

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

I. General Information

Meeting Dates: June 10, 2004
Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport
9300 Airport Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32827
407-825-1234

Members Present: Dr. Robert O'Neil, Dr. Sergio Vega, Dr. Joann Helm,
Dr. Katherine Horky, Dr. Kandra Jones, Ms. Cynthia
Lewis and Ms. Susan Love

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
Charles Tunnicliff, Prosecuting Attorney
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General
Donald Shaffer, Executive Director
Applicants and other interested parties

II. Major Issues/Actions

- The board heard one waiver of rights and final order.
- The board heard five settlement stipulations.
- The board held one probationary appearance.
- The board tabled one petition for declaratory statement.
- The board reviewed and approved one application.
- The board reviewed and denied a request for special consideration of a premise permit.
- The board allowed one application to be withdrawn.
- The Executive Director for the Florida Veterinarian's Association, Donald Shaffer, asked the board to consider adopting rules concerning alternative therapies. Mr. Jeffrey Jones will research the statute to determine if rule making on the issue is appropriate.
- Mr. Shaffer informed the board the Florida Bar has been asked to create a division on animal law.
- The board approved letters of appreciation to be sent to Secretary Carr, Juanita Chastain and Linda Tinsley.
- The board ratified premise permits, examination candidates and continuing education providers.
- The board discussed electronic signing of health certificates. The Department of Agriculture allows the electronic signing of health certificates, but the Veterinarian must follow-up with an original signature.

- The board discussed inspections of limited service permits and asked Mr. Tunnichiff to meet with the Division of Professions and Regulation staff to insure statutory compliance.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- Mr. Jones presented language on 61G18-16.0035, FAC, Standards for Providers of Continuing Veterinary Medical Education to set a renewal period of four years.
- Mr. Jones presented language on the exemption of military spouses from renewal requirements. The board asked that he research if the absence from Florida meant absence from the United States or just Florida. The board felt continuing education could be obtained if the absence was just from Florida.

IV. Action Required

- Schedule next board meeting for September 2004 (date and location to be determined).
- Mr. Jones to research statute for rule making concerning alternative therapies.
- Mr. Jones to research exemption of military spouses from renewal requirements.
- Final orders to be prepared by Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones.
- Mr. Tunnichiff to meet with Division of Professions and Regulation regarding limited service permit inspections.

Juanita Chastain
Executive Director