

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**I. General Information**

Meeting Dates: September 1, 2005  
Meeting Type: General Business Meeting  
Casa Monica Hotel  
95 Cordova Street  
St. Augustine, FL  
904.827.1888

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  
Drew Winters, Prosecuting Attorney  
Jeffrey Jones, Assistant Attorney General  
Donald Schaefer, Executive Director, Florida Veterinary Medical Association  
Other interested parties

**II. Major Issues/Actions**

- The board heard four settlement stipulations. Two were accepted and two were rejected. The board made counter offers which the respondents accepted.
- The board reconsidered and changed the terms of one final order. The board chose not to hear one request for reconsideration.
- The board held and accepted one probationary appearance.
- The board approved one application.
- The board voted to approve the petition for declaratory statement from Dr. Hansel Leavengood. Dr. Leavengood was inquiring if he could sell veterinary products that are not maintained on site. The products would be delivered to clients directly from a licensed special non-resident pharmacy.
- The board ratified examination candidates, premise permits and continuing education providers.
- The board discussed rule changes to rule 61G18-17.001, FAC, exemptions. Mr. Donald Schaefer, Executive Director, Florida Veterinary Medical Association (FVMA), presented language for the board's review. The following language was presented: A person hired on a part time or temporary basis by an owner to assist with traditional herd management and/or animal husbandry tasks is not deemed to be engaged in the practice of veterinary medicine. Such tasks are limited to herd animals raised for food/fiber and equines. In the case of herd animals, this includes castration, dehorning, and parasite control. In the case of equines, this includes routine, non-corrective shoeing and non-mechanical hand floating of teeth. The FVMA feels the rule change addresses an issue identified during last year's legislative session. The board asked that the rule be noticed.
- The board discussed the recently passed legislation concerning null and void licenses. The board directed Mr. Jones to notice for rule development the reinstatement of null and void licenses under specific conditions.

- Ms. Chastain informed the board the department would be holding an inspectors' training seminar in mid-September. Mr. Winters will be attending the seminar and will convey the board's concerns about limited service clinics.
- The board expressed their concern that limited service clinics are practicing outside of the scope intended and discussed revising the rule. Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones will discuss and bring back to the board.
- The University of Florida has asked that the board hold a meeting in Gainesville in September 2006. The university will require student attendance.
- The board discussed requiring the retaking and passage of the laws and rules examination as a requirement of a settlement stipulation. Mr. Jones stated he would research the necessity of a rule change.
- The board discussed the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' Practice Act Model which defines the practice of veterinary medicine. The board opposes a practice act model and commented that it is not necessary as each state defines what constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine.

### **III. Legislation/Rule Promulgation**

- Mr. Jones to notice rule 61G18-17.001, FAC, exemptions.
- Mr. Jones to notice rule development for reinstatement of null and void licenses.
- Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones to discuss the rule concerning the scope of limited service clinics.
- Mr. Jones to research the necessity of rule making to require the retaking and passage of the laws and rules examination as a condition of a settlement stipulation.

### **IV. Action Required**

- Final orders to be prepared by Mr. Winters and Mr. Jones.
- The following board meeting has been scheduled:
  - December 6, 2005 at the Orlando Airport Hyatt, Orlando, FL

Juanita Chastain  
Executive Director