

## **AGENDA**

### **CONNECTICUT BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 9:00 AM**  
**Department of Public Health**  
**410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut**  
**Second Floor – Conference Room F**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

**I. Minutes**

Review and approval of the minutes of the November 4, 2009 meeting.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

- A. Investigations Update  
*Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor*

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Seymour Leopold, DVM – Petition No. 2008-0512-047-017  
*Presentation of Consent Order - Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, DPH*
- B. Richard Vargoshe, DVM, – Petition No. 2007-1115-047-027  
*Presentation of Consent Order – Joelle Newton, Staff Attorney, DPH*

**V. 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 C, Hartford, Connecticut, on November 4, 2009

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jordan R. Dann, DVM, Chairman  
Theresa Cianciolo, DVM  
Ferris G. Gorra, DVM  
Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.  
H. Dexter Young

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jeffrey Kardys, Board Liaison  
Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

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

**I. MINUTES – August 19, 2009**

The August 19, 2009 minutes were reviewed and unanimously approved as written.

**II. Department of Public Health Updates**

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, Department of Public Health (DPH) reported that there are currently 25 veterinary cases under investigation by the DPH. 10 additional cases have been referred to the Department's Legal Office for further review and/or action.

**LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

**A. Blaire Michael, VMD – Petition No. 2007-1113-047-026**

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Blaire Michael, VMD. Respondent was present with representation.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Ms. O'Neill, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Dann who was opposed. Dr. Dann signed the Order on behalf of the Board imposing a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

**B. Stephen Tobin, DVM, – Petition No. 2007-1031-047-024**

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Stephen Tobin, DVM. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Gorra made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cianciolo, to table this matter and recommended additional terms be added to the proposed Consent Order, specifically a period of probation; training regarding anesthesia techniques/pain management and that respondent not perform surgery until the training is completed. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Frank Palka, DVM, – Petition No. 2008-1125-047-037

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in the matter of Frank Palka, DVM. Respondent was not present or represented.

Ms. O'Neill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Dann signed the Order on behalf of the Board imposing a reprimand and a six-month period of probation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Meeting dates for 2010

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 2010:

January 27, 2009 (snow date February 3, 2010)

April 28, 2010

August 25, 2010

November 10, 2010

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

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

Board Liaison Jeffrey Kardys explained that the Department of Public Health and respondents in the matters of Robyn Harper, DVM – Petition No. 2007-0221-047-010 and Dennis J. Thibeault, DVM – Petition No. 2006-0221-047-011 are interested in a prehearing conference in an attempt to resolve these matters without the need for a hearing. Mr. Kardys explained the pre-hearing conference. It was the consensus of the Board that a pre-hearing conference was appropriate for these matters. Dr. Gorra will be the Board member designated to participate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne O'Neill, Esq.  
Connecticut Board of Veterinary Medicine