

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 23, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Alfredo Sanchez-Londono, DVM
Timothy Plunkett, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

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

I. Minutes – November, 2015

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. Department Of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 13 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 4 are being reviewed by consultants.

III. Old Business

Regulations for Veterinary Facilities

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales reported that the draft regulations are being reviewed internally.

IV. New Business

Memorandum of Decision Adel Saleh, D.V.M. - Petition No. 2014-389

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to adopt the decision which imposes probation for a period of nine months. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Cianciolo signed the decision.

V. Office of Legal Compliance

A. Meghan Kohlhepp, DVM – Petition No. 2014-395

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Attorney Liam West.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo signed the Order in which imposes probation for a period of nine months.

B. Ralph Padilla, DVM – Petition No. 2013-1212

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present nor represented.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo signed the Order in which imposes a reprimand, a \$5000.00 civil penalty and probation for one year.

VI. Adjournment

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut, on May 4, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Alfredo Sanchez-Londono, DVM
Timothy Plunkett, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

I. Minutes – February 23, 2016

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. Department Of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that since the last meeting, 6 cases have been dismissed following review by consultants. There are currently 13 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 5 are being reviewed by consultants.

III. Old Business

Regulations for Veterinary Facilities

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales reported that the draft regulations are being reviewed internally.

IV. New Business

Request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision

Memorandum of Decision Adel Saleh, D.V.M. - Petition No. 2014-389

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Board. Respondent was not present or represented. Staff Attorney Brittany Allen was present for the Department of Public Health and spoke in opposition to the request to modify the Memorandum of Decision.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to deny, without prejudice, respondent's request to modify the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Office of Legal Compliance

A. Richard Suhie, DVM – Petition No. 2013-1160

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Attorney Liam West.

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to adopt the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. O'Neill signed the Order in which imposes a reprimand.

VI. Fact-Finding

John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales provided counsel to the Board.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, that paragraphs 1, 2, 3a, 3b, and 3d of the Statement of Charges were proven by preponderance of the evidence presented and that said conduct is a violation of the standard of care which constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to §20-202(2) of the General Statutes.. Paragraph 3c of the charges was not proven and is dismissed. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, that respondent's license be placed on probation for a period of eighteen months during which time respondent must engage the services of a license veterinarian as a practice supervisor. The practice supervisor must submit evaluation reports to the Department of Public Health on a monthly basis for the first six months of the probationary period, quarterly for the remainder. In addition, Respondent's practice is permanently restricted such that he is prohibited from administering rabies vaccinations to any animal and that he is prohibited from delegating the rabies vaccination of any animal which is contradictory to the statutes, regulations or the standard of care for such vaccinations. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. Adjournment

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut, on August 3, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq. – *via telephone*
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Alfredo Sanchez-Londono, DVM
Timothy Plunkett, DVM

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Minutes – May 4, 2016

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. Department Of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that since the last meeting, 5 cases have been dismissed following review by consultants. Currently there are 9 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 4 are being reviewed by consultants.

III. Office of Legal Compliance

Sharon J. Eisen, DVM – Petition No. 2014-1111

Brittany Allen, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represent.

During discussion Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to table this matter to the next meeting. The motion passed with Mr. Bernhard abstaining.

IV. Schedule meeting date for September 2016

A meeting date was not scheduled at this time.

V. Office of Legal Compliance

Sharon J. Eisen, DVM – Petition No. 2014-1111

Dr. Plunkett made a motion to reopen discussion of the proposed Consent Order in this matter. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cianciolo and passed unanimously.

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. O'Neill signed the Order.

VI. Adjournment

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Third Floor, Hearing Room, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 2, 2016.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq., Chairperson
G. Kenneth Bernhard, Esq.
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Alfredo Sanchez-Londono, DVM
Timothy Plunkett, DVM – *via telephone*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Olinda Morales, Hearing Officer, DPH
Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Ms. O'Neill called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

I. Minutes – August 3, 2016

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

II. Department Of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that since the last meeting, 5 new cases have been opened. Currently there are 14 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH, of which 9 are being reviewed by consultants.

III. Office of Legal Compliance

Mark Baus, DVM - Petition No. 2015-068

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Liam West was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to approve the Consent Order as written. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. O'Neill signed the Order.

IV. Fact-Finding

John Robb, DVM - Petition No. 2012-1228

Hearing Officer Olinda Morales reported that upon the advice of the Office of the Attorney General the Board needs to reopen the fact-finding in this matter regarding the remedy that is to be imposed as well as to address respondent's special defenses and respondent's renewed motion to dismiss which was filed following the close of the hearing.

Mr. Bernhard arrived at 9:17 a.m.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to change the proposed discipline implementing a permanent practice restriction prohibiting the administration of rabies vaccinations to a twenty-five (25) year license probation during which respondent is prohibited from administering rabies vaccinations to any animal for the entire probationary period. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Special Defenses that were filed by respondent.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to deny special defense one. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to deny special defense two. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to deny special defense three. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Cianciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to deny special defense four. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to deny special defense five. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Plunkett made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to deny special defense six. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the renewed motion to dismiss filed by responded as part of his closing brief. Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to deny the motion to dismiss. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Schedule meeting dates for 2017

The following meeting dates, subject to change, were scheduled for 2017:

February 1, 2017

April 26, 2017

August 16, 2017

November 1, 2017

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

VI. New Business

Dr. Londono made a motion, seconded by Dr. Plunkett, to add to the agenda a discussion regarding language in §20-205. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bernhard made a motion, seconded by Dr. Londono, to seek advice from the Assistant Attorney General as to the following:

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 20-205 states in pertinent part that, “[t]he provision of this chapter shall not apply . . . to the owner of any animal or livestock or his or her employee while administering to such animal or livestock.” Does this statute permit owners of animals and livestock and their employees to perform surgery other veterinary medicine procedures on their animals without possessing a license to practice veterinary medicine in Connecticut.

The motion passed unanimously

VII. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

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