The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room I, Hartford, Connecticut, on January 12, 2000.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M. Cynthia Walstedt

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - OCTOBER 20, 1999

Dr. Gorra moved and Ms. Walstedt seconded that the minutes of October 20, 1999 be approved as written. The motion passed unanimously.

# SCHEDULING OF HEARING - ALAN FELDMAN, DVM, PETITION NO. 990817-047-019

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to schedule the hearing for Dr. Feldman on April 12, 2000 at 11:00 AM at the Department of Public Health in Conference Room I.

#### *ADJOURNMENT*

Dr. Lau moved and Dr. Gorra seconded that this meeting be adjourned at this time. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room I, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 12, 2000.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M. Cynthia Walstedt Michael Camilleri

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

ALSO PRESENT: Patricia Gerner, Assistant Attorney General

M.J. McCarthy, Staff Attorney, Legal Office

Donald Levenson, Hearing Officer

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES-JANUARY 12, 2000

Dr. Dann made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Camilleri who abstained.

# MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - PETITION No. 971008-047-022

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Sherif Lawendy, DVM. Dr. Gorra made a motion to approve the Decision. The motion passed with all favor except Mr. Camilleri who abstained.

# CONSENT ORDER RE: ALAN FELDMAN, D.V.M., - PETITION No. 990817-047-019

This Consent Order was referred back to the Department for clarification. After hearing from the Department, Dr. Lau made a motion to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously.

## FACT-FINDING, WILFREDO BARRIOSNUEVO, D.V.M. - PETITION No. 980203-047-002

The Board conducted Fact-Finding in this matter.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Dann moved that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on October 18, 2000.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M.

Michael Camilleri

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

Cynthia Walstedt

ALSO PRESENT: Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Legal Office

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - APRIL 12, 2000

Mr. Camilleri made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

# MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - WILFREDO BARRIOSNUEVO, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Wilfredo Barriosnuevo, DVM. Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, to have Chairman Dann sign the Decision. The motion passed with all favor. Dr. Dann signed the Memorandum of Decision.

# **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health, reported there are thirteen cases currently in the investigations stage of which eight are being reviewed by consultants.

The Board discussed the use of consultants. The Board requests that the Department of Public Health utilize outside consultants to review cases and act as expert witnesses. Board members should only be used as a last resort.

## DAVID MORDASKY, DVM - PETITION No. 990420-047-007

Staff Attorney Stephen Miltimore, presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Mordasky, DVM. Dr. Mordasky was not present or represented. Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# LORIN O'LEARY (UNLICENSED) - PETITION No. 2000-0112-000-003

Staff Attorney Stephen Miltimore, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Lorin O'Leary. Ms. O'Leary was not present or represented. Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

## RESCHEDULE BOARD MEETING

The final quarterly meeting of the Board for 2000 will be scheduled for either November 29, 2000 or December 6, 2000, depending on the availability of Board members.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Dann made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 29, 2000.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M. Cynthia Walstedt

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** NONE

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Alejandro Rodriguez-Santoni, Licensing Exam Specialist

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Dr. Dann.

# **MINUTES - OCTOBER 18, 2000**

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

# **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health, reported there are ten cases currently in the investigations stage of which five are being reviewed by consultants.

Since the last meeting of the Board, three cases have been dismissed following investigation by the Department of Public Health.

#### NORTH AMERICAN VETERINARY LICENSING EXAMINATION

Alejandro Rodriguez-Santoni, Licensing Examination Specialist, Department of Public Health, provided the Board with an overview of the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE).

Mr. Rodriguez-Santoni reported that the application/testing process has not changed, except that applicants can now take the examination within six (6) months of graduation. Once an applicant is approved to take the examination the applicant coordinates with the testing center as to the time and location for taking the examination. Sylvan Learning Center locations are where the examination is administered. The new examination does not effect the endorsement process.

Examination information can be obtained from the National Board Examination Committee for Veterinary Medicine at www.nbec.org.

# III. <u>MEETING DATES 2001</u>

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for the year 2001:

February 14, 2001 May 2, 2001 July 11, 2001 November 28, 2001

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

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room I, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 14, 2001.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

Cynthia Walstedt

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

#### MINUTES - November 29, 2000

Dr. Gorra made a motion seconded by Mr. Camilleri by to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

# **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are ten cases currently in the investigations stage of which five are being reviewed by consultants. Mr. Griffin asked for names of veterinarians who would be qualified to serve as consultants.

## PROPOSED LEGISLATION

The Board reviewed legislation which has been proposed during the current legislative session.

### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Alex Rodriguez, Licensing Examination Specialist, Department of Public Health provide the Board with an update on the most recent North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE). The November/December 2000 exam was the first time the examination was administered under the new format.

Mr. Rodriguez reported that six (6) applicants took and passed the examination. All six applicants will be graduating in May 2001. No negative feedback has been received concerning the new examination format.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Gorra made a motion seconded by Mr. Camilleri that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m..

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on May 2, 2001.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M. Cynthia Walstedt

**ALSO PRESENT:** Richard Lynch, Assistant Attorney General

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Jennifer Filippone, Health Program Supervisor

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Richard Goldman, Paralegal Specialist II

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

## MINUTES - February 14, 2001

Mr. Camilleri made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

#### 1. Request For Reinstatement - Amr Wasfi

Assistant Attorney General Richard Lynch was present to advise the Board. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Wasfi was also present. Following discussion, Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that the Board not consider Dr. Wasfi's request for a reinstatement hearing at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Wilfredo Barriosnuevo, DVM

Richard Goldman, Paralegal Specialist II, Department of Public Health presented proposed coursework, submitted by Wilfredo Barriosnuevo, DVM, towards fulfillment of a continuing education requirement as ordered by the Board in a Memorandum of Decision. The Board recommends that Dr. Barriosnuevo obtain more coursework or experience in the area of record keeping and management.

# 3. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are fifteen cases currently in the investigations stage of which three are being reviewed by consultants. The process by which a Board member reviews cases for the Department of Public Health was discussed. Mr. Griffin made another request for names of veterinarians who would be qualified to serve as consultants for the Department.

### 4. Model Practice Act

The Board reviewed a model practice act as drafted by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). The Board commented that the AAVSB is willing to hear recommendations regarding the practice act even though the Board has no privileges with the AAVSB.

# ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

# Proposed Legislation

Jennifer Fillipone, Health Program Supervisor, Department of Public Health provided the Board with an update on Substitute House Bill No. 5684, an Act Concerning Veterinary Technicians. The Board is opposed to the legislation as written. The Board sent a letter to the co-chairs of the Public Health Committee expressing its concerns.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on July 11, 2001.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Camilleri

Cynthia Walstedt

**ALSO PRESENT:** State Representative, Mary McGrattan

Debra Turcotte, Director, Health Systems Regulation Jennifer Filippone, Health Program Supervisor

Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison, DPH

Simon Flynn, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association Stewart Beckett III, DVM, CT Veterinary Medical Association Nancy Klaffky, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Stephen Miltimore, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 9:20 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - May 2, 2001

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## 1. Request For Reinstatement - Amr Wasfi

Dr. Wasfi was present. Staff Attorney Stephen Miltimore was present for the Department of Public Health.. The Board entertained discussion from Dr. Wasfi and Attorney Miltimore Following discussion the Board commented that Dr. Wasfi has not yet provided any information to support his claim that he has made an effort to rectify the conduct which resulted in the revocation of his license. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that the Board deny Dr. Wasfi's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

# 2. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are eighteen cases currently in the investigations stage of which thirteen are being reviewed by consultants. Mr. Griffin stated that the Department currently has twenty-five veterinarians from all parts of the state who have agreed to serve as consultants for the Department of Public Health.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

# Proposed Legislation - Veterinary Technician

State Representative Mary McGrattan, as well as Simon Flynn; Stewart Beckett III, DVM; and , Nancy Klaffky of Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association were present to discuss proposed legislation regarding veterinary technicians. The Board also heard comments regarding the Department of Public Health's position regarding this legislation from Debra Turcotte, Director, Health Systems Regulation and Karen Buckley-Bates, Legislative Liaison.

The Board will be given an update on this legislation at the November meeting.

### **Model Practice Act**

The Board reviewed a model practice act as drafted by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB).

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Lau, D.V.M. Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 28, 2001.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M. Michael Camilleri

**ALSO PRESENT:** State Representative, Mary McGrattan

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager

Joseph Oros, Legislative Liaison, DPH

Simon Flynn, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association Nancy Klaffky, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

## **MINUTES - July 11, 2001**

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Camilleri who was opposed.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Licensure Verification

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health, described the licensure verification feature of the Department of Public Health Web Site. Currently, licensing information can be obtained. The site will be eventually updated to include any disciplinary action against a license.

#### B. Bioterrorism

Barbara Yard, RN, Department of Public Health, Division of Health Systems Regulation presented on overview of the Department's bioterrorism response program.

## C. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported there are currently eighteen ongoing investigations. Two cases have recently been referred to the Legal Office for further action. Mr. Griffin stated that all these matters involved small animals.

#### D. Meeting Dates 2002

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for the year 2002:

February 13, 2002

April 24, 2002

July 31, 2002

October 30, 2002

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

#### E. Schedule Hearing Date

The hearing in the matter of Jeffrey Feinman, DVM, Petition No. 2000-0724-047-015 will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 13, 2002 at 9:45 a.m. at the Department of Public Health.

# F. Resignation of Cynthia Walstedt

Board Liaison, Jeffrey Kardys reported that Ms. Walstedt's letter resigning from the Board was forwarded to the Governor's Office.

Dr. Dann will send a letter to Ms. Walstedt thanking her for her service.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### Proposed Legislation - Veterinary Technician

State Representative Mary McGrattan, as well as Simon Flynn and , Nancy Klaffky of Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA)were present to discuss proposed legislation regarding veterinary technicians. The Board was provided with a draft of the proposed legislation.

The Board commented that it does not support the proposed legislation in the present form. The Board feels the legislation is not necessary and that it has no public benefit. The Board also feels that this proposal poses an increased burden on licensed veterinarians and the Department of Public Health licensing office. In addition, the proposal does not afford licensed veterinarians with any increased liability protection, which was originally envisioned.

The Board agrees that Veterinary Technicians should re recognized by some type of certification, however, the certification does not need to regulated or legislated. Certification and credentialing should be a function of the CVMA.

The Board and the CVMA agree that a continuing education requirement for veterinarians should be explored. The Board also suggested that the current practice act be revised by adding language which authorizes veterinarians to delegate certain functions (non-diagnostic, non-prescriptive and non-surgical) to trained technicians/employees. The CVMA concurs with this suggestion. The Board and the CVMA will have further dialogue concerning this issue.

### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

## Request For Reinstatement - Amr Wasfi

Dr. Wasfi was present. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.. The Board entertained discussion from Dr. Wasfi and Attorney Tilles. Following discussion the Board commented that Dr. Wasfi has begun to take steps in support of his efforts towards seeking a reinstatement hearing. Information regarding Dr. Wasfi's competence is still lacking. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, that the Board deny Dr. Wasfi's request for a reinstatement hearing. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, that the Board and/or the Department of Public Health explore refresher/retraining programs for veterinarians, and forward this information to Dr. Wasfi. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room C, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 13, 2002.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michael Camilleri

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

Stewart Beckett, DVM, CVMA

Nancy Klaffky, CVMA

David Evans, Legislative Consultant CVMA Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

## MINUTES - November 28, 2001

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau, to approve the minutes as written.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently nineteen ongoing investigations being conducted by the Department

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

## A. Proposed Legislation - Veterinary Technician

The Board engaged in a long discussion with representatives of the Connecticut Veterinary Association. Nancy Nicolescu and Karen Buckley Bates from the Department of Public Health's Government Relations Office were present to discuss the proposed legislation in its current form.

The Board will draft a letter to the legislature's Public Health Committee regarding this matter.

## B. Refresher/Retraining Programs for Veterinarians

Neither the American Veterinary Medical Association nor the American Association of Veterinary State Boards have formal veterinary refresher/retraining programs. Individualized programs are available at some Veterinary Schools. It is the responsibility of a veterinarian seeking retraining to contact the schools and arrange for such a course.

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 24, 2002.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health

Nancy Nicolescu, Department of Public Health

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

## MINUTES - February 13, 2002

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# **Investigations Update**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 29 open cases being reviewed by the Department. 23 cases are under investigation and 6 have been referred to the legal office for further action.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Proposed Legislation - Veterinary Technician

Nancy Nicolescu from the Department of Public Health's Government Relations Office reported that House Bill No. 5590 is at the foot of the legislative calendar. This is an indication that the legislation will not acted upon during this years session..

