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Massachusetts Board of Veterinary Medicine
Open Board Minutes for April 14, 2016

Present:

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

Board and DPL Staff:

Ann Barry, Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Robert Williams, Investigator
Doris Lugo, Investigator

Public Present:

Jim Penrod - American Association of Veterinary State Boards –AAVSB Services
Dr. Robert Shurtleff - Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association
Theresa Shurtleff

9:32 AM: Dr. Siegel called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for our troops. Board Counsel, Atty. Jim O'Connor, reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

Vote on Minutes: March 10, 2016

The Board reviewed the Minutes from March 10, 2016. Motion was made by Atty. Turley to approve the minutes. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Jim Penrod-American Association of Veterinary State Boards –AAVSB Services

Mr. Penrod conducted a presentation to the Board from the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB). He discussed AAVSB Outreach Initiative, key programs, benefits and goals of the AAVSB and volunteering opportunities.

Compliance Monitoring:

- (a) **Matthew Callahan (VT-15-003):** The Board unanimously approved the monitor and accepted the proposed continuing education.
- (b) **Michael Katz (VT-10-032):** The monitoring report was read and filed by the Board.
- (c) **Ashraf Gomaa (VT-13-035):** The Board approved the monitor. Dr. Patti abstained.
- (d) **Michael Johnson (VT-12-112):** The monitoring report was read and filed by the Board.

Associate Executive Director, Jennifer Romeo-Porcaro's Report to the Board: None



Board Counsel James O'Connor's Report to the Board:

- (a) **Legal Update and Regulation Review for Executive Order 562:** Atty. Jim O'Connor reported that the amended proposed regulations were approved by the Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA), the agency's parent agency, and now must be reviewed and approved by other state agencies.

Other Board Business:

- (a) **Report from Office of Investigations:** None
- (b) **Correspondences:**
 - i. **Letter dated March 28, 2016 from Rohan Rajapakse in regards to a request for additional time to fulfill CE requirements for reinstatement of Limited License:** The Board tabled this matter for further review.

Investigative Conference – Closed Session under M.G.L. ch. 112, section 65C

Dr. Patti moved to suspend the Open Session pursuant to M.G.L. ch. 112, section 65C and enter into Closed Session so the Board could enter into Investigative Conference. The motion was seconded by Dr. Siegel. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

- (a) **2015-001339-IT-ENF (JA):** Dr. Patti recused and left the room for the discussion. A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to dismiss. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
- (b) **2015-001355-IT-ENF (RM):** Dr. Siegel recused and left the room for the discussion. A motion was made by Atty. Turley to dismiss with an advisory letter. The Board shall also open a complaint against MV. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
- (c) **2015-001419-IT-ENF (HT):** A motion was made by Atty. Turley to refer the matter to the Office of Prosecution for only a continuing education violation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
- (d) **2015-001483-IT-ENF (WN):** A motion was made by Dr. Patti to dismiss with an advisory letter. The Board shall also open a complaint for a continuing education violation. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
- (e) **2015-001484-IT-ENF (JM):** A motion was made by Dr. Patti to dismiss with an advisory letter. The motion was seconded by Atty. Turley. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.
- (f) **2015-001553-IT-ENF (VCA):** Dr. Diamond recused and left the room for the discussion. A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to close the staff assignment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

- (g) **Board review of websites:** The Office of Investigations reviewed websites to ascertain whether a Board regulation or statute was violated by the use of terms “surgeon” or “surgical referral center” on the websites. A motion was made by Dr. Diamond to issue advisory letters to GS and TM. The motion was seconded by Siegel. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Prosecutor Deborah Kravitz – Closed Session under M.G.L. ch. 112, section 65C:

- (a) **VT-14-053 (JM):** The Board provided the Prosecutor with guidance.
- (b) **VT-15-021 (RK):** The Board provided the Prosecutor with guidance.
- (c) **VT-15-1316 (GC):** The Board provided the Prosecutor with guidance.

A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to suspend the Investigative Conference and enter into Executive Session – Closed Session under MGL ch. 30A, Section 21(a)(7) to comply with MGL ch. 4, Section 7, para. 26(c). The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

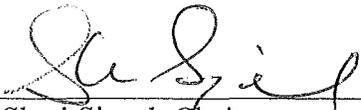
A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to enter into Quasi-Judicial Deliberative Session – Closed Session under MGL ch. 30A, section 18: VT-11-050 (MR). The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to resume Open Session. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

A motion was made by Dr. Siegel to close the meeting at 12:14pm. The motion was seconded by Dr. Patti. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

List of documents:

- Minutes of March 10, 2016 meeting
- Matthew Callahan (VT-15-003): Compliance Monitoring Report and Compliance Monitor Approval Request
- Michael Katz (VT-10-032): Compliance Monitoring Report
- Ashraf Gomaa (VT-13-035): Compliance Monitor Approval Request
- Michael Johnson (VT-12-112): Compliance Monitoring Report
- Correspondences: letter dated March 28, 2016 from Rohan Rajapakse in regards to a request for additional time to fulfill CE requirements for reinstatement of Limited License



Dr. Sheri Siegel, Chair
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