

Board of Veterinary Medicine
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main St, 3rd Floor, City Center, Montpelier, VT 05602
Approved Minutes
Meeting of April 10, 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 A.M.

Members present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair; Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary; Linda Johnston, Public Member and Terry York, Public Member

Crager J. Boardman, Jr, DVM joined the meeting at 9:10 am

OPR Personnel present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Ronald Klein, Executive Officer and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Jennifer Bevilacqua, DVM; Joel Russo, DVM and Kristin Haas, DVM

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting. Ms. York made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting as presented. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Case Managers Report:**

Carla Preston reported on the number of current cases. There are currently nine (9) pending cases. One (1) has charges pending, three (3) are ready for Investigative Team meetings, four (4) are under investigation, and one (1) is recommended for closing.

4. **Guests:**

Dr. Kristin Haas attended the meeting to request the Board review their previous decision to not accept the National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) Continuing Education (CE) modules as part of the twenty-four (24) hours of Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME) required for license renewal. Dr. Canales made a motion the Board accept NVAP CE Modules of no more than six hours taken within 2 years of the renewal date. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. **Continuing Veterinary Medical Education request:**

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve Dr. Russo's request for three and three quarters (3.75) hours of CVME approval for the "2014 Vermont Dairy Producers Conference". Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Canales made a motion to approve Dr. Haas' request for 7.6 hours of CVME approval for the "2014 Northeast United States Animal Health Association Meeting". Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. **Other Business:**

Mr. Klein informed the Board of the new controlled substance available called Zohydro. The Commissioner of the Health Department, Harry Chen, has issued an emergency order stating that Zohydro may only be prescribed if the following criteria are met:

- The prescription is only for a 30 day supply.
- The prescription must be filled within 7 days of being written.
- A documented thorough physical examination and medical evaluation.
- A hydrocodone product without an Abuse Deterrent Formulation (ADF) is necessary.
- Informed consent signed by the patient has been received.
- Controlled substance Treatment Agreement signed by patient
- Query the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS).
- Determine the maximum daily dose and indicate on the prescription
- Schedule and undertake periodic follow-up visits and evaluations

Mr. Klein provided the Board with information from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) regarding the bylaws and resolutions. If the Board wishes to submit any amendments they will need to be presented by April 15th.

2014 meeting dates – The December meeting date will be discussed at the June meeting. Possible conflicts for Mr. Klein.

Mr. Klein reminded the Board that the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) meeting is in September, 2014. Dr. Canales nominated Mr. Klein as the Board's delegate for the September AAVSB meeting. Dr. Wheeler seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. **Public Comment:**

Dr. Bevilacqua spoke to the Board on behalf of the Vermont Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA). She informed the Board that the VVMA introduced a bill to Legislature, H.347, regarding amending the definition of Veterinary medical practice to include Veterinary dentistry. The Bill has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

8. The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, June 12, 2014** at 1:30 PM. Please note the starting time.
9. Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dr. Canales. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.


Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary
Vermont Board of Veterinary Medicine


Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer
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