The Board will draft a letter to the legislature's Public Health Committee regarding this matter.

#### LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

# A. Kent Kay, DVM - Petition No. 2000-0513-047-017

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Kent Kay, DVM, Petition No. 2000-0513-047-017. Mr. Camilleri made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lau who recused himself in this matter. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# B. Jeffrey Feinman, DVM - Petition No. 2000-0724-047-015

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Jeffrey Feinman, DVM - Petition No. 2000-0724-047-015. Mr. Camilleri made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Gorra made a motion seconded by Dr. Lau that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on August 28, 2002.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant, DPH

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, DPH

Nancy Nicolescu, Department of Public Health

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - April 24, 2002

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Reinstatement Application - Edward Stewart, DVM

Shiu-Yu Kettering, Health Program Assistant, Department of Public Health presented a reinstatement application of Edward Stewart, DVM, Glastonbury, Connecticut. Dr. Stewart's license lapsed in 1994. The Board recommended reinstatement of Dr. Stewart's license provided he successfully complete a continuing education course in small animal medicine and that he work under the supervision of a Connecticut licensed veterinarian for a minimum of twenty hours a week for a period of six months. Mr. Camilleri made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that Dr. Stewart be granted a restricted license to allow him to fulfill the conditions for reinstatement. The motion passed unanimously.

### **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

# Judy Beliveau (unlicensed) - Petition No. 2000-0607-000-062

Roberta Swafford, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Judy Beliveau, Oxford, Connecticut. Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

## **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 22 cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health and 7 which have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action.

## SCHEDULE HEARING DATE

A hearing in the matter of Stephen Tobin, DVM, Petition No. 2001-0919-047-027 will be scheduled for Wednesday, October 23, 2002 at the Department of Public Health. The Board meeting scheduled for October 30, 2002 will be rescheduled to October 23, 2002.

# **FOREIGN VETERINARY GRADUATES**

The Board reviewed correspondence from the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Veterinary State Boards regarding the issue of foreign trained veterinary graduates. No action is necessary by the Board.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Mr. Camilleri that this meeting be adjourned. The motion unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on October 23, 2002.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health Karen Buckley-Bates, Office of Government Relations, DPH

Joseph Oros, Office of Government Relations, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - August 28, 2002

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed unanimously.

# **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 19 cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health and 8 which have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action. Through October 22, 2002, 34 complaints have been received by the Department. This is slightly higher than previous years.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

## A. Meeting Dates 2003

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for the year 2003:

January 29, 2003 April 30, 2003 July 23, 2003

October 29, 2003

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

## B. Amr Wasfi - Motion for Reinstatement of License

Assistant Attorney General Patrick Kwanashie was present to provide council to the Board. Dr. Wasfi was present with Attorney Jacqueline Barbara. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health.

The Board heard comments from Attorneys Barbara and Tilles as well as Dr. Wasfi.

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Mr. Camilleri, to grant Dr. Wasfi's request for a hearing concerning reinstatement of his revoked veterinarian license. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing will be scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2003.

# C. <u>Connecticut Association of Veterinary Technicians</u>

Michael Martone, a lobbyist for the Connecticut Association of Veterinary Technicians addressed the Board with proposed legislation for the licensure of Veterinary Technicians.

## **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Jonathan Carney, DVM - Petition No. 2002-0524-047-019

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Jonathan Carney, DVM - Petition No. 2002-0524-047-019.

The Interim Consent Order will suspend the veterinary license of respondent until a disposition of Petition No. 2002-0524-047-019. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that the Interim Consent Order be approved and that Dr. Dann be authorized to sign the Order upon receipt of the document signed by respondent and the Department of Public Health. The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Camilleri who recused himself in this matter.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Mr. Camilleri that this meeting be adjourned. The motion unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on January 29, 2003.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Camilleri

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - October 23, 2002

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

# **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 26 open cases with the Department of Public Health. 19 cases are under investigation and 7 have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action.

In 2002, a total of 43 complaints were received by the Department. 35 were received in 2001 and 23 in 2000.

## ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

Proposed Legislation

The Board discussed Raised Bill No. 832, An Act Concerning Veterinary Technicians. The Board expressed its disapproval of this legislation.

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 30, 2003.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Michael Camilleri Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

### MINUTES – January 29, 2003

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

# MEMORANDUM OF DECISION - AMR WASFI, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Amr Wasfi, DVM. Mr. Camilleri made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra, to amend paragraph 1b on page 4 of the decision. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Camilleri made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Memorandum of Decision, which reinstates Dr. Wasfi's license to probationary status with conditions.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 29 open cases with the Department of Public Health. 18 cases are under investigation and 11 have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action.

# SCHEDULE HEARING DATE

A hearing in the matter of Paul Chace, DVM, Petition No. 2001-1003-047-028 will be scheduled to follow the Board meeting on Wednesday, July 23, 2003 at the Department of Public Health.

# <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Being there was no further business Mr. Camilleri made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on July 23, 2003.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Michael Camilleri

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

### *MINUTES – April 30, 2003*

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

# MEMORANDUM OF DECISION – STEPHEN TOBIN, DVM

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Stephen Tobin, DVM. Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra, adopt the Memorandum of Decision as edited. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Memorandum of Decision.

# **INVESTIGATIONS UPDATE**

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 21 open cases with the Department of Public Health. 11 cases are under investigation and 10 have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action.

#### FACT-FINDING

The Board conducted fact-finding in the matter of Cynthia Smith, DVM, Petition No. 2001-0404-047-008.

#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS**

Dr. Gorra asked that the Board discuss inspections of Veterinary Facilities at the next meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 12, 2003.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

Ms. Davis was welcomed to her first meeting as Board member.

## MINUTES - July 23, 2003

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Davis who abstained.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. Memorandum of Decision – Cynthia Smith, DVM

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Cynthia Smith, DVM. Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Davis who abstained. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 22 open cases with the Department of Public Health. 13 cases are under investigation and 9 have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action.

# C. <u>Inspection of Veterinary Facilities</u>

Being that veterinary facilities do not come under the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health or the Board there was no discussion concerning this issue.

#### D. Meeting dates for 2004

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2004:

January 14, 2004

April 28, 2004

July 28, 2004

November 10, 2004

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

E. <u>Schedule Hearing Date - Kenneth Preli, DVM - Petition No. 2002-1105-047-037</u> The hearing in this matter will be scheduled for January 14, 2004, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Health

# **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

# A. Michael Picard, DVM - Petition No. 2003-0226-047-002

Staff Attorney Roberta Swafford was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Ms. Swafford withdrew the Department's motion for summary suspension and presented a motion to withdraw Statement of Charges based on Dr. Picard's voluntary surrender of his license to practice as a veterinarian in the State of Connecticut. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to grant the motion to withdraw the Statement of Charges based on Dr. Picard's surrender of his license. The motion passed unanimously.

# B. Ralph Padilla, DVM - Petition No. 2002-0327-047-010

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Ralph Padilla, DVM. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

C. John Pollock, DVM - Petition No. 2001-1016-047-029

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of John Pollock, DVM. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on January 14, 2004.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

Ms. Ralicki was welcomed to her first meeting as Board member.

### MINUTES – November 12, 2003

Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau, to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion passed with all in favor.

# <u>NEW BUSINE</u>SS

# Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 16 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health. In addition, 7 cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further action.

### ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Reschedule April 2004 meeting.

The April 2004 meeting will be changed from April 28, 2004, to April 21, 2004, at 9:00 a.m.

B. Schedule Hearing Date - Walter Doolittle, DVM - Petition No. 2002-0802-047-025

The hearing in this matter will be scheduled for April 21, 2004, at the Department of Public Health

C. Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association

The Board reviewed a November 13, 2003 letter the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association sent to its membership concerning the associations intent to propose legislation to update the veterinary practice act and the delegation by veterinarians to trained staff.

Dr. Dann will prepare a response to be sent to the association.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 21, 2004.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M.

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

### MINUTES – January 14, 2004

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

## A. Memorandum of Decision – Paul Chace, DVM

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Paul Chace, DVM.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

## B. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 20 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health. In addition, 8 cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and action if necessary.

## ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

## Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association

The Board reviewed a response drafted by Dr. Dann in reply to a November 13, 2003 letter the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association sent to its membership concerning the associations intent to propose legislation to update the veterinary practice act and the delegation by veterinarians to trained staff.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to approve the draft written by Dr. Dann..

