



Rabies Control Board Meeting

Meeting Date: January 14, 2015

Board Member Attendees: Scott Marshall, DVM (DEM, Chairman); C.H. Hannafin, DVM (RIVMA); Utpala Bandy, MD (DOH Designee); Scott Scofield (Providence ACO); Charles Brown, (DEM Designee); Tom Gulluscio (Humane Organization)

Board Member Absent:, Kevin Breene, (Livestock Farmer)

Non-Board Attendees: Joshua & Brandi Trzaska and Sandra & Rachael Brown

Meeting called to order at 10:30 AM by Dr. Marshall followed by roll call of all in attendance; a quorum was met.

Acceptance of meeting minutes of the RCB for September 23, 2014 meeting - Christopher Hannafin, DVM motioned to accept the minutes. Motion seconded by Scott Marshall, DVM. Motion unanimously passed

NEW BUSINESS - Variance Petition Listing requesting variances for their dogs. – Variance Summary attached.

- A. **Variance Petition – Joshua Trzaska** - Mr. Trzaska requested a variance for his dog which has been diagnosed as being allergic to rabies vaccine per the dog's attending veterinarian.
- B. **Variance Petition – Ms. Lynda Capalbo** - Ms. Capalbo had requested a variance for her dog but cancelled.
- C. **Variance Petition – Ms. Sandra Brown** - Ms. Brown appeared before this board to request a variance for her dog which has been diagnosed with allergies. Her attending veterinarian supports issuance of a variance.
- D. **Variance Petition – Ms. Janice Eldred** - Ms. Eldred's dog passed before the meeting occurred.

Dr. Marshall asked all petitioners if they agreed to all of the conditions stated in the documentation they received. They all agreed. Dr. Marshall stated that all petitions have been read and reviewed by the subcommittee consisting of Scott Marshall, DVM, Christopher Hannafin, DVM and Scott Scofield, Providence ACO. This subcommittee is advisory to the Rabies Control Board on matters related to variances. Dr. Marshall emphasized to the petitioners that if a variance is granted, their animals will be considered non-vaccinated for rabies management purposes. The petitioners stated that they understood. Dr. Marshall stated that everyone requesting a variance will be notified in writing whether their request was approved or denied and that those who receive approval will be required to return to the office to sign the variance affidavit.

This concluded discussion on new variances. The petitioners left the meeting. The subcommittee commented that they had reviewed all petitions and recommended passage of all. The board voted unanimously to issue variances for the Trzaska and Brown dogs.

The board briefly discussed the fact that several petitioners that the board decided to grant variances have not made arrangements to execute the variance affidavit, as is required for proof of a variance. The board suggested sending notice to the animal control officers in the town to reach out to those petitioners.

Motion to adjourn –Dr. Hannafin motion to adjourn seconded by Scott Scofield.

NEXT MEETING is set for April 29th 2015 @ 10:30 AM – Conference Room 370A