

## **MINUTES**

### **Board of Veterinary Medicine General Business Meeting**

**Embassy Suites  
1100 SE 17<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316**

**March 6, 2007**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Vega Called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Sergio Vega, Chair  
Dr. Joann Helm  
Dr. Kandra Jones  
Dr. Katherine Horky  
Dr. Robert Leonard  
Ms. Susan Love  
Ms. Lisa Hurley

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Jeffrey Jones, Board Counsel  
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney  
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director  
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst  
Lynne Demarmels, Official Reporting Services – 954.467.8204  
Jill R. Brady Demuth, DVM  
Edwin Bayo  
Joseph A. Tomes, DVM  
John C. Laurie, DVM  
Thomas Frieberg, DVM  
Bradford Beilly  
Marcus Kramer, DVM  
Annette Poirier, CVT  
Margaret Formoso

Sara Mathews, DVM

## **APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 5, 2006 MEETING MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to approve the minutes as written.

**SECOND:** Ms. Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS**

### **John Charles Laurie, DVM**

Dr. Laurie was present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel.

Dr. Vega advised the board that Dr. Laurie applied for licensure by endorsement and had a current license in the State of New York. He stated that Dr. Laurie was asking the board to accept his New York boards in lieu of the Clinical Competency Test (CCT).

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Jones made a motion to approve Dr. Laurie for licensure contingent upon him presenting 30 hours of continuing education and two (2) of the hours will be in pharmacy and the board accepts the New York boards in lieu of the Clinical Competency Test (CCT).

**SECOND:** Dr. Helm seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **DISCIPLINARY HEARINGS**

### **Philip J. Aleong, DVM: Case number 2005-064424**

Dr. Aleong was present at the meeting and was represented by Counsel Bradford J. Beilly.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as a Recommended Order. Mr. Winters advised the board that Dr. Aleong failed to comply with the terms of his final order which required payment of a fine and costs in a previous disciplinary matter. Mr. Winters requested that the board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as set forth in the Recommended Order.

**MOTION:** Ms. Love made a motion to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Ms. Hurley made a motion to adopt the Recommended Order as the board's final order.

**SECOND:** Dr. Vega seconded the motion.

Dr. Vega asked Ms. Tinsley to call the roll.

The motion passed four (4) to two (2).

**Thomas Frieberg, DVM: Case number 2006-013566**

Dr. Frieberg was present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel. He was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as an Informal Hearing. Mr. Winters advised the board that the administrative complaint alleges that the Respondent failed to maintain an accurate controlled substance log, failed to maintain clean orderly facilities and failed to meet board requirements for a veterinary premise. Mr. Winters requested that the board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the board.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as those of the board.

**SECOND:** Ms. Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to impose a fifteen hundred dollar (\$1500.00) fine and three hundred and eighty three dollars and fifty four cents (\$383.54) in costs and six (6) months probation.

**SECOND:** Dr. Leonard seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Patrick F. Jones, DVM: Case number 2003-087339**

Dr. Patrick Jones was not present at the meeting and was not represented by Counsel.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as an Informal Hearing. Mr. Winters advised the board that the administrative complaint alleges that the Respondent failed to submit a patient's stones or urine for the appropriate diagnostic examinations. Mr. Winters requested that the board adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the board.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law as those of the board.

**SECOND:** Dr. Horky seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to impose a two thousand dollar (\$2000.00) fine, eight hundred and sixty seven dollars and sixty five cents (\$867.65) in costs, two (2) hours of continuing education in urology and as part of his thirty hours two (2) hours in internal medicine and two (2) hours in surgery and one (1) year probation.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Laura Luigart, DVM: Case number 2005-048103**

Ms. Luigart was not present at the meeting and was represented by Counsel Edwin Bayo.

Dr. Pomm from Professional Resource Network (PRN) was present and was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as a Settlement Stipulation. Mr. Winters advised the board that the administrative complaint alleges that the Respondent due to her cocaine and alcohol dependency failed to comply with the terms of her Metro

Atlanta Recovery Residence treatment program and the requirements of the Professional Resource Network (PRN).

Mr. Winters advised the board the Department recommended that Dr. Luigart's license be placed in an inactive status and upon returning to Florida to practice Dr. Luigart must submit an application for re-activation, pay the re-activation fee, show proof of compliance with current continuing education requirements, send written notification to the board that she is seeking to return to practice in Florida, submit proof of compliance with impaired practitioners program and appear before the board prior to being permitted to return to practice.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to accept the Settlement Stipulation as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Richard Rubinstein, DVM: Case number 2005-059131**

Mr. Winters advised the board that Dr. Rubinstein had asked for a continuance to the June 2007 meeting in Orlando.

**MOTION:** Dr. Horky made a motion to grant Dr. Rubinstein the continuance.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Jill Demuth, DVM: Case number 2006-064409**

Dr. Demuth was present at the meeting and was represented by Counsel Mr. Edwin Bayo. Dr. Demuth was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as a Settlement Stipulation. Mr. Winters advised the board that the administrative complaint alleges the Respondent improperly administered Penicillin G to a patient intravenously.

Mr. Winters advised the board that the Department recommended a one thousand dollar (\$1000.00) fine, one thousand and eighty two dollars and thirty eight cents (\$1082.38) in costs, three (3) additional hours of continuing education in the area of internal medicine and an appearance before the board when the Settlement Stipulation is considered.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Ms. Love made a motion to accept the Settlement Stipulation as presented.

**SECOND:** Dr. Horky seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Bruna Moi Dinetz, DVM: Case number 2006-021663**

Dr. Dinetz was not present at the meeting and was represented by Counsel Edwin Bayo.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as a Settlement Stipulation. Mr. Winters advised the board that the administrative complaint alleges that the Respondent had action taken against her license by the State of New York and the Respondent failed to report the actions to the Florida board within thirty (30) days.

Mr. Winters advised the board that the Department recommended a two thousand dollar (\$2000.00) fine, one hundred and nineteen dollars and ninety cents (\$119.90) in costs and probation to run concurrent with the New York Board of Veterinary Medicine probation.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to accept the Settlement Stipulation as presented.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Steven Schacter, DVM: Case number 2003-043408**

Dr. Schacter was present at the meeting and was represented by Counsel Jack Heda. Dr. Schacter was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Jones was recused due to her participation on the probable cause panel.

Mr. Winters presented the case as a Settlement Stipulation. Mr. Winters advised the board that the administrative complaint alleges the Respondent failed to keep contemporaneous written medical records.

Mr. Winters advised the board that the Department recommended a five hundred dollar (\$500.00) fine, two hundred and ninety nine dollars and thirty eight cents (\$299.38) in costs and an appearance before the board when the Settlement Stipulation is considered.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to accept the Settlement Stipulation as presented.

**SECOND:** Dr. Leonard seconded the motion.

Dr. Vega asked Ms. Tinsley to call the roll.

The motion failed due to a tie.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to accept the Settlement Stipulation as presented.

**SECOND:** Dr. Leonard seconded the motion.

Dr. Vega asked for roll call and the motion passed four (4) to three (3).

## **PROBATION APPEARANCES**

### **Dr. Joseph Tomes**

Dr. Tomes was present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel. He was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Pomm advised the board that Dr. Tomes was doing very well and had no problems at all.

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to accept Dr. Tomes appearance.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Dr. Marcus Kramer**

Dr. Kramer was present at the meeting and was not represented by counsel. He was sworn in by the court reporter.

Dr. Kramer advised the board that he entered into a contract with the Professional Resource Network (PRN) and was before the board to establish terms for probation and for the board to lift the suspension of his license.

Dr. Pomm advised the board that Dr. Kramer had not complied with all the terms of his Professional Resource Network (PRN) contract and therefore he could not recommend and support reinstatement of his license.

Dr. Vega advised Dr. Kramer that he should return to the board to ask for reinstatement of his license when he had established a contract and was being monitored by the Professional Resource Network (PRN).

## **DISCUSSION**

### **Premise Permit Process Change**

Ms. Chastain advised the board that in looking at the Department's procedures in an effort to expedite application processing, she was proposing a change to the procedure for premise permit applications. Ms. Chastain stated that after reviewing the statute with board counsel, Mr. Jones, it appears that the process could be done in house and save Dr. Horky and the applicant the time by reviewing in the board office. She stated that she and Ms. Tinsley would review the application and inspection in the office and send back to the processing area for licensing. She stated that Dr. Horky had offered her expertise if the board office had any questions.

After discussion by the board the following motion was made.

**MOTION:** Ms. Love made a motion to adopt the premise permit process proposed by Ms. Chastain.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **RATIFICATION OF APPLICATIONS**

### **Continuing Education**

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to approve the following continuing education applications.

**SECOND:** Dr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.



Affiliated Veterinary Specialists – Orange Park – *Bioterrorism* – 2 hours  
*Hepatobiliary Surgery* – 2.5 hours  
Northwest Florida Veterinary Medical Association – *Understanding the Clinical Approach to Chronic Renal Failure* – 2 hours  
Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – *Foreign Animal Recognition for Florida Vets* – 4 hours  
Surgi-Care Center for Horses – *New Thoughts on Pain Management in Horses* – 2 hours  
Canine Rehabilitation Institute – *Canine Rehabilitation Therapists Module* – 48 hours  
*Canine Rehabilitation Assistant's Module* – 48 hours  
*Canine Neurorehabilitation* – 24 hours  
*Introduction to Canine Rehabilitation* – 48 hours  
*Canine Athletics Module* – 24 hours

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to approve the following providers and courses.