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business Ms. Davis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, that this meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on July 28, 2004.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Karen Buckley-Bates, Government Relations, DPH

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# <u>MINUTES – April 21, 2004</u>

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. <u>Investigations Update</u>

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 24 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health. In addition, 6 cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and action if necessary.

B. <u>Schedule Hearing Date – Patricia Hogan, DVM - Petition No. 2002-1226-047-043</u> The hearing in this matter will be scheduled for November 10, 2004, at the Department of Public Health beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Ralicki arrived at 9:10 a.m.

## **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Elena Alvarez - Petition No. 2003-1230-000-089

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Cease and Desist Consent Order in the matter of Elena Alvarez. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, that the Consent Order be approved. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

Dr. Gorra arrived at 9:30 a.m.

## NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

# Discussion regarding Practice Act revisions

Karen Buckley-Bates, Department of Public Health Office of Government Relations and Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, were present to discuss proposed revisions to the practice act and proposed legislation regarding veterinary employees.

The Department has met with the Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) regarding these proposals.

The Department in its discussions with the CVMA pointed out how any changes would affect Department operations - that additional resources would be needed to implement additional licensure categories.

The Board commented that the proposed legislation regarding veterinary employees needs to be clarified - there needs to be a better connection between this proposal and the veterinary practice act.

The Department commented that language regarding the delegation of tasks by a veterinarian should be part of the practice act. Those persons to whom tasks are delegated must have a certain level of education and training, and the level of supervision by a veterinarian must be defined. Emergency care provisions must also be defined.

An update regarding these issues will be provided at the November 10, 2004 Board meeting

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 10, 2004.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, D.V.M. Richard E. Lau, D.V.M.

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Karen Buckley-Bates, Government Relations, DPH

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

## MINUTES - July 28, 2004

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. <u>Investigations Update</u>

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 26 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health. In addition, 6 cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and action if necessary.

# B. Meeting dates for 2005

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2005:

January 26, 2005

April 27, 2005

July 27, 2005

November 09, 2005

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

C. <u>Schedule Hearing Date – Sherif Lawendy, VMD - Petition No. 2003-0523-047-010</u> The hearing in this matter will be scheduled for January 26, 2005, at the Department of Public Health beginning at 10:00 a.m.

## **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

# A. Patricia Hogan, DVM - Petition No. 2002-1226-047-043

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to withdraw Statement of Charges in the matter of Patricia Hogan, DVM. Attorney Michael Frechette was present for Dr. Hogan. Assistant Attorney General Emily Melendez provided counsel to the Board via speaker phone. Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra to grant the Department's motion withdrawing the Statement of Charges. The motion passed unanimously. Based on the motion to withdraw charges Attorney Frechette withdrew all outstanding motions filed by respondent in this matter.

## B. Marcus Sminkey, DVM - Petition No. 2003-0325-047-005

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Marcus Sminkey, DVM. Attorney Peter A. Janus was present for Dr. Sminkey. Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lau to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the order.

# **OLD BUSINESS (cont.)**

Discussion regarding Practice Act revisions/Proposed Legislation

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health and Katherine North, DVM, President Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) were present to discuss proposed revisions to the practice act and proposed legislation regarding veterinary employees.

A draft dated September 29, 2004, proposing revisions to §20-197 and §20-205 of the General Statutes was reviewed. The Board made various comments and suggestions to the proposed revisions. The Board will discuss a response to the Public Health Committee when a bill is raised.

The Board asked if the Department of Public Health could do a presentation regarding the disciplinary process to the CVMA at its 2005 annual meeting. It was suggested that Dr. North contact Stanley Peck, Director, Legal Office of the Department of Public Health.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Being there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 9, 2005.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, DVM

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES - November 10, 2004

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. <u>Investigations Update</u>

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 23 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health. In addition, 3 cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and action if necessary.

# B. Memorandum of Decision – Kenneth Preli, DVM

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Kenneth Preli, DVM. Ms. Davis made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# C. <u>Memorandum of Decision – Walter Doolittle, DVM</u>

The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Walter Doolittle, DVM. Ms. Davis made a motion seconded by Ms. Ralicki, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

## **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Mark Danetz, DVM - Petition No. 2002-0806-047-026

Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Mark Danetz, DVM. Neither Dr. Danetz nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the order.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, Department of Public Health provided an update regarding veterinary technician legislation.

Ms. Filippone also informed the Board of legislative proposals for temporary permits and continuing education.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 27, 2005.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, DVM

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

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

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

# MINUTES -February 9, 2005

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 22 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health. In addition, 1 case has been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and action if necessary.

# B. <u>Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association</u>

Arnold Goldman, DVM, President, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) addressed the Board regarding current objectives and concerns of the CVMA.

Dr. Goldman stated that the grievance committee of the CVMA has a policy to refer complaints against veterinarians to the Practitioner Investigation Unit of the Department of Public Health. Dr. Goldman also reported that the CVMA is administering an examination for veterinary technicians. Persons who complete the examination with a passing score of 70 are awarded a certificate indicating they are certified by the CVMA as a veterinary technician. He stated that the Connecticut Association of Veterinary Technicians also administers an examination but considers a score of 75 as passing.

# **ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS**

# Warren Newman, Jr., DVM - Reinstatement Application

Deborah Brown, Health Program Assistant provided the Board with a reinstatement application for Warren Newman, Jr., DVM, License No. 000172. Following review by the Board Dr. Gorra made a motion seconded by Ms. Davis recommending that the license of Dr. Newman be reinstated contingent upon his successful completion of the Practice-Specific Disciplinary Examination administered by the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The motion passed with in Dr. Gorra and Ms. Davis voting in favor. Dr. Dann was opposed.

# **FACT-FINDING**

Sherif M. Lawendy, VMD – Petition No. 2003-0523-047-010

The Board held fact-finding in the matter of Sherif Lawendy, VMD. Assistant Attorney General M. J. McCarthy was present to provide counsel to the Board.

# **RESCHEDULE BOARD MEETING**

The Board meeting currently scheduled for July 27, 2005 will be rescheduled to July 13, 2005.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Conference Room F, Hartford, Connecticut, on July 13, 2005.

**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 A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Jennifer Filippone, Public Health Services Manager, DPH

The meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. by Dr. Dann.

## MINUTES -April 27, 2005

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. <u>Investigations Update</u>

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 23 cases under investigation with the Department of Public Health.

B. <u>Memorandum of Decision – Sherif Lawendy, VMD - Petition No. 2003-0523-047-010</u> The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Decision in the matter of Sherif Lawendy, VMD. All Board members indicated they have reviewed the record in this matter.

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# C. <u>Resolution regarding compliance meetings.</u>

At the request of the Office of the Attorney General, the Board has been asked to adopt a resolution regarding compliance meetings.

Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to adopt the following resolution. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION**

In accordance with past practice and the Supreme Court's decision in <u>Tele Tech of Connecticut Corporation v. Department of Public Utility Control</u>, 270 Conn. 778 (2004), it is hereby acknowledged that the Department of Public Health has the authority to hold compliance meetings as required by Conn. Gen. Stat § 4-182(c).

# **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Letter from Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association

Dr. Gorra shared a letter from Arnold Goldman, DVM, President, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA). In his letter, Dr. Goldman offers the resources of the CVMA to fund the participation of a member of the Board at the American Association of Veterinary State Board's (AAVSB) annual meeting in September 2005. This will be forwarded to the Department of Public Health to determine if such an offer can be accepted.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 9, 2005.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM Richard E. Lau, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey A. Kardys, Board Liaison

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, DPH

Tanya DeMattia, Assistant Attorney General Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH

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

### *MINUTES – July 13, 2005*

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 26 veterinary cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. One of these cases has been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

## B. Sherif Lawendy, VMD - Petition No. 2003-0523-047-010

The Board reviewed respondent's Application for Stay of Agency Decision. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Following discussion Dr. Lau made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to deny Dr. Lawendy's application for a stay of the Memorandum of Decision issued on July 13, 2005. The motion to deny passed unanimously

# C. <u>Veterinary Technician National Examination.</u>

The Board reviewed correspondence from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) and from Arnold Goldman, DVM, President, Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) concerning eligibility to sit for the Veterinary Technician National Examination. Dr. Lau will write a letter to the AAVSB regarding this issue.

## D. Sudesh Kamir – Licensure Applicant

Stephen Carragher, Health Program Supervisor, Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification presented the Department's position regarding applicant Sudesh Kamir who has been determined to be not eligible for licensure in Connecticut based on review of his education and training. It was suggested that another credentials verification service be used to review Dr. Kamir's credentials.

