

**MINUTES, North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board
Raleigh, North Carolina, August 28, 2014**

At 8:00 a.m., President Kim D. Gemeinhardt, D.V.M. called to order the regular meeting of the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board. In attendance were the following Board members: Drs. Dwight E. Cochran, William K. Dean, Susan K. Bull, David T. Marshall and Jane A. Barber; and Jonathan S. Loftis, R.V.T. Also present were Board Attorneys Mr. George Hearn and Mr. Lee Craven. Executive Director Mr. Thomas Mickey was present as well.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reviewed with the Board the Governor's and the North Carolina Board of Ethics' statement on recognizing and avoiding conflicts of interest. She also reviewed G.S. § 90-179 of the North Carolina Veterinary Practice Act.

On motion by Dr. Cochran, seconded by Mr. Loftis, the minutes for the July 10, 2014, Board meeting were approved.

Dr. Gemeinhardt welcomed, Susan K. Bull, DVM as the new board member replacing Dante Martin, DVM. Dr. Bull had previously served on the Board from 2005 to 2010. Her term runs until June 30, 2019.

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At 8:10 a.m., Joseph P. Jordan, PhD., Clinical Director, N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) joined the meeting. Dr. Jordan presented an update of the status of the N.C. Veterinary Health Program (NCVHP) since the last Board meeting. Discussion was held about a case of noncompliance and a motion was made by Dr. Cochran to assign this to the Committee on Investigations No. 2 for further investigation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Loftis and approved unanimously by the Board. Dr. Jordan left the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

Dr. Gemeinhardt reported on issues that she has addressed since the last Board meeting. She along with the Mr. Mickey will be attending the American Association of Veterinary State Boards meeting September 11-13, 2014, in St. Petersburg Florida and the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards meeting that will be held in Annapolis Maryland on October 2-5, 2014.

At 9:25 a.m. the Board recessed for a break and resumed the meeting at 9:46 a.m.

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Dr. Dean and Dr. Barber presented a Deputy Director Committee report and distributed a draft of a job description for the position. Dr. Gemeinhardt tasked the Board for input on the job description and requested that comments be provided by October 1 to her or the Committee.

Mrs. Morgan joined the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

At 10:16 a.m. Mrs. Morgan reported on her meeting with Mrs. McCrory concerning the volunteers in Harnett County and their rescuing hundreds of dogs.

Board Attorney, George Hearn, presented a proposed consent order to resolve complaint #2013024-3 filed by Ms. Jennifer B. Lasecki against Timothy Jordan, DVM. The Board discussed the terms of the order, but ended their discussion to continue other items on the Board's agenda.

At 11:00 a.m. Warren M. Smith, DVM owner of Bryson City Veterinary Clinic appeared before the Board to discuss the Appalachian Care Medical Mission a U.S. Army innovative readiness training (IRT)

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event that took place in the communities of Bryson City, Murphy, and Andrews and the surrounding region. Between June 2 and June 12, approximately 170 active, reserve, and National Guard service members provided care to more than 8,000 patients and 2,600 animals from communities in western North Carolina and neighboring states. Dr. Smith left the Board Meeting at 11:35 a.m. The discussion continued and Mr. Hearn is to draft a letter to Major Gary L. Andrews of the Board's concerns about the change in scope of the veterinary services that was provided; syringes of medications being dispensed; and prescriptions for some medications being written on slips of paper. Major Andrews will be invited to appear before the Board at its November meeting.

At 11:50 a.m. the Board took a short break and resumed at 11:58 a.m.

Dr. Bull made a motion to accept the Consent Order to resolve complaint #2013024-3 against Timothy Jordan, DVM. Dr. Barber seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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The Board Investigator report was presented on activities conducted since the last meeting.

At 12:25 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch and resumed the meeting at 12:40 p.m.

Mr. Mickey reported on operational and administrative activities of the Board since the last Board meeting. He distributed a financial report which the Board reviewed and discussed with him. He announced Kim Wade's departure from the North Carolina Veterinary Medical Board staff.

The Board set the meeting date for the first meeting in 2015; The Board meeting will be on January 23, 2015, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Dr. Cochran presided over a discussion of prescription pad standardization for veterinarians. He presented information from the American Veterinary Medical Association and other sources. The Board determined that this is a possible area that needs to be addressed in future revisions of the Veterinary Practice Act.

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For the purpose of the upcoming American Association of Veterinary State Boards meeting in September, Dr. Marshall made a motion to have Mr. Mickey serve as the voting delegate for the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cochran. This passed unanimously.

At 1:50 p.m. the Board adjourned for a break and reconvened at 2:00 p.m.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 2

2014002-3 **Courtney Lynn Barnes (Gray), RVT** – (Healthy Paws Animal Hospital of Brier Creek & Wake Forest) – Dr. Dawn Lanza – Continued

2014014-2 **Rebecca Ann Tudor, DVM** – (Tarheel Veterinary Surgical Specialists) – Mr. Mark VanHouten – Continued

2014027-2 **Jennifer Nichole Chavis, DVM** (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Ms. Sheri Leider – Dismissed, no probable cause

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2014022-2 **Miranda Sue Jones-Bailey, DVM** – (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Ms. Anna Rockwell – Dismissed, no probable cause

2014026-2 **Paula Kay Bullock, DVM** – (Affordable Animal Care Spay Neuter Clinic) – Ms. Shelley Parisi Reaves – Dismissed, no probable cause.

2014028-2 **Jonathan Howard Friend, DVM** – (North Wake Animal Hospital) – Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Barbara Sales – Letter of Caution

Dr. Marshall made a motion to accept the report of Committee on Investigations No. 2. Mr. Loftis seconded the motion and was approved unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 7

2014015-7 **Magid Milad Labib, DVM** – (Scotland Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Patti Almanza – Dismissed, no probable cause

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- 2014031-7 **Edward John Kennedy, III, DVM** – (Animal House Veterinary Hospital) – Ms. Mindi Rutherford – Dismissed, no probable cause
- 2014025-7 **Gillian Mitchell Pantone, DVM** – (Banfield-NorthLake Mall) – Rev. Richard Starling – Dismissed, no probable cause
- 2014020-7 **Gary C. White, DVM** – (Catawba Heights Animal Hospital) – Mrs. Cindy Moose – Dismissed, no probable cause
- 2014013-7 **Charles Thomas Steinman, DVM; Timothy Charles Steinman, DVM; Kelsey Chauvin Marble, DVM; Todd A. Steinman, RVT; Rachel Joy Goodknight, DVM** – (Salisbury Animal Hospital) – Ms. Yvonne Welton – Letter of Reprimand and \$5,000 civil monetary fine for Dr. Charles Steinman; Consent Order for Todd Steinman, RVT; and Dismissed with no probable cause for Dr. Timothy Steinman, Dr. Kelsey Marble, and Dr. Rachel Goodknight.

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Following discussion, upon motion by Dr. Barber, seconded by Mrs. Morgan, which unanimously passed, the Board found the following factors set forth in G.S. § 90-187.8(b)(1) [degree and extent of harm to the public health]; (b)(2) [the gravity of the violations]; (b)(3) [committed willfully or intentionally or reflects a continuing pattern]; and (b)(5) [prior disciplinary record] to support the civil monetary penalty against Charles Thomas Steinman, DVM, in complaint 2014013-7.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 3

2012019-5(3) **Michael J. Thomann, DVM** – (Greater Charlotte Mobile Veterinary Clinic) – NCVMB – Letter of Caution

Dr. Cochran motioned to accept the letter of caution for Dr. Thomann and was seconded by Dr. Barber. This motion passed unanimously.

Report of Committee on Investigations No. 8

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2014018-8 **Phillip Scotton, DVM** - (Eastern Randolph Veterinary
Clinic) – Mr. Rickey E. Williamson, Jr. - Continued

Mr. Loftis made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cochran to approve expenses. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Board having no further business, upon motion of Dr. Marshall, seconded by Dr. Dean, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas M. Mickey
Executive Director