

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on January 24, 2007.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman  
Andrea Davis (Public Member)  
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM  
Richard E. Lau, DVM  
Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** None

***ALSO PRESENT:*** Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

**MINUTES – October 25, 2006**

Dr. Dann made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Investigations Update

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

B. An Act Concerning Patient Protection and Health Care Practitioner Security Fund

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present for this discussion.

Stanley Peck, Section Chief, Legal Office, Department of Public Health (DPH) provided an overview of legislation proposed by the DPH which would establish a confidential program for impaired health care practitioners licensed by the department; provide funding for DPH consultants; and provide funding to the DPH for medical record management in situations in which a practitioner has abandoned a practice. Mr. Peck stated that this legislation would result in a \$10.00 surcharge added to annual license renewals with the monies deposited in a designated fund.

Mr. Peck addressed questions from the Board.

**LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Brenda Romaniello, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0419-047-010

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brenda Romaniello, DVM. Neither Dr. Romaniello nor her attorney was present. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

B Ralph Schoemann, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0818-047-022

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a motion to withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter Dr. Schoemann. Attorney John Pezzillo was present on behalf of Dr. Schoemann. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to grant the Department's motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges filed in this matter. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

**NEW BUSINESS cont.**

**An Act Concerning Professional Assistance Program for Health Care Professionals**

Arnold Goldman, DVM on behalf of the Coalition of Health Care Professionals (Coalition) addressed the Board regarding proposed legislation for an assistance program for health care professionals.

Attorney Maureen Dinnan and Douglas Gibson, MD, Connecticut State Medical Society made a presentation outlining differences between the legislation proposed by the Coalition and that of the Department of Public Health.

Polly Barey, Connecticut Nurses Association (CNA) provided the CNA prospective.

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton spoke regarding the concerns of his office regarding the Coalition's proposal as it pertains to accountability. Specifically, the coalition proposal does not provide for accountability if an assistance program fails to refer a practitioner to the Department of Public Health in situations where the practitioner is not compliant with treatment/rehabilitation and/or otherwise becomes ineligible for participation in a program. Following discussion the Board expressed its support for the concept for an assistance program for health care professionals.

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that the Board lends its support to the Coalitions proposal.

Dr. Lau voted in favor of the motion. Dr Dann, Ms. Davis, Ms. Ralicki and Dr. Gorra were opposed.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, supporting the Department of Public Health proposal with a suggestion that the DPH and the Coalition towards a compromise bill. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lau who was opposed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 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 E, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 11, 2007.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman  
Andrea Davis (Public Member)  
Richard E. Lau, DVM

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** Ferris G. Gorra, DVM  
Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

***ALSO PRESENT:*** Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

**MINUTES – January 24, 2007**

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Thomas Marsh, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0510-047-012

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Thomas Marsh, DVM. Dr. Marsh was not present or represented. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 30 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. Most of these cases involve standard of care issues. Five cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and or action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 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 E, Hartford, Connecticut, on August 29, 2007.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman  
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM - *via phone*  
Richard E. Lau, DVM  
Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** None

***ALSO PRESENT:*** Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

**MINUTES – April 11, 2007**

Dr. Dann made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Jane M. Lewis, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0714-047-018

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jane M. Lewis, DVM. Dr. Lewis was not present or represented.

During discussion the Board recommended that a course in ethics to be completed within one year would be appropriate in this matter.

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Ralicki, to table this matter until the November 2007 meeting to allow the Department to communicate with respondent. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 28 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. In addition, 6 cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 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 E, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 7, 2007.

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***BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:*** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman  
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM  
Richard E. Lau, DVM  
Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

***BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:*** None

***ALSO PRESENT:*** Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

**MINUTES – August 29, 2007**

Dr. Dann made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Jane M. Lewis, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0714-047-018

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health reported that the Department of Public Health has been unsuccessful in resolving this matter with respondent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 25 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 6 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

B. Meeting dates for 2008

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2008:

January 30, 2008

April 9, 2008

August 20, 2008

November 5, 2008

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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