

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

**CONFERENCE ROOM 205  
3 CAPITOL HILL  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2015  
1:00 P.M.**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Board Members in Attendance**

**Peter Cournoyer, DVM**

**Susan Fabrizio, Public Member**

**Conrad Jones, DVM**

**Catherine Lund, DVM**

**Mark Povar, DVM**

**Stacey Rodehorst, DVM**

**Board Members not in Attendance**

**Staff Members in Attendance**

**Peter J. Ragosta – Chief Administrator Officer**

**Amy Coleman - Attorney**

## **Others In Attendance**

**1. A quorum was establishment at 1:10 p.m.**

**A meeting of the RI Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on August 5, 2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 205, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Conrad Jones and seconded by Dr. Stacey Rodehorst, Motion carried.**

**1. Presentation of the February 11,2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Dr. Stacey Rodehorst , seconded by Dr. Conrad Jones to accept the Open Session minutes of April 22, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as**

**presented. Motion carried.**

## **2. Chief Administrative Officer Report**

- **Issued Veterinary Licenses-On a motion by Dr. Conrad Jones and seconded by Dr. Peter Cournoyer, it was voted to accept the licenses presented to the Board.**

## **3. Old Business**

### **4. New Business**

**a. Discussion: RIVMA inquiry of BOVM position on ownership of animal hospitals by non-veterinarians. Board counsel noted that it appears to be a regulation by the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) and may require more research into the specifics of the subject; the BOVM agreed that there needs to be more specific guidance in state veterinary regulations as to what should occur when a veterinary practice closes.**

**b. Discussion: Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) – Dr. Stacey Rodehorst suggested that the federal regulations be adopted and incorporated into the state regulations; the Board unanimously concurred with Dr. Rodehorst.**

**c. Discussion: Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) - Dr.**

**Rodehorst volunteered to review the federal regulations and make a recommendation on possibly amending the state regulations. If amendments are suggested, Dr. Rodehorst offered to draft proposed changes.**

#### **5. Motion to Adjourn to CLOSED Session**

**A motion was made by Dr. Mark Povar and seconded by Dr. Conrad Jones at 1:35 to adjourn to closed session. Motion carried.**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

#### **6. Return to Open Session**

**A motion was made by Dr. Cathy Lund and seconded by Susan Fabrizio at 2:46 to return to open session. Motion carried.**

**Vote to seal minutes of the CLOSED Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4,42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws.**

## **7. Final Actions on all votes taken in CLOSED Session**

**The Board reviewed and approved (5) No Unprofessional Conduct Cases and (1) case was administratively closed.**

## **8. Adjournment**

**Motion was made by Dr. Conrad Jones and seconded by Dr. Stacey Rodehorst to adjourn at 3:00 pm. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Peter J. Ragosta, R.Ph.**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

**R.I. Board of Veterinary Medicine**