

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING: July 15, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Michelle Vaughn, Dr. Amy Kizer, Dr. Ron Swiggum, David Richter

REMOTE MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barb Fischley, Dr. Mary Olson

MEMBER ABSENT: Sharon Todoroff

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Julia Wilson, and Mollie Brucher, staff; Jennifer Middleton, Attorney General's Office

GUESTS: Sean McCarthy, Health Licensing Boards' Criminal Background Check Division

The Board of Veterinary Medicine met on July 15, 2015, in Conference Room C, Third Floor, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN. President Michelle Vaughn called this meeting of the board to order at 1:05 p.m.

Motions to adopt the agenda and approve the minutes of May 13, 2015, were approved unanimously.

The meeting was closed for disciplinary considerations.

- 1) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Joseph Bisignano was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 2) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Julie Woodman was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 3) A proposal for a stipulation and order for Dr. Heather Rehdantz was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 4) A proposal for a stipulation and order of reinstatement for Dr. Denise Nelson was discussed. A motion was made to approve the stipulation, and was approved unanimously.
- 5) A proposal for an unconditional license for Dr. Warren Black was discussed. A motion was made to approve the unconditional license, and was approved unanimously.

The meeting re-opened.

A list of applicants who have completed the requirements for licensure was reviewed. The applicants passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a request for an extension of a Temporary VMC Clinician license from a University of Minnesota faculty member. A motion was proposed to grant Dr. Daniel Almeida a 1-year extension of his Temporary VMC Clinician license. No further extensions will be granted if Dr. Almeida is unsuccessful in attaining diplomate status in anesthesia. If he is successful, he will need to apply for a Specialty faculty VMC Clinician license to continue working. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sean McCarthy presented information to the board about the mandated Criminal Background Check (CBC) process and budget. A start date for requiring CBC's for new applicants was discussed, based on a tentative plan to begin CBC's in January of 2016. A proposal developed by Dr. Wilson and Sean McCarthy will be discussed at the September Board meeting.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the end of the fiscal year budget, and explained the Odyssey Fund request for the majority of the unobligated funds at the end of the fiscal year.

Dr. Wilson gave an update on the Board's database system.

There was a brief discussion about the upcoming CLEAR training on assessing professional competency.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed business ownership in regards to rehabilitation, which is considered the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Wilson discussed subcutaneous fluid therapy in relation to the Veterinary Practice Act. The Board unanimously agreed that administration of a subcutaneous fluid falls is classified as the practice of veterinary medicine.

Dr. Wilson asked the Board to review automatic approval of state, local, and regional veterinary medical associations in regards to Minnesota Rules 9100. No change in interpretation was suggested.

The Board discussed clarifying the wording in stipulations and corrective actions regarding the preapproval process for continuing education requirements. This wording will be modified on a case by case basis.

The Board discussed the AAVSB annual meeting in September. Dr. Mary Olson will be the Board's funded delegate.

Jennifer Middleton gave an update on the Attorney General's Office mentioning the addition of attorney Andrew Pettit who has been assigned to be her back-up with this Board.

In the Executive Director's report, Dr. Wilson provided further information on the curriculum planning for veterinarians wishing to assist law enforcement in animal cruelty investigations. A one day training session and one 75 minute session are planned for the 2016 MVMA annual meeting. She mentioned the provisional planning for the anticipated government shut down protocol. The Board of Veterinary Medicine was not one of the agencies affected.

Dr. Mary Olson posed a question about service animals.

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Barbara Fischley, DVM
Secretary-Treasurer