# E. <u>Meeting dates for 2006</u>

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2006:

February 15, 2006

April 19, 2006

August 16, 2006

October 25, 2006

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

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#### **LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Donald Ducor, DVM - Petition No. 2005-0927-047-024

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Donald Ducor, DVM. Dr. Ducor was present with Attorney Andrew Houlding. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Following discussion Dr. Lau made a motion seconded by Dr. Gorra to approve the Interim Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

# **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Janine DiStephan, DVM regarding the performance of examinations prior to administering a rabies vaccination. The Board commented that Connecticut law does not address the question of whether a veterinarian is required to perform an examination prior to administration of the vaccination. The Boards suggests that Dr. Di Stephan refer to the practice/vaccination guidelines of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The Boards remarks will be communicated to Dr. DiStephan.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut, on February 15, 2006.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Richard E. Lau, DVM

Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, DPH

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

#### MINUTES -November 9, 2005

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health reported that there are currently 23 veterinary cases under investigation by the Department of Public Health. Two of these cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

#### LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS

Donald Ducor, DVM - Petition No. 2005-0927-047-024

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Donald Ducor, DVM. Dr. Gorra made a motion seconded by Ms. Davis to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

The **Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine** held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Law Library, Hartford, Connecticut, on April 19, 2006.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM Richard E. Lau, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

#### MINUTES -February 15, 2006

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH)reported that there are currently 23 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. Two cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review.

At the next meeting the Board will review the current DPH guidelines for veterinary consultants

#### ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The next Board meeting has been rescheduled from August 16, 2006 to August 23, 2006

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 23, 2006.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM Richard E. Lau, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

# MINUTES -April 19, 2006

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

# **NEW BUSINESS**

# A. <u>Investigations Update</u>

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH)reported that there are currently 24 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. Four cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and or action.

Mr. Griffin asked for guidance from the Board involving complaints received by the DPH in which a client claims that a veterinarian refuses to provide a written prescription for medication and is requiring that the client purchase the medication from the veterinarian.

The Board commented that the DPH should investigate these complaints to determine the existence of any violations. The Board noted that the Principles of Veterinary Medical Ethics of the American Veterinary Medical Association state, "Veterinarians should honor a clients request for a prescription in lieu of dispensing." The Board suggested that the DPH may want to send the ethics guidelines to practitioners who are the subject of such a complaint.

Mr. Griffin also asked for guidance from the Board concerning chiropractic treatment of animals if performed in the presence of a veterinarian. The Board commented that it would not be prudent to allow treatment by individuals who are not licensed and trained in veterinary medicine.

# B. Review of Consultant Guidelines

The Board reviewed the Guidelines for Veterinary Consultants. It was suggested that consultants be instructed to include in their report to the DPH a statement as to whether the standard of care was violated.

# **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Mr. Kardys informed the Board that in the matter Sherif Lawendy, VMD, the Assistant Attorney General has appealed the Superior Court decision to the Appellate Court. The Superior Court upheld the Board's Memorandum of Decision disciplining Dr. Lawendy's license but ruled that the Board's finding of negligence on the part of Dr. Lawendy be overturned. The appeal to the Appellate Court concerns the negligence issue only.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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 October 25, 2006.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman

Andrea Davis (Public Member)

Ferris G. Gorra, DVM Richard E. Lau, DVM

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Charene Ralicki (Public Member)

ALSO PRESENT: Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor

Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

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

## MINUTES - August 23, 2006

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. <u>Investigations Update</u>

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 23 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.

Upon request by Mr. Griffin the Board provided suggestions for individuals who may be utilized as equine veterinary consultants.

#### B. Meeting dates for 2007

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2007:

January 24, 2007

April 11, 2007

August 22, 2007

November 7, 2007

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

### C. <u>Schedule Hearing dates</u>

Hearings in the matters of Ralph Schoemann, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0818-047-022 and Brenda Romaniello, DVM – Petition No. 2005-0419-047-010 are scheduled for January 24, 2007.

#### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

It was noted that Board Member Charene Ralicki has missed more than three consecutive meetings. The Board requested that a letter be sent to Ms. Ralicki inquiring as to her future participation.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,