

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 December 8, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Members present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair; Crager J. Boardman, Jr, DVM; Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary; Terry York, Public Member and Jeannette Hogan, Public Member

OPR Personnel present: Larry Novins, General Counsel and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist

Others Present: Kathryn Finnie, VVMA, and Dorigen Martin

2. The Chair called for approval of the minutes of the October 13, 2016 meeting. Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2016 meeting with a correction to Dr. Boardman's credentials being added. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. Case Managers Report:
4. Hearings/Stipulation & Consent Orders/Reports of Concluded Investigation: None
5. Continuing Education Request(s):

Carla Preston reported on the number of current cases. There are currently four (4) pending cases. One (1) is pending an Investigative Team meeting in which one an expert witness is needed and three (3) are under investigation.

Dr. Twyla Angelos submitted a request for eight (8) hours of CVME credit for the course "**Introduction to Chinese Herbal Medicine for Veterinarians**" that was held between June and September 2016. Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Boardman seconded the motion. Motion passed

Dr. Megan Foy submitted a request for twelve (12) hours of CVME credit for the course "**The International Embryo Transfer School**" to be held December 13-17, 2016. Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve the request. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Kent Anderson submitted a request for twelve (12) to eighteen (18) hours of CVME credit for the conference "**National Mastitis Council Annual Meeting**" to be held January 28-31, 2017. Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve the request for twelve (12) hours. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. Canales made a motion to add the **National Mastitis Council** to the approved provider list allowing twelve (12) hours of continuing veterinary medical education to be used by Veterinarians for attendance at their annual meeting. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Dr. George Glanzberg submitted a request for one (1) hour of CVME credit for an article and examination from the New England Journal of Medicine titled “**Acute Pancreatitis**” which was from the November 17, 2016 issue. Dr. Boardman made a motion to approve the request. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Upstate Veterinary Specialties PLLC updated their previous request for continuing veterinary medical education course approval to request to be added to the Board's approved provider list for the courses they provide for Veterinarians. Dr. Canales made a motion to approve adding **Upstate Veterinary Specialties PLLC** to the approved provider list. Dr. Yankauskas seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Discussion Item:

DEA Registration Process – Dr. Yankauskas explained to the Board that individual licensed Veterinarians who prescribe are required to have a DEA number, however the Vermont Department of Health offers a Certificate of Approval that would potentially allow a Veterinary hospital to be issued one DEA registration and, within the hospital, add a suffix to the DEA registration for each individual provider using that registration. Dr. Yankauskas contacted the Vermont Department of Health and requested direction on how to request a certificate of approval. Dr. Yankauskas' request was denied. While the Board agrees that having a certificate of approval would be “good practice” for the Veterinary hospitals of Vermont, it is not a licensing issue and not under their purview. Dr. Wheeler also stated this was a topic at the AAVSB Annual meeting he attended. When he spoke to the DEA representative there, they suggested that the Vermont Board speak to their state association and AAVSB to see if any assistance could be given to Vermont Veterinary hospitals obtaining the ability to apply for a certificate of approval. The Board requested Ms. Finne and the VVMA look more into the matter.

VCPR – Dr. Wheeler informed the Board that he has been contacted by several Food Animal Practitioners in the state concerning Vermont's Veterinary Client Patient Relationship rules and how it affecting licensees within the state. The VVMA and Dr. Kent Henderson are looking into proposing statutory changes to Legislature this upcoming session.

7. **Public Comment:**

Ms. Kathy Finne from the VVMA addressed the Board regarding the practice of Chiropractors working on animals. She has received several communications regarding a chiropractor in particular that is aggressively pursuing her clients and Veterinarians to allow her to perform chiropractic services on clients animals. Mr. Novins requested Ms. Finne refer the chiropractor in question to the protocol on the Veterinary Board's website.

9. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, **February 9, 2017** at 9:00 am.
10. Dr. Boardman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 am. Ms. York seconded the motion. Motion passed.