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BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Minutes

Date: December 13, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m., C.S.T.

Location: Poplar Room
665 Mainstream Drive
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary
Robert J. Simpson, D.V.M.
Elizabeth B. Thompson, D.V.M.
Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M.
N. Scott Loxley, D.V.M.
Leslie R. Wereszczak, L.V.T.
Ann Strong, Public Member
Charles Hatcher, D.V.M., State Veterinarian, Ex-officio Member

Staff Present: Rita Buckner-Shelton, Board Administrator
Lisa Lampley, Board Director
Caroline Tippens, Assistant General Counsel

Upon the determination of a quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Ladd at 9:08 a.m.

Welcome to New Board Members

The Board welcomed the following new board members: Stephen S. Galloway, DVM; N. Scott Loxley, DVM; and Ms. Leslie R. Wereszczak, LVT. Their terms expire 07/31/2022.

Conflict of Interest Statement

Board members reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Thompson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Simpson, to approve the August 16, 2017 minutes. The motion carried.

Applicant Interviews

Bridget Ferguson, C.A.E.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Bridget Ferguson**. Ms. Ferguson answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Ms. Ferguson was present to answer any questions from members of the board regarding a 2010 conviction for Simple Possession. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Galloway made a motion, seconded by Ms. Strong, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Richard T. Penley, C.A.E.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Richard Penley**. Mr. Penley answered “no” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Mr. Penley was present to answer any questions from members of the board regarding a 2006 Youthful Offender conviction. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Ms. Strong made a motion, seconded by Dr. Thompson, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Scotchie L. Davis, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Scotchie Davis, DVM**. Dr. Davis answered “yes” to the application questions regarding any disciplinary action in another state and any discipline of controlled substance certificate. Licensure verification received from the Mississippi Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners indicated disciplinary action in 2006 as the result of a DEA investigation. Dr. Davis was present to answer any questions from members of the board. After discussion and review of the documentation, Dr. Galloway made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to approve the file. The motion carried.

Shalein Bonney, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Shalein Bonney**. Dr. Bonney was not engaged in active veterinary practice for three (3) of the five (5) years preceding application for an average of twenty-five (25) hours per week and requested a waiver of this requirement. Dr. Bonney was present to answer any questions from the members of the board. Upon discussion, Dr. Simpson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Galloway, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Samuel Hall, C.A.E.T.

The Board reviewed an application for certification as an animal euthanasia technician submitted by **Samuel Hall**. Mr. Hall answered “yes” to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Mr. Hall was present to answer any

questions from the members of the board regarding a conviction in 2015 for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Mr. Hall submitted letters of recommendation from his supervisors for the Board's review. Upon discussion and review of the documentation, Ms. Strong made a motion, seconded by Dr. Galloway, to approve the application. The motion carried.

Genine R. Ervin, D.V.M.

The Board reviewed an application for licensure by reciprocity as a veterinarian submitted by **Genine Ervin, DVM**. Dr. Ervin was not present. Dr. Ervin answered "no" to the question on the application regarding conviction of any felony or misdemeanor. Dr. Ervin had a Nolo Plea to Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol – Less Safe in 2014. Upon discussion, Dr. Galloway made a motion, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to defer action on the file and to request Dr. Ervin's presence at the next board meeting. The motion carried.

Progress Report – Ronald E. Whitford, D.V.M.

As per the Order approved by the Board on December 1, 2016, Dr. Whitford appeared before the board to answer any questions concerning his surgical technique.

Progress Report – Julia L. Adams, D.V.M.

As per the Order approved by the Board on August 12, 2015, Dr. Adams appeared before the board to present proof of her continuing education credits for the prior year, her documentation of the prior year's training for her staff and new hires, and her log of any anesthetic and/or surgical deaths.

Progress Report – Stacy R. Smith, D.V.M.

As per the Order approved by the board on April 10, 2014, Dr. Smith appeared before the Board to answer any questions.

Presentation by Heather Prendergast, RVT, CVPM, SPHR, Veterinary Nurse Initiative Co-Chair

Ms. Prendergast gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the name change of Veterinary Technician to Veterinary Nurse. The Veterinary Nurse Initiative Coalition is actively pursuing legislative amendments in all 50 states to establish the name and credentialing of Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVN). The goals of the name change are to unite the profession under a single title, establish one credentialing standard, and provide title protection resulting in better recognition of the profession, mobility and elevated practice standards. Legislation will be introduced in January 2018 to the Tennessee General Assembly.

Investigations and Disciplinary Report

Ms. Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator, reported there are currently twenty-one (21) open complaints in the Office of Investigations. Ms. Dorsey also provided a list of practitioners currently being monitored for compliance with disciplinary orders.

Office of General Counsel (OGC) Report

Ms. Caroline Tippens, Assistant General Counsel, reported the Office of General Counsel currently has eight (8) open cases pertaining to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.

The proposed rule amendments are currently in internal review. Ms. Tippens gave a brief overview of the rulemaking process.

Financial Report

Mr. Butch Jack, Fiscal Office, reviewed the financial report which reflected a current year net of \$91,796.98 and a cumulative carryover of \$659,671.13 for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Jack stated the Board does not meet the current policy for a discussion regarding licensure fee reductions.

Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Cyndie Hensley, PT, DPT** regarding providing physical therapy services to animals upon referral by a veterinarian. Ms. Hensley was present to ask for guidance and to answer any questions from the Board. Ms. Hensley has experience working in the rehabilitation department of a local veterinary clinic and has received requests for mobile visits to clients' homes for rehab and laser which would infer more indirect supervision. The Board stated this was an accountability issue and not a competency issue. The Board referred Ms. Hensley to the definition of "responsible supervision" found under T.C.A. 63-12-103(12) and their position statement. While "responsible supervision" does not require a supervising veterinarian to physically be on the same premises as the person being supervised while veterinary services are being provided, the individual providing the services is required to be an employee of the veterinarian requesting the services as the veterinarian is ultimately responsible for all aspects of patient care. The Board advised that billing to the client should be through the veterinarian and that a formalized employee contract/agreement should be obtained.

Controlled Substances Monitoring Database (CSMD) Advisory Committee

Board members reviewed the 2018 CSMD Committee meeting dates. The following board members volunteered to serve on the following dates:

February 6, 2018: Dr. Ladd
April 3, 2018: Ms. Wereszczak

July 10, 2018: Dr. Simpson
October 2, 2018; Dr Simpson

Review of Continuing Education Courses

Dr. Galloway agreed to review requests for approval of continuing education hours and make recommendations to the board regarding approval/disapproval. Dr. Rob Simpson also serves as a reviewer.

Inspection Status Report

A total of one hundred (100) inspections were conducted during the period of August 2017 thru November 2017.

Director's Report

Ms. Lampley welcomed and expressed appreciation to Dr. Scott Loxley, DVM; Dr. Stephen Galloway, DVM; and Ms. Leslie Wereszczak, LVT for their willingness to serve on the board. Dr. Loxley replaces Dr. Kim Johnson whose term expired July 31, 2017; Dr. Galloway replaces Dr. Tai Federico whose term expired July 31, 2017; and Ms. Wereszczak replaces Ms. Karen Walsh whose term expired July 31, 2017.

Ms. Lampley spoke about the licensure process to the graduating students of the veterinary technology program at UT – Martin on October 31, 2017. This program graduates students in May and December.

As of November 22, 2017 we have the following number of active licensees:

Veterinarians:	2,402
Veterinary Medical Technicians:	786
Veterinary Facilities:	843
Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians:	286
Certified Animal Control Agencies:	67
Certified Animal Chemical Capture Technicians:	3
Animal Chemical Capture Certification:	1

Continuing Education Course Approval

The following requests for approval of continuing education hours were reviewed:

A request from **BluePearl Veterinary Partners** for approval of continuing education hours for the following topics to be held in calendar year 2018 at their office location in Franklin, TN:

Two (2) hours:

January 18, 2018 – “Unique Feline Dermatoses – Feline specific skin diseases, diagnosis and treatments”

February 15, 2018 – “Tie Over Bandages” – Wet Lab

March 15, 2018 – “Imaging the GI Tract”

April 19, 2018 – “New Treatments for the Management of Hemangiosarcoma”

May 17, 2018 – “Management of diabetic Ketoacidosis and Hyperosmolar Hpyerclycemia Syndrome”

June 21, 2018 – “A Radiographic Approach to Orthopedic Diseases in the Juvenile and Adult Dog”

July 19, 2018 – “Systemic Fungal Diseases in Dogs”

August 16, 2018 – “IMHA/ITP: When the Immune System Goes Rogue”

September 20, 2018 – “Diagnosis and Management of Chronic Gastrointestinal Disease”

October 18, 2018 – “Soft Tissue Surgical Emergencies: Airway and Thoracic”

One (1) hour:

January 16, 2018 – “Monitoring of the Critical Patient”

March 13, 2018 – “Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation – Stayin’ Alive!”