**SECOND:** Dr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Hillsborough County Veterinary Medical Association  
VetDent CE Associates – *Dentistry: Performing a Thorough Oral Examination and Recognizing Abnormalities* – 7 hours  
*Feline Odonto- Clastic Restorative Lesions* – 3 hours  
*Feline Stomatitis: A Complete Review of a Frustrating Disease* – 3 hours

### **Premise Permits**

**MOTION:** Dr. Helm made a motion to approve the following premise permit applications that were approved and initialed by Dr. Horky.

**SECOND:** Dr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Animal Dermatology & Allergy Vet Specialty Clinic, Avalon Veterinary Clinic, Inc., Markham Woods Animal Hospital, Timberlane Pet Hospital & Resort, Trinity Oaks Pet Wellness Center, Veterinary Emergency Clinic, Miami Lakes Veterinary Clinic, Donald Ross Village Animal Hospital

### **Licensure/Exam Candidates**

**MOTION:** Dr. Jones made a motion to approve the following licensure/exam candidates.

**SECOND:** Ms. Love seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

*Candidates approved by Dr. Vega January 24, 2007*

**Senior Graduates**

Heather I. Edwards, Lyseey D. Makkreel, Sean B. Majoy, Emily W. Piercefield, Cathleen A. Meeks, Stacy L. Robinson, Karen E. Smith

**Foreign Graduates with ECFVG**

Corrine Marie-Anne Rousseau-Baccouich

**Endorsement**

Elizabeth E. Hammond

*Candidates approved by Dr. Vega February 15, 2007*

**Senior Graduates**

Michael McClenahan

**AVMA Graduates**

Ericka Mendez-McClenahan

**Foreign Graduates with ECFVG**

Lori Shank, Stacy E. Bradley

**Endorsement**

Janice Lee Bohn, Ralph C. Knowles, Kristian Sean Rhein, Wendy A. Schofield, James L. Slaughter, John Samuel Slaughter, John Samuel Tetterton, Diane M. Troyer

*Candidates approved at the March 6, 2007 board meeting.*

**Senior Graduates**

Brent D. Barrett, Heather Ann Hartley, Mario Jose Hodgson, Ryan Jaques, Michael C. Kendig, Harvey A. Knowles, Patricia Marie Leff, Tiffany Lynn Matheson, Mayra Maria Sanchez, Kirk Earl Vanbus, Candice S. Vance

## **AVMA Graduates**

Sean J. Thomas, Rohit K. Chhabra

## **Foreign Graduates with ECFVG**

Cesar A. Berrios, Darien Jane Ferry, Aradhana Gupta, Michael Hore, Amy L. Long, Dario E. Pinzon, Anita Raj, Dennis K. Sebuya

## **Endorsement**

Carina M. Ferrante, Carla A. Hubbard, Paul W. Kinnear, Jennifer M. Lucas, Sarah E. Lutz, Sylvia O. Padgett, Robin R. Parker

## **REPORTS**

### **Board Chair – Dr. Vega**

Dr. Vega advised the board that she wanted to commend Dr. Jones for all of the years she dedicated to the board and for all of her hard work on the probable cause panel meeting. Dr Vega stated that the veterinary board is one of the best boards in the Department and he stated that he had heard that many times. He stated that the board owes it to itself to keep their integrity, efficiency and unity.

### **Prosecuting Attorney – Drew Winters**

Mr. Winters reviewed his report with the board. He stated that currently there were one hundred and seventy five cases (175) in legal.

### **Board Counsel – Jeffrey Jones**

Mr. Jones advised the board that two rules were in development. He stated those were 61G18-12.019, F.A.C., the null and void fee, and 61G18-11.002, F.A.C., Examination and Licensure, the manual mentioned in the rule had a name change from physician's manual to practitioner's manual.

### **Executive Director – Juanita Chastain**

Ms. Chastain advised the board that the Department is going in the direction of offering the newsletter electronically on the Departments web page. She stated that the licensee could go on line and subscribe to the newsletter if they want it e-mailed to them or a copy could be mailed if requested.

## **Financial Report – Susan Love**

Ms. Love advised the board that the board's finances are on track.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**MOTION:** Ms. Hurley made a motion to nominate Dr. Vega as Chair.

**SECOND:** Dr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Dr. Leonard made a motion to nominate Dr. Helm as Vice Chair.

**SECOND:** Ms. Hurley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Vega advised the board that Donald Schaefer resigned from the Florida Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Vega advised the board that the next meeting would be in Orlando at the Florida Hotel and Conference Center on June 5, 2007.

**MOTION:** Ms. Love made a motion to adjourn.

**SECOND:** Dr. Vega seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

