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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
VERMONT BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
APRIL 11, 2018 MEETING

Present: Gerald Theberge, Robert Ruhl, Sally Buell, Elizabeth Merrill, William Koch, Jennie Kendall, Randall Miller, Mimi Kevan, David Baasch and Cheryl Ullman; Absent: Dixie Vallie; Office of Professional Regulation Personnel: Lauren Hibbert, Carla Preston, and Diane Lafaille; Others present: Ellen Grimes, Diane Dumas, Robin Miller, Kelly Bachiochi, Rosemary Woshy, Michelle Fay, and Falko Schilling.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.
2. The Board welcomes Cheryl Ullman, DMD to the Board.
3. The minutes of January 10, 2018 were approved with two corrections. Number 4, letter d, second sentence, should read statutes and rules instead of laws and rules. Number 4, letter e, should read Glenn Gregory, not Glenn Nesbit. Approved.
4. Case Manager's Report: Ms. Preston reported that there are 60 cases pending. The Board expressed its frustration with the new system. They are not able to see the cases sent to them. They get locked out repeatedly and need to change their password every time they go in. Ms. Preston assured them that issues were being addressed and they should notice a difference soon.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Dr. Ellen Grimes sent the Board a letter stating that in November of 2018 they will be undergoing a site visit by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation. The Commission looks for what duties are required for initial licensure. Dr. Grimes included items that are in question. Ms. Reed moved, seconded by Dr. Ruhl that the items in question do not need to be taught to clinical competency for initial licensure. Approved.
 - b. Zaher Jabbour submitted an email to the Board stating that he is looking to become licensed as a dentist in Vermont. He has not taken a US Regional Board exam that is approved by the Board, but he has passed the Canadian Clinical Judgment and Clinical Skills exams (on manikins) as well as the Canadian OSCE Exam. The Board determined that the Canadian Board exam and the OSCE Exam are not substantially equal to a Regional Board exam that is currently approved by the Board. Attorney Hibbert was requested to respond to Dr. Jabbour.
 - c. Mouayed K. Karem-Hamid wrote the Board requesting a letter for approval to sit for the CDCA. The Board responded that it does not approve people to sit for specific exams.
6. Other:
 - a. Statutory changes for Title 3 regarding foreign trained is in the OPR Bill and if passed by Legislature and signed by the Governor, will become law effective July 1, 2018.
 - b. Srishti Tody submitted an application for licensure as a dentist. It was determined that because she has not completed a minimum of one year of study in a school of dentistry accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, resulting in the awarding of a dental degree (D.D.S. or D.M.D.) by that institution, it is not able to grant her a license. The Board has submitted legislation that

may be of benefit to her if passed. If passed, this legislation would become effective July 1, 2018. The Board agrees to hold her application and review it again at its July meeting if she wishes. Otherwise, the Board will need to preliminarily deny the application.

- c. Robin Miller, Kelly Bachiochi and Rosemary Wosky of the Vermont Department of Health came to speak with the Board regarding two items.

The first was to discuss a mailing to go to dentists and dental hygienists letting them know about the Department's Health Alert Network and that additional information will be sent to them regarding enrolling into this Network. Ms. Miller and Attorney Hibbert will work together to draft this letter. Attorney Hibbert stated that the Office of Professional Regulation could send this letter out.

The second was to discuss a survey created by the Department of Health to be submitted to dental professionals with questions regarding continuing education and mandated infection control. The Board was fine with this survey being sent.

- d. Attorney Hibbert notified the Board that closing reports will no longer be submitted to the Board for closure. She explained that ultimately the decision whether a case is prosecuted or not is up to the prosecutor with the advice of the professional that is on the case. They decide if a case should be closed. The Board can obtain a report on what complaints have been closed, but these will no longer be placed on an agenda for board review.
- e. Dr. Theberge discussed with the Board the changes that have occurred with the WREB examination. It was determined that the Board would like to meet with representatives from each regional board that is currently accepted by the Board. The Board would also like Dr. John Lavoie to be in attendance. Dr. Theberge will look into coordinating this meeting.
- f. Dr. Theberge reported on the Annual CDCA meeting.
- g. Dr. Ruhl updated the Board on the progress of the anesthesia guidelines.
- h. The Board worked on draft rules.
- i. The local anesthesia sub-committee will be meeting today at 3:30. p.m.
- j. The Board's next meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2018.

7. Public Comment

8. The Board adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Diane Lafaille, Licensing Board Specialist