May 15, 2018 – “ECG Arrhythmias”

July 17, 2018 – “Nutritional Management of the Sick Patient”

A request from **Ceva Animal Health** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation on “**Making Happier Pet Visits**” held September 27, 2017 and September 28, 2017 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Barden Greenfield, DVM, Dipl. AVDC**, for approval of seven (7) continuing education hours for a course entitled “**Veterinary Dentistry for the Technician and Vet Assistant**” held December 3, 2017 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)** for approval of four (4) continuing education hours for a “**Compassion Fatigue Workshop**” held November 7 & 8, 2017 in Chattanooga, TN.

A request from **Lincoln Memorial University DeBusk College of Oseteopathic Medicine** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a course entitled “**Opioid Prescribing: Safe Practice, Changing Lives**” held December 6, 2017 at the Harrogate, TN campus or via interactive webinar.

A request from **Merck** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled “**Extradonary Flea and Tick Protection to Fit Your Diverse Patients Needs**” held October 5, 2017 in Arrington, TN.

A request from **Nashville Veterinary Specialists** for approval of two (2) each continuing education hours for the following presentations to be held on the following 2018 dates in Nashville, TN:

January 9th - "Gallbladder Mucoceles from the Medicine and Surgery Perspectives"

February 3rd - "Update on Small Animal Neurology"

March 13th - "Allergic Dermatitis: Where does Apoquel and Cytopoint fit in?"

April 10th - "Elevated Liver Enzymes: Diagnosis and Treatment"

May 8th - "Acute Abdomen from the Critical Care and Surgery Perspectives"

June 12th - "Blood Products and their Indications Emergency Case Studies"

A request from **OnlineContinuingEd,LLC** for approval of the following online courses:

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 201" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 202" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 203" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 204" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 205" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 206" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 207" - 6 hrs.

"Diagnosis and Treatment in Equine Medicine 208" - 6 hrs.

"Natural Veterinary Medicine 201" - 6 hrs.

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"Natural Veterinary Medicine 204" - 6 hrs.

"Veterinary Acupuncture 201" - 6 hrs.

"Veterinary Acupuncture 202" - 6 hrs.

"Veterinary Acupuncture 203" - 6 hrs.

"Veterinary Acupuncture 204" - 12 hrs.

"Common Disease of Companion Animals 201" - 6 hrs.

"Common Disease of Companion Animals 202" - 6 hrs.

"Common Disease of Companion Animals 201 - 202" - 12 hrs.

A request from **Upstate Veterinary Specialists** for approval of seven (7) continuing education hours for a **"Dentistry and Ophthalmology Veterinary Program"** to be held April 15, 2018 in North Carolina.

A request from **Veterinary Care and Specialty Group** for approval of three (3) continuing education hours for a course on the topics of **"Interventional Endoscopy: A new Way of**

‘Looking’ at Things” and **“Uncommon Solutions for Common Problems”** held November 11, 2017.

A request from **Zoetis** for approval of two (2) continuing education hours for a presentation entitled **“Four Steps to Better Dermatology”** held November 14, 2017 in Memphis, TN.

A request from **Amanda Gerboth, DVM** for approval of twenty (20) continuing education hours for the **“ACVPM Prep Course”** provided by Iowa State University during the period of December 12, 2016 – June 30, 2017.

The Board voted to grant ten (10) continuing education hours for the **“ACVPM Prep Course”** submitted by Dr. Amanda Gerboth. Ten (10) hours is the maximum number of hours allowed to be obtained via multi-media format. The Board voted to approve all other courses as submitted.

Ratifications

A motion was made by Dr. Galloway, seconded by Dr. Loxley, to approve the presented list of newly licensed/certified or reinstated veterinarians, veterinary medical technicians, veterinary facilities, certified animal euthanasia technicians, certified animal control agencies, and certified animal chemical capture technicians. The motion carried.

Veterinarians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Allen, Christy C.	Gregory, Virginia R.
Armstrong, Jennifer S.	Headrick, Donald D.
Bailey, Paula S.	Jacobs, Natasha S.
Bell, Annetta K.	Kincaid, Abbi B.
Belt, Emily L.	Marlo, Jessica
Bertram, Holly d.	Miller, Eric H.
Blanco, Laurie J.	Pallister, Garrison G.
Blyden, Joshua F.	Parks, Daniel T.
Bondy, Peter J.	Prokop, Allison B.
Carison, Krista J.	Ramsy, Brittni S.
Conklin, Katherine A.	Reyes-IIIg, Gwendolen A.
Cushing, Andrew	Rollins, Angela W.
Daniel, Sarah P.	Schramm, Courtney L.
Febbo, Sophronia Z.	Singer, Joshua K.
Fouts, Sara L.	Stribling III, Herman A.
Franklin, Evelyn O.	Stryeski, Kathleen
Galemore, Erin R.	Todd, Benton J.
Gammel, Jessie	Wong, Richard W.
Gardner, Mary A.	Younger, Melanie M.
Greer, Catherine E.	

