

Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

March 28, 2019

Maryland Department of Agriculture – 50 Harry S Truman Parkway, Annapolis

Public Minutes for Team A Meeting

Team Members Present: Dr. David Handel, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Karena Joung, and Dr. Peter Radue. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Director/Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Handel called the meeting of Team A to order at 9:07 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes: In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Radue, the team voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 meeting of Team A.

In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Joung, the team voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article.

Closed Session of Team A. During the closed session, administrative functions were performed, including discussions of complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board assigned to Team A.

Minutes of the Joint Board Meeting

Team Members Present: Dr. David Handel, Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Dr. Heather Hendler, Dr. Karena Joung, Dr. Peter Radue and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Director/Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch. Tom Filbert, Assistant Attorney General, joined the meeting at 12:51.

Dr. Handel called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Ms. Chaput, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the team voted to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2019 Board meeting as presented.

Veterinary License Applications

The Board reviewed applications for veterinary licenses.

In motions by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the Board voted unanimously to approve veterinary licenses applications for Drs. Carr, Monts de Oca, Oslon, Peterson, and Bott.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the Board voted to approve licenses applications for Dr. Ashton. Dr. Joung abstained.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Hendler, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reinstatement application for Dr. Popiclek.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Radue, the Board voted unanimously to approve the license application for Dr. Lew.

Sanitation Reports. Inspectors Morgan and James reported on the inspections they have completed since the February 2019 meeting. In a motion by Dr. Hendler, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board accepted the Sanitation Reports.

The Board broke for lunch at 12:14 p.m. and reconvened at 12:51. Dr. Joung left the meeting at this time.

Discussions of Proposed Regulations. Ms. Orlando brought a list of regulations that were discussed during the February meeting that need clarifying and provided preliminary language. After a lengthy discussion, the regulations discussed will be reformatted and final language will be vetted and brought back for further review.

Subject of Charges Revisited: Responsible Veterinarian vs. Owner. Ms. Spirt reviewed recent charges and noted that with more and more practices being purchased by corporations, the charging documents need to be consistent. Board members agreed that administrative functions are the responsibility of the owner while standards of care and medical protocols, including protocols for removing expired medication, are under the Responsible Veterinarian. Owners must ensure that Responsible Veterinarians understand their role.

Maximum time allowed for Request for Records. Investigator Husk reported that she is having difficulty getting records from a few veterinarians involved in complaint investigations. She was instructed that after two failed attempts in which there was no show of good faith, the incident should be brought back to the Board for charges or a summons to appear.

USP 800 – Hazardous Drugs – Handling in Healthcare Settings. This takes effect December 2019 and largely impacts practices handling chemotherapy drugs and equipment. Board members agreed that information should be provided to all practices but that Board inspectors would not be expected to enforce these requirements.

Approval of VTNE Agreement with AAVSB, March 1, 2019 – February 28, 2022. The Board reviewed the contract, which had been amended by the Attorney General's Office to conform to Maryland law. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Handel, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Ms. Orlando to sign the contract.

Rabies Tags. Ms. Husk was asked to describe a recent incident in which the Board staff was able to help clarify a company's rabies tag policy.

Outreach with Virginia Tech. Dr. Handel and Ms. Chaput will meet with veterinary students on April 30 in Blacksburg. A preliminary PowerPoint was provided to Board members who were asked to suggest real life cases that could be discussed.

Database Update. Ms. Orlando reported that database launch remains delayed due to an ongoing dispute between the Department of Information Technology and the Board of Public Works.

Public Minutes of the Team B Meeting

Team Members Present: Dr. Heather Hendler, Dr. Elizabeth Callahan and Ms. Victoria Wright-Conner. **Staff Present:** Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Assistant Director/Investigator Susan Husk, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan and Ellen James, and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Hendler called the meeting to order at 2:44 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Ms. Wright-Conner, the team voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

In a motion by Ms. Wright-Conner, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the team voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into closed session to perform administrative functions, pursuant to § 3-103 of the General Provisions Article. The meeting as closed at 2:45 p.m.

Closed Session of Team B. During the closed session, administrative functions were performed, including discussions of complaints and disciplinary matters before the Board assigned to Team B.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.