UNAPPROVED

BOARD OF DENTISTRY

MINUTES
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE "C"

TIME AND PLACE:	Special Conference Committee "C" convened on January 6, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, VA 23233.
FIRST CONFERENCE:	10:00 a.m.
PRESIDING:	Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S.
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Surya P. Dhakar, D.D.S.
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Misty Mesimer, R.D.H.
STAFF PRESENT:	Alan Heaberlin, Deputy Executive Director Donna Lee, Discipline Case Manager Shevaun Roukous, Adjudication Specialist Indy Toliver, Adjudication Specialist
QUORUM:	With two members present, a quorum was established.
Keith E. Vaughan, DDS **Case No.: 138991**	Dr. Vaughan appeared without counsel to discuss the allegation set forth in a Notice of the Board dated October 18, 2011. The Committee received statements from Dr. Vaughan and discussed the allegation with him.
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 Keith E. Vaughan. Additionally, Dr. Dhakar moved that Mr. Heaberlin, Ms. Lee, Ms. Roukous and Ms. Toliver 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.: 138991

Ms. Roukous reported that the Committee found Dr. Vaughan failed to diagnose decay on Patient A's tooth #27.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Roukous were that within 6 months from the date of entry of the Order, Dr. Vaughan shall successfully complete not less than 4 hours of continuing education in risk management and be assessed a $500 monetary penalty.

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

SECOND CONFERENCE: 11:15 a.m.

PRESIDING: Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Surya P. Dhakar, D.D.S.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Misty Mesimer, R.D.H.

QUORUM: With two members present, a quorum was established.

Charles A. Varipapa, DDS
Case No.: 138045

Dr. Varipapa appeared with counsel, Gerald C. Canaan, II, to discuss the allegations set forth in a Notice of the Board dated December 7, 2011. The Committee received statements from Dr. Varipapa and discussed the allegations with him. Dr. Michael O'Shea and Patient A also addressed the Committee.

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 Charles A. Varipapa. Additionally, Dr. Dhakar moved that Mr. Heaberlin, Ms. Lee, Ms. Roukous and Ms. Toliver 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.: 138045

Ms. Roukous reported that the Committee found Dr. Varipapa failed to include a diagnosis for Patient A in the record to justify the treatment rendered; failed to properly document the treatment rendered and all materials used.

Ms. Roukous also reported that the Committee found Dr. Varipapa failed to perform a periodontal evaluation prior to providing an upper denture and lower partial for Patient A; failed to remove decay prior to providing a lower partial; provided a lower partial to Patient A which invaded the biological width; and, that the tooth preparation design was poor.

Ms. Roukous further reported that the Committee found Dr. Varipapa failed to take a diagnostic radiograph prior to providing an upper denture and a lower partial for Patient A; and failed to include his address on multiple work orders for Patient A's upper denture and lower partial.

The sanctions reported by Ms. Roukous were that Dr. Varipapa be reprimanded; and, that he shall successfully complete 7 hours of continuing education in recordkeeping and risk management, 7 hours of continuing education in periodontal review to include pre-prosthetic evaluation, and 7 hours of continuing education in prosthodontic review on fixed and removable prostheses. Dr. Varipapa was also assessed a monetary penalty of $10,000.00.

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

Approval of Minutes:

Upon a motion by Dr. Dhakar, the minutes from the Informal Conference conducted on October 28, 2011 were approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all business concluded, the Committee adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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Jeffrey Levin, D.D.S., Chair

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Sandra K. Reen, Executive Director

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