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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for October 12, 2017

Board Members:

Dr. Karen Patti, Chair
Dr. David Diamond, Secretary
Dr. Stephanie Kube, Member
Dr. Sheri Siegel, Member

Board Staff:

John High, Associate Executive Director
James O'Connor, Board Counsel
Jenna Hentoff, Prosecuting Counsel
Doris Lugo, Investigator
Bruce Hopper, Chief Legal Counsel

Public Present:

Susan Curtis, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
Dr. Robert Shurtleff, Massachusetts Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA)
Theresa Shurtleff

Meeting Called to Order

9:33 am: Dr. Patti, Chair, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence. James O'Connor reviewed the evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

Vote on Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the public meeting minutes from September 14, 2017. Dr. Diamond made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Compliance Monitoring

(a) Request to Terminate Probation: Michael A. Johnson, 20120605VT112-IT-ENF

Dr. Siegel made a motion to terminate the probation period. Dr. Patti seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Correspondence

(a) Paul Andreani: Request for Extension for Compliance with Terms of Consent Agreement



The Board discussed a request for an extension of time to comply with the terms of a Consent Agreement. The Board provided guidance to Board staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

(b) William Ceurvels: Inquiry on Guidelines for Veterinary Acupuncture

The Board discussed an inquiry regarding the practice of veterinary acupuncture. The Board provided guidance to Board staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

(c) Katerina Weingartova: Inquiry on Use of Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) Systems

The Board discussed an inquiry regarding the use of Pulsed Electromagnetic Field (PEMF) systems. The Board provided guidance to Board staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

(d) Paula Monte: Inquiry on In-Home Veterinary Practice

The Board discussed an inquiry regarding in-home veterinary practices. The Board provided guidance to Board staff for the purpose of formulating a response.

Other Board Business

(a) 2018 Meeting Date Schedule & Meeting Location(s)

The Board reviewed a tentative meeting schedule for 2018 and possible meeting locations. The Board will continue to meet the second Thursday of each month, in Conference room 1D at 1000 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118.

(b) Revisions to the Board Jurisprudence Examination

The Board discussed its plans to revise the current Jurisprudence Examination to reflect recent updates to its regulations.

(c) Online Applications & Renewals

The Board staff provided an update regarding the Division of Professional Licensure's initiative to go paperless for all license applications and license renewals.

(d) Administrative Review of Disclosed Disciplinary Actions

The Board discussed its existing delegation of authority to Board staff for the purpose of reviewing disciplinary actions disclosed on applications for licensure. Dr. Patti made a motion to affirm the existing delegation and directed Board Counsel to draft either formal guidelines or a Board policy regarding the delegation, to be reviewed at a future meeting. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Investigative Conference - Closed Session under M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C

10:20 am: A motion was made by Dr. Patti to enter closed, Investigative Session. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board made the following decisions while in Investigative Conference:

(a) Prosecutor(s):

- (1) 2017-000118-IT-ENF (SC) - Prosecutor Jenna Hentoff: The Board provided guidance to Prosecutor Hentoff.

(b) Complaints:

- (1) 2017-000781-IT-ENF (GC): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (2) 2017-000661-IT-ENF (GC): Complaint referred to Prosecutions Unit.
- (3) 2017-000679-IT-ENF (BNB): Complaint tabled to a future meeting.
- (4) 2017-000690-IT-ENF (CC): Complaint dismissed without prejudice.
- (5) 2017-000820-IT-ENF (LS): Complaint tabled to a future meeting.
- (6) Request for Reconsideration of Dismissed Complaint, 2016-001009-IT-ENF (ML): Request denied. Prior dismissal of complaint affirmed.

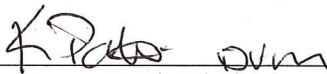
12:08 pm: Dr. Siegel made a motion to exit closed, Investigative Session. Dr. Kube seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

Meeting Adjournment

12:09 pm: Dr. Patti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Siegel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the Board.

List of Documents

- Agenda of October 12, 2017 Meeting
- Minutes of September 14, 2017 Meeting



Dr. Karen Patti, Chair
Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine