

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

I. General Information

Meeting Dates: December 5, 2006
Meeting Type: General Business Meeting
Hampton Inn and Suites
19 South Second Street
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
904.491.4911

Members Present: Dr. Sergio Vega, Acting Chair, Dr. Joann Helm, Dr. Katherine Horky, Ms. Susan Love, Dr. Kandra Jones, Ms. Lisa Hurley and Dr. Robert Leonard

Members Absent: None

Other Attendees: Tim Vaccaro, Division Director
Juanita Chastain, Executive Director
Linda Tinsley, Government Analyst
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney
Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General
Donald Schaefer, Executive Director, Florida Veterinary Medical Association
Other interested parties

II. Major Issues/Actions

- Dr. Vega welcomed Lisa Hurley and Dr. Leonard to the board. He also acknowledged Dr. O'Neil and Ms. Lewis' contribution to the board and indicated they would be missed. Ms. Lewis will continue to serve on the board's probable cause panel.
- The board reviewed and approved minutes of the September 12, 2006 board meeting with one correction.
- Ms. Chastain, Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones conducted a board member training.
- Mr. Winters indicated there are currently 29 status 30 cases, assigned to legal; 59 status 35 cases, set for probable cause; 6 status 36 cases, administrative complaint filed; 5 status 40 cases, awaiting outside action; 29 status 43 cases, formal hearing requested; 17 status 45 cases, sent to expert; 8 status 55 cases, set for board presentation; 2 status 44 cases, referred to DOAH; 1 status 58, awaiting final order; 4 status 50 cases, settlement negotiations; 1 status 42 case, ready for default; 3 status 39 cases stipulation request for informal hearing; and 1 status 60 cases under appeal.
- Donald Schaefer informed the board the association was preparing for the 2007 legislative session and would be looking at the practice acts of other states regarding animal health care allowed by others. He commented the association would like the board to have the authority to establish standards of practice of non-licensees. He indicated the association would also like to see the board have authority to handle unlicensed complaints instead of the department. Mr. Schaefer further stated the association would be discussing the credentialing of veterinary technicians. Mr. Schaefer commented that these were ongoing initiatives the association was interested in pursuing and understood that it would take time to accomplish.

- Dr. Vega informed the board he did not feel the board should be involved in the veterinary technician issue until the Veterinary Technician Association and the Florida Veterinary Medical Association can come to an agreement.
- Director Vaccaro requested that any legislative interests from the board or the industry be referred to the department for its analysis prior to the board taking an official position.

III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation

- None

IV. Action Required

- Final orders to be prepared by Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones.
- The following board meeting has been scheduled:
 - March 6, 2007, Embassy Suites, Ft. Lauderdale

Juanita Chastain
Executive Director