved. Ms. Retchin abstained from voting.

6. New Business

- A. The Board received an e-mail from Elizabeth Kunkel of the New Jersey Attorney General's Office for the Board of Dentistry asking if there have been inactions regarding legislation, regulation, or case law regarding action to limit the practice of teeth whitening to dentists. The Board responded that legislation does not exist.
- B. Julia Solooki, Director of Operations of Oral Health Enrichment contacted Dr. Dickinson about the Board's use of this organization to help dentists who have been sanctioned by the Board and required to complete courses or handson training. They would tailor a course to fit the Board's needs or if a handson course is mandated by the Board, they would sponsor this. The Board would like additional information. They would like to know whether they are approved by ADA or CODA; a list of others who they are approved by. If approved, the Board could get references from and whether the degree is. Dr. Dickinson will update the Board at its November meeting.
- C. Deb Wilcox from the Vermont Department of Health e-mailed the Board asking if it was within the scope of practice for dentists licensed in Vermont to provide vaccinations. The Board responded that there are certainly dentists who have the skill and training and willingness to administer immunizations, however, this medical procedure appears to be outside the scope of practice for dentists set by the legislature.
- D. It was noted that a Laser Task Force committee has been developed. Drs. Lavoie and Pantzar would like to be updated via e-mail of the meetings that are being held. Attorney Novins will notify Christopher Winters, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, of this.

7. Miscellaneous

- A. The Board received an e-mail asking if orthodontic jaw wiring for weight control was within the scope of Dentistry. The Board responded by directing them to the Board's laws and rules and stated that the statutes and rules do not address the question of orthodontic jaw wiring for weight control and the Board is not authorized to issue an advisory opinion. This was not addressed.
- B. Dr. Theodore Polgars submitted a copy of the Surgeon General's Report on Oral Health in America. Each member received a copy.
- C. Dr. Theodore Polgars submitted a letter regarding the role of dental hygienists as an integral member of the oral health team and their importance to the oral health of Vermonters. This was noted.

8. Public Comment

- A. Rebecca MacDonald commented on there being 7 public health contracts. The Board would like to review the contracts at its next meeting.

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The Board adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Lafaille