

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room C, Hartford, Connecticut, on March 4, 2009,

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM
Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: H. Dexter Young

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

Dr. Dann called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. O'Neill was welcomed to her first meeting as a Board member

MINUTES – November 12, 2008

The November 12, 2008 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 31 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 10 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

Regarding the issue of the Newtown Animal Medical Center, Newtown, Connecticut that was reviewed at the last meeting, Mr. Griffin reported that the owner has been informed that his use of the term "medical center" is not in compliance with regulations. The owner will be changing the name.

LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Hubert Hopkinson, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0906-047-020

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Hubert Hopkinson, DVM. Attorney Beck Fineman was present by telephone conference on behalf of Dr. Hopkinson.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order placing Dr. Hopkinson's license on probation.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board reviewed bills that have been proposed during the current legislative session. Regarding Bill NO. 265 - AN ACT CONCERNING VETERINARIANS AND DRUG PRESCRIPTIONS. Dr. Gorra commented regarding the proposed requirement that a “veterinarian shall screen for any contraindications based on drug interactions or allergies and shall consult with the owner regarding the correct dosage and administration of the drug and any possible side effects.” Dr. Gorra stated that such screening cannot be realistically accomplished and if such screening was available it would significantly add to the cost of prescribing and dispensing medication. Dr Dann And Dr. Cianciolo agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room C, Hartford, Connecticut, on June 10, 2009,

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM
Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.
H. Dexter Young

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst

Dr. Dann called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES – March 4, 2009

The March 4, 2009 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 29 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 11 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

III. NEW BUSINESS

F. Robert Sava, DVM – Reinstatement Application

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst provided the Board with a reinstatement application for F. Robert Sava, DVM, License No. 000841. Dr. Sava was present.

Following review by the Board, Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, recommending that the license of Dr. Sava's be reinstated. The motion passed unanimously.

Lawrence Washington, DVM – Reinstatement Application

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst provided the Board with a reinstatement application for Lawrence Washington, DVM, License No. 001081. Dr. Washington was present.

Following review by the Board, Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, recommending that the license of Dr. Washington's be reinstated with the condition that he not engage in solo practice for the first six months of returning to practice. Dr. Washington is to practice in a setting in which there is at least one other licensed veterinarian. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Dann who was recused.

IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Robyn Harper, DVM – Petition No. 2007-0221-047-010

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Robyn Harper, DVM. Attorney John Pazzilo was present on behalf of Dr. Harper. Following extensive review and discussion Ms. O’Neill made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that the proposed Consent Order not be approved in that additional information is necessary for the Board to make an informed decision and that a hearing may be required. The motion passed unanimously.

Dennis J. Thibeault, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0221-047-011

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Dennis J. Thibeault, DVM. Attorney John Pazzilo was present on behalf of Dr. Thibeault. Following extensive review and discussion Ms. O’Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, that the proposed Consent Order not be approved in that additional information is necessary for the Board to make an informed decision and that a hearing may be required. The motion passed unanimously.

Rocco Frank, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0509-047-009

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Rocco Frank, DVM. Neither of Dr. Frank nor his attorney was present. Following review and discussion Mr. Young made a motion, seconded by Ms. O’Neill, that the proposed Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order placing Dr. Frank’s license on probation for six months.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room C, Hartford, Connecticut, on August 19, 2009,

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM
Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.
H. Dexter Young

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Theresa Cianciolo, DVM

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH
Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst

Dr. Dann called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

I. MINUTES – June 10, 2009

The June 10, 2009 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 26 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 10 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

Mr. Griffin reported that former Board member Richard Lau, DVM is now serving as a consultant for Department of Public Health investigations

III. New Business

Health Assistance interVention Education Network for
Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. Arnold Cary, DVM who serves on the program's medical review committee accompanied Attorney Dinnan. There are five veterinarians currently enrolled in the program because of substance abuse issue. There are 150 professionals enrolled in the program at this time

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

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Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM
Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.
H. Dexter Young

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

Dr. Dann called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

I. MINUTES – August 19, 2009

The August 19, 2009 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 25 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 10 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

A. Blaire Michael, VMD – Petition No. 2007-1113-047-026

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Blaire Michael, VMD. Respondent was present with representation.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Dann who was opposed. Dr. Dann signed the Order on behalf of the Board imposing a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

B. Stephen Tobin, DVM, – Petition No. 2007-1031-047-024

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephen Tobin, DVM. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to table this matter and recommended additional terms be added to the proposed Consent Order, specifically a period of probation; training regarding anesthesia techniques/pain management and that respondent not perform surgery until the training is completed. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Frank Palka, DVM, – Petition No. 2008-1125-047-037

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Frank Palka, DVM. Respondent was not present or represented.

Ms. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order on behalf of the Board imposing a reprimand and a six-month period of probation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Meeting dates for 2010

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2010:

January 27, 2009 (snow date February 3, 2010)

April 28, 2010

August 25, 2010

November 10, 2010

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

V. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys explained that the Department of Public Health and respondents in the matters of Robyn Harper, DVM – Petition No. 2007-0221-047-010 and Dennis J. Thibeault, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0221-047-011 are interested in a prehearing conference in an attempt to resolve these matters without the need for a hearing. Mr. Kardys explained the pre-hearing conference. It was the consensus of the Board that a pre-hearing conference was appropriate for these matters. Dr. Gorra will be the Board member designated to participate.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine