

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 at 9:00 AM
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Second Floor – Conference Room E

CALL TO ORDER

- I. **Minutes**
Review and approval of the minutes of the November 12, 2008 meeting.
- II. **Department of Public Health Updates**
 - A. Investigations Update
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor
- III. **Legal Office Business**
Hubert Hopkinson, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0906-047-020
Presentation of Consent Order - Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH
- IV. **Additional Agenda Items**

ADJOURN

The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

The Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine held a meeting at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Second Floor Conference Room E, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 12, 2008.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM
H. Dexter Young

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.

ALSO PRESENT: Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison

Dr. Dann called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Mr. Kardys reported that effective October 23, 2008, Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq. was appointed to the Board in place of Nona Richards who was deemed to have resigned by the Governor's Office due to her failure to attend Board meetings since appointment.

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Dr. Dann made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gorra, to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 33 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 8 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

B. Public Health Code § 20-196-3 - Use of the term "Medical Center"

The Public Health Code § 20-196-03 provides states that a . . . "veterinary medical center is a facility that performs full and complete consultative, clinical, and hospital services by an adequate staff of duly accredited veterinary scientists who perform scientific research and conduct advanced professional educational programs . . ."

It was brought to the Board's attention that Newtown Animal Medical Center, 98 South Main Street, Newtown, CT may not be in compliance with this regulation in its use of the term "medical center."

Mr. Griffin indicated that the Department of Public Health is looking into this matter and has communicated with the owner.

C. Meeting dates for 2008

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2009:

January 28, 2009

April 15, 2009

August 19, 2009

November 4, 2009

All meetings will be scheduled for 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

The Board reviewed a letter sent to the Department of Public Health from Larry Nieman, DVM who is the owner of a franchise veterinary practice. Dr. Nieman states that the franchisor is limiting his ability to transmit images to an outside radiologist. The Board commented that this a business practice issue for which the Board does not have jurisdiction.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordan R. Dann, D.V.M., Chairman
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine