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Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Business Meeting, Disciplinary Hearings, and Application Hearings
August 2, 2012
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 105
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina, 29211

Board members present were:
Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M., Chairperson
Bryan K. Cribb, D.V.M., Secretary
Christine Hartman, L.V.T.
Rebecca Hughes, D.V.M.
Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M.

Board members with excused absences were:
Oswald H. "Sonny" King, D.V.M., Vice Chairperson
Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.
David M. Oliver, D.V.M.
Walter C. Robinson, D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:
Erin Baldwin, LLR Litigation Attorney, Office of General Counsel (OGC)
Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
Lori Graham, LLR Investigator
Gary Hagood, PPR Court Reporter
David Love, OIE
Mag Moton, LLR Administrative Assistant
Marcia Rosenberg
Sheridon Spoon, Esquire, LLR Advice Attorney
Terri Stephens, LLR Investigator

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 105, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairperson Dr. Brooks called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

These minutes are a record of the motions and official actions taken by the Board and brief summary of the meeting. A transcript of this meeting providing more detail will be available on the Board's website: www.llr.state.sc.us/pol/veterinary

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to approve the Agenda as presented. Dr. Hughes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to accept the May 24, 2012 Minutes of the last meeting as printed. Ms. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

IRC Report:

The Investigative Review Committee Report (IRC) was provided. Discussion followed. Proposed motions were made, seconded, and passed; however after additional discussions were held with more information offered, motions were finalized as follows:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to accept seven (7) Dismissals for cases 2011-34, 36, 41, 45, 46, 47 and 2012-14, as well as to leave case 2011- 44 Pending as Dr. Platt was recused in 2011-44. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to issue a Cease & Desist for case 2012-20. Dr. Cribb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to issue a Cease & Desist for case 2011-42. Ms. Hartman seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to accept the IRC Report to authorize three (3) Formal Complaints for cases 2011-32, 2011-43, and 2012-16. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Cribb to issue two (2) Dismissals with Letters of Concern for cases 2011-37 and 2011-49. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hartman. The motion passed.

OIE and OGC Management Reports:

The OIE and OGC Management Reports were given for OIE and OGC. The reports were accepted as information by the Board.

DISCIPLINARY ISSUES:

Ms. Baldwin presented the Board with an Agreement to Relinquish License to practice Veterinary Medicine from Thomas Lane Bodie, D.V.M. The Board accepted the information on relinquishment on the public record and for posting on the Board's website.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Administrative Report:

The Administrative Report was given with a staffing chart and included the statistical report on number of licensees and licensing actions. Reports were also given on passage status of bills for the clean-up of the Board's Regulations language, the listing of fees in Regulation, and passage of District 7 legislation to add an additional veterinarian to the Board. It was reported that the Board will be represented at AAVSB by Dr. Sonny King, LLR will host an Insurance Reserve Fund class for training, and 2013-2915 renewal is upcoming. The response from DHEC on their facility inspections was reported. The Disciplinary Monitor Log report was given as information.

Financial Report:

Financial Report was given and accepted as information.

LEGAL:

There was no legal business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Asira Usage and Homeopathic Medicine/Remedies as Alternative Medicine:

Ms. Baldwin discussed the Asira machine and its use in South Carolina. Its use as a tool in the practice of veterinary medicine and homeopathic medicine/remedies were discussed based on 40-69-20 (13) and (17) which are definitions of veterinary medicine. 40-69-30 was discussed for representing oneself as engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine as offering services which are considered the practice of veterinary medicine. Unlicensed practice in these matters was discussed. Case 2012-20 from the IRC Report was re-discussed.

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Platt to change case 2012-20 from Dismissal to a Cease & Desist Order for an unlicensed person practicing veterinary medicine and advertising to do so. Dr. Cribb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Note: The Board asked to go back to the IRC Report and approve all the IRC cases individually by number for clarity.

Holistic Medicine Courses for CE:

It was discussed that holistic medicine courses for CE approval will be given to the Board for approval. 40-69-20 (17) was referenced again for the practice of veterinary medicine.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There were none.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meeting of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for 2012 will be November 1.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate K. Cox
Administrator