

OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
October 11, 2017 MEETING

Present: Gerald Theberge, Robert Ruhl, David Baasch, Elizabeth Merrill, William Koch, Jennie Kendall, Randall Miller, Sally Buell, Katherine Silloway, Mimi Kevan and Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: S. Lauren Hibbert, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille; Others present: John Lavoie, Heather Blair, Falko Schilling and Michelle Fay.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. The minutes of the September 13, 2017 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. Closing Reports:
 - 2017-140 – Dr. Miller presented this case closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2017-89 – Ms. Kevan presented this case for closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2017-204 – Dr. Silloway presented this case for closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2016-497 – Dr. Theberge presented this case for closure. Dr. Silloway moved, seconded by Ms. Kendall, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2017-172 – Dr. Baasch presented this case for closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2016-650, 2016-651 and 2016-652 – Dr. Theberge presented these cases for closure. Dr. Ruhl moved, seconded by Ms. Buell, to close these cases. Approved.
 - 2016-379 – Dr. Miller presented this case for closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Kevan, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2015-367 – Dr. Baasch presented this case for closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Dr. Ruhl, to close this case. Approved.
 - 2017-19 – Dr. Theberge presented this case for closure. Ms. Kendall moved, seconded by Ms. Merrill, to close this case. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report:

The Board has 60 pending cases. 2 are on hold, 15 the Investigative Team has recommended closure, 1 case is in intake, 13 are ready for Investigative Team meetings, 13 are with investigators and 16 are pending charges.

5. Correspondence:
 - a. Diane Mortier emailed the Board asking if she can use Oraqix for SRP and periodontal patients without being certified in anesthesia. The Board responded yes, she can.
 - b. Lisa Sullivan emailed the Board stating that they would like to start going to the local school to teach dental hygiene and are looking to purchase a mobile chair unit so they can perform dental exams, x-rays, sealants and possibly cleanings. She asked if there was anything they need to do with the state before they go into the schools. The Board recommends that the rules be reviewed that govern the profession. Specifically, Rule 7.2 and Part 10. It was also recommended that they contact Robin Miller at the Department of Health.
 - c. Leslie Thomson emailed the Board that she is interested in providing on-site dental hygiene services to residents at nursing homes. She asked if a dentist would need to be onsite for direct supervision or can a dentist agree to general supervision. The Board responded that she needs to renew her Vermont dental hygiene license and that she should review the General Supervision Agreement which is located in Part 10 of the Rules.
 - d. Elizabeth Cote submitted a request for ceu approval. Dr. Koch moved, seconded by Dr. Silloway, to approve 3 credits for the course entitled, "2017 Bridging the Divide: From Autonomy to Teamwork". Approved.
6. Other:
 - a. Dr. John Lavoie attended the meeting to present an ADEX update.
 - b. Dr. Ruhl updated the Board on the subcommittee for the anesthesia guidelines.
 - c. The Board worked on re-drafting of rules.
 - d. New anesthesia guidelines – Members of the Board will meet with the subcommittee at 3:30 p.m.
 - e. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2017.
7. Public Comment
8. The Board adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist