

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

OPEN SESSION

The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.

Members Present Staff Present

Peter Cournoyer, DVM Catherine Cordy

Catherine Lund, DVM Linda Phillips

Mark Povar, DVM

Stacey Rodehorst, DVM

Susan Fabrizio

Members Absent

1 vacancies

Call to Order

The meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN session meeting held on January 23, 2013 were reviewed.

Mark Povar moved that the minutes be approved. Peter Cournoyer seconded the motion.

The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

A warm welcome was extended to the Boards new public member, Susan Fabrizio.

Communications: None

Continuing Education Inquiries: None

Issued Veterinary Licenses:

A list of new veterinary licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Peter Cournoyer and seconded by Mark Povar, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS: None

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

First Aid Courses

An email was received stating that certification courses are being taught both online and in person, for Canine and Feline CPR, Equine Emergency Response/First Aid, and Adult/Child/Infant CPR and AED course; however, it is vague as to who the provider is and if/how they are trained to do this type of training. The only reference listed concerning the instructors is “professionally taught staff of credentialed veterinary technicians and emergency medical technicians”.

After much discussion, it was decided that more information is

needed in order to determine if this is an issue if lay people become credentialed. Follow up is needed to see if there is a standard with the AVM or possibly with the Red Cross as a reference for RI to follow.

Training and Education for RPh doing Vet Only Meds

This issue will be presented to both the Vet Board and the Pharmacy Board as it affects both professions.

Legislation was submitted recently, which did not pass, offering an option for pet owners to fill scripts at the veterinary clinic or at a pharmacy. It is felt that the pharmacist needs to be educated with pedigree drugs when filling a prescription outside the vet clinic. If changes are made to the drug or quantity without questioning the dose recommended, it could be crucial. It was recommended by the Board to have a Vet Pharmacologist be involved in this and offered their assistance to the Pharmacy Board, if needed.

5.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job

performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and

investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal

misconduct. Said individuals

have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an OPEN meeting.

Stacey Rodehorst made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session

in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Catherine Lund seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Mark Povar made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 3:00 p.m. Peter Cournoyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

7.0 FINAL ACTIONS:

C12-VET-003 Jeanne Langford (DVM00431) - Formal Reprimand w/ CE credits

8.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Catherine Lund made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Peter Cournoyer seconded the motion.

The motion

carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Phillips, Board Administrator

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