Veterinary Medical Technicians-- Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Aldrich, Amy N.
Allen, Kelsey L.
Arroyo, Monica A.
Baumgartner, Beverly J.
Burns, Lekeshia R.
Carter, Alli L.
Corwin, Rebekah M.
Croy, Elizabeth G.
Daniel, Tiffany R.
Dapp, Nadia
Dillon, Amy J.
Durand, Julianna N.
Fortin, Chantel R.
France, Brookelyn R.
Green, Jaime
Hacker, Paige D.
Harris, Catherine A.
Hensley, Margaret A.
Hyman, Sarah E.
Ingram, Amber N.
Jackson, Brittany T.
Johnson, Megan S.
Jones, Hilliary C.
Kile, Nora L.
Kimsey, Kiana R.
King, Shantyl R.
Lawrence, Kayla M.
Logan, Ashley S.
Manning, Katherine T.
McGee, Emily L.
Misner, Catherine A.
Morphis, Zachary M.
Nichols, Madison S.
Palazola, Regan M.
Pio, Gabriella M.
Presbitero, Kristina D.
Rainey, Ashley M.
Riddley, Cynthia L.
Rister, John W.
Shirk, Tara V.
Smith, Madison P.
Speigle, Janae R.
Tosh, Tiffany L.
Trueblood, Sharon A.
White, Katharine A.
Wild, Elizabeth M.
Wilmot, Cassandra R.

Veterinary Facilities

Animal Protection Assn Spay Neuter Clinic
Pet Health Center
VCA River
Dog and Cat Depot Wellness Center
Dr. B's Healthy Pets LLC
Duckworth Animal Hospital
Jacksboro Veterinary Services
Keith Street Animal Clinic
Lakeside Veterinary Clinic Inc
Overwatch Animal Hospital
PetVax Midtown
Southern Care Veterinary Hospital

Certified Animal Control Agencies

Campbell County Animal Control
Robertson County Animal Control

Certified Animal Euthanasia Technicians – Newly Licensed and Reinstated

Absher, Peggy Short
Anderson, Ivan Kirkrel
Cannon, Kristy Morphree
Caperton, Virginia Lee
Carter, Felicia Dawn
Crouch, Joseph Adam
Gunter, Scottie Wayne
Hodge, Christina Rose

Lowery, Josephine Marie
McDavid, Kayla Renee
Overstreet, Margaret Candice
Radde, Darlene Eleanor
Ramirez, Goodman
Schultz, Daniel Craig
Waring, Dianne Marie-Ruth
Wilson, Jason Logan

Board Correspondence

The Board reviewed correspondence from **Alexis Pugh, Administrator, Memphis Animal Services**. Ms. Pugh requested consideration of allowing veterinarians to get continuing education credits by doing volunteer hours at an animal shelter or local non-profit. Ms. Pugh stated they often struggle to find enough relief veterinarians to help with the surgical load and overall pet care. Ms. Lampley reviewed Public Chapter 350 which allows healthcare providers to satisfy one hour of continuing education requirements through the performance of one hour of voluntary provision of healthcare services. This act provides that the maximum amount of annual hours of continuing education that a provider can receive through providing volunteer healthcare services is the lesser of eight (8) hours or 20% of the provider's annual continuing education requirement. This law took effect on May 12, 2017. A rule change would be required for any other provision. The Board requested that Ms. Pugh be informed of Public Chapter 350. The Board also formed a committee comprised of Drs. Galloway and Simpson to review this issue and bring information back to the Board at the April 2018 meeting.

Review – Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Comments to Tennessee General Assembly regarding Animal Massage Therapy

Public Chapter 274 specifies that the practice of veterinary medicine does not include massage therapy to animals. This law became effective on May 4, 2017, but will expire on July 1, 2018. The Board reviewed comments submitted by FTC staff to the Tennessee General Assembly recommending that the exemption be made permanent because greater competition in the markets for professional services typically benefits consumers.

Election of Officers

The board elected the following officers:

President: Stephen S. Galloway, D.V.M.
Vice-President: Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M.
Secretary: Robert (Rob) J. Simpson, D.V.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn at 11:20 a.m.


Stephen M. Ladd, D.V.M., Secretary