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Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine
Open Board Minutes for September 10, 2015

Present:

Dr. David Diamond – Chair
Dr. Karen Patti – Member
Dr. Sheri Siegel – Member
Donna Turley, Esq. – Member

Board Staff:

Erin LeBel, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Ann Barry, Executive Director
Leija Meadows, Board Administrator
Elizabeth Regan, Administrative Assistant

9:42 AM: Dr. Diamond called the Open Session to order with a moment of silence for our troops. Atty. Jim O'Connor reviewed evacuation plans in the event of an emergency.

Ann Barry, Associate Executive Director, was introduced as the incoming (as of October) Executive Director of the Veterinary Medicine Board. The reorganization within the Division of Professional Licensure has redistributed duties and Boards. This is the final Board meeting attended by Erin LeBel, outgoing Board Executive Director, and Leija Meadows, outgoing Board Administrator. As of October meeting, Ann Barry will be the Board Executive Director and Elizabeth Regan will be the Board Administrator.

The Board reviewed the Open Minutes from June 11, 2015. Motion was made by Dr. Siegel to accept the Minutes with corrections. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board reviewed the Open Minutes from August 13, 2015. Motion was made by Dr. Diamond to accept the Minutes with corrections. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Open Session continued and moved onto **Items not reasonably anticipated by the Chair:**

- Dr. Robert Shurtleff, representing Susan Curtis, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, informed the Board that the language of the proposed legislation drafted by the MVMA (and discussed at the August Board meeting by Susan Curtis) has been fixed. The proposed bill seeks to revise the language of House Bill 2061 such that it amends current Massachusetts pharmacy law to allow veterinarians to “stock, administer, and dispense limited quantities of compounded medication for the treatment of urgent and emergency situations.” Dr. Shurtleff wanted to clarify that the amount of compounded medication would be limited to a very small amount to be used for urgent, non-patient specific care only and that the proposal would not be recommending that compounding be done by the veterinarians. Dr. Shurtleff asked if the Board could lend



support for such a proposal. Board determined that this is more a pharmacy issue than a Veterinary Board issue. In general, the Board cannot publically support any proposed or pending legislation. Individual Board members are free to submit public comments as individual practitioners, but not as a Board member.

10:10 AM: Dr. Siegel moved to suspend the Open Session pursuant to G.L c. 112 § 65 C and enter into Closed Session so that the Board could enter into Investigative Conference to discuss cases. It was estimated the conference would last approximately 1 hour. The motion was seconded by Dr. Diamond. Motion passed unanimously. Dr. Shurtleff exited the meeting.

10:50 AM: Dr. Diamond moved to suspend the Investigative Conference pursuant to MGL c. 30(a) § 21(a)(3) so that the Board could enter Executive Session to receive an update (from Atty. O'Connor) about **VT 11-050**. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley and a roll call vote was taken.

In Favor: Dr. Diamond, Dr. Patti, Dr. Siegel, Atty. Turley
Recused: None
Against: None

The Board indicated that the Open Session would resume in approximately 10 minutes. Atty. O'Connor provided an update. Dr. Diamond made a motion to stay the discipline of VT-11-050, seconded by Dr. Patti and unanimously granted by Board.

11:00 AM: Dr. Diamond moved to suspend Executive Session and return to Open Session. Atty. Turley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

VT 15-1338	Dismiss with Advisory
VT 15-1324	Dismiss Current Case and open matter regarding CE violation
VT 2015-1335	Closed with No Action. Board Counsel O'Connor will forward to Office of Investigations for follow-up.

Open Session continued with **Other Board Business:**

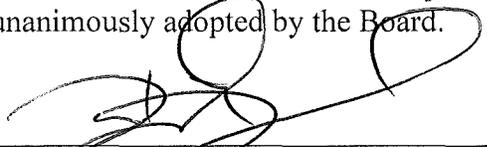
- 1. Delegation of Authority.** Atty. Turley moved to review and amend four delegations of authority presented to the Board by Board Counsel O'Connor. Motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
- 2. Regulations Review.** Discussion postponed until October Board meeting.
- 3. Correspondence from Susan Curtis, Executive Director, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association, regarding Policy #08-02.** Board confirmed they are already in agreement with the proposal (discussed at the August Board meeting).
- 4. Correspondence from Dr. Lisa Abbo, Capron Park Zoo, Attleboro, MA.** The Board was unanimous in its decision to not allow Rhode Island veterinarians (not licensed in Massachusetts) to cover for Dr. Abbo when on vacation or attending conferences. These can be scheduled well ahead of time and do not fall under the 'state of emergency' policy that now exists. These are planned absences so coverage by a Massachusetts licensed veterinarian can and should be arranged.

5. Lic. #2229 Compliance with consent agreement terms. Tabled. No action.

List of documents:

- Draft Minutes of June 11, 2015 meeting
- Draft Minutes of August 13, 2015 meeting
- Correspondence from Susan Curtis
- Email correspondence from Dr. Lisa Abbo

Dr. Diamond made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:00pm, seconded by Dr. Patti and unanimously adopted by the Board.



Dr. David Diamond, Chair
Board of Veterinary Medicine