UNAPPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "A"

TIME AND PLACE:	Special Conference Committee "A" convened on October 3, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
FIRST CONFERENCE:	9:00 a.m.
PRESIDING:	Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Surya P. Dhakar, D.D.S. Bruce S. Wyman, D.M.D.
STAFF PRESENT:	Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager LaTonya Hucks, Adjudication Specialist
QUORUM:	All three members of the Committee were present.
Farah Farhoumand, D.D.S. **Case No.: 152947**	Dr. Farhoumand appeared with counsel, Douglas M. Coleman, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated July 10, 2014. The Committee received statements from Dr. Farhoumand and Mr. Coleman and discussed the allegations with them.
Closed Meeting:	Dr. Dhakar moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Farah Farhoumand. Additionally, Dr. Dhakar moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Hucks attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.
Reconvene:	Dr. Dhakar moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION:
Case No.: 152947

Ms. Hucks reported that the Committee found that Dr. Farhoumand practiced outside the scope of her education, training, and experience on two occasions, including August 26, 2013 when she authorized 120 dosage units with 6 refills, when she telephonically ordered prescriptions for Individual A for lamotrigine, a Schedule VI controlled substance used by Individual A for approximately 20 years to treat his depression.

The sanction reported by Ms. Hucks was that Dr. Farhoumand shall pay a $1,000.00 monetary penalty.

Dr. Wyman moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

SECOND CONFERENCE: 10:35 a.m.

PRESIDING: Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Surya P. Dhakar, D.D.S.
Bruce S. Wyman, D.M.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Kelley W. Palmatier, Deputy Executive Director
Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager
LaTonya Hucks, Adjudication Specialist

QUORUM: All three members of the Committee were present.

Moutaz H. Abdeen, D.D.S.
Case No.: 148053

Dr. Abdeen appeared with counsel, Kenneth C. Hirtz, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated September 3, 2014. The Committee received statements from Dr. Abdeen and Mr. Hirtz and discussed the allegations with them.

Closed Meeting:

Dr. Dhakar moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Moutaz H. Abdeen. Additionally, Dr. Dhakar moved that Ms. Palmatier, Ms. Lee, and Ms. Hucks attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and their presence will aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and passed.

Reconvene:

Dr. Dhakar moved that the Committee certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was

convened. The motion was seconded and passed.

DECISION:
Case No.: 148053

Ms. Hucks reported that the Committee found that while providing treatment to Patient A, Dr. Abdeen failed to perform an endodontic evaluation or provide a referral to a specialist, despite the fact that Patient A complained of continual pain throughout the crown delivery procedure for teeth #18 and 19.

The Committee also found that Dr. Abdeen permanently cemented the crowns on teeth #18 and 19, although Patient A informed him that she had pain associated with the teeth; and according to Dr. Abdeen's own records, Patient A was very uncooperative, angry, and crying during the process.

The Committee further found the x-ray taken of Patient A's temporary crowns on teeth #18 and 19 showed excessive remaining temporary cement.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Hucks were that Dr. Abdeen shall pay a $3,000.00 monetary penalty; and that within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order he shall successfully complete a 7 hour continuing education course in endodontics and 4 hours of continuing education in risk management.

Dr. Wyman moved to adopt the decision of the Committee. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Wyman, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on July 18, 2014 and August 29, 2014 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Tammy K. Swecker, R.D.H., Chair

Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

Date

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