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MEETING MINUTES Hilton Garden Inn-San Diego –Rancho Bernardo 17240 Bernardo Center Drive San Diego, CA 92128 October 20-21, 2015

## 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2015

1. Call to Order - Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Mark Nunez called the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Executive Officer, Annemarie Del Mugnaio, called roll; seven members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established. Elsa Flores was absent.

Dr. Jaymie Noland introduced herself as a new member to the Board and provided a brief background on her experience with veterinary medicine.

Dr. Nunez swore in Dr. Jaymie Noland as a new member on the Board.

2. Introductions

Board Members Present Mark Nunez, DVM, President Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice President Kathy Bowler, Public Member Jennifer Loredo, RVT Judie Mancuso, Public Member Jaymie Noland, DVM Richard Sullivan, DVM

<u>Staff Present</u> Elizabeth Bynum, Associate Enforcement Analyst Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board Nina Galang, Administrative Program Coordinator Lou Galiano, DCA Television Specialist Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel Ethan Mathes, Administrative Program Manager Diann Sokoloff, SDAG, Board Liaison

<u>Guests Present</u> Karen Atlas, Physical Therapist, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists Jeff Backus, CaRVTA Kellie Boiston, Physical Therapist, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists Leslie Boudrian, RVT, CaRVTA Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, CaRVTA Valerie Fenstermaker, CVMA Jodi Heaston, Licensed Massage Therapist, CHRB

VMB Meeting

Jon Klingborg, DVM, Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Libby Lucas Norine Marks, DCA Legal Elisa Martin Robert Miller, General Counsel, John Pascoe, UCD Trish Penice, Physical Therapist, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists Daniel Robbins, Physical Therapist, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists June Sanchez Marshall Scott, DVM, CVMA Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association Deb Sell. AVCA Jane Sykes, UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Ron Terra, DVM, Western University of Health Sciences Erin Troy, DVM Kim Williams, RVT Darlene Woodend

- 3. Review and Approval of July 21-22, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Kathy Bowler seconded the motion to adopt the July 21-22, 2015 meeting minutes. The motion carried 6-0-1. Dr. Jaymie Noland abstained.
- 4. Consider Reappointment of Diversion Evaluation Committee Public Member Jim Weisenberg
- Judie Mancuso motioned and Kathy Bowler seconded the motion to reappoint Jim Weisenberg as a Public Member on the Diversion Evaluation Committee. The motion carried 7-0.
- Proposed Regulations
  A. Status of Pending Regulations

Dr. Nunez commended staff on the progress made on the pending regulations.

B. Review and Approval of Updates to Disciplinary Guidelines

Dr. Nunez reviewed the eight changes to the Disciplinary Guidelines, including five changes requiring discussion.

There were no further changes requiring discussion on: No Preceptorships or Supervision of Interns, Supervised Practice, and Tolling of Probation.

The Board discussed the term, No Management or Administration, which restricts respondents from managing any veterinary hospital during the duration of his or her probation. Dr. Nunez clarified that respondents may have administrative responsibilities (i.e. if they are the owner of the practice, they may purchase supplies, pay the bills, etc.), but may not manage aspects of veterinary practice (i.e. establish protocols for the practice of veterinary medicine).

The Board discussed the term, Notice to Employers, Item #7 (Notice to Employers). Dr. Nunez clarified that based on the July 2015 Board meeting, the Board agreed that the previous language for Item #7 (Notice to Licensee Manager/Managing Licensee) and Item #9 [Owners and Officers (Corporations or Partnerships): Knowledge of the Law] could be combined to create the new term. Ms. Del Mugnaio

clarified it is the managing licensee's responsibility to notify the Board of a relief veterinarian's new work location as a result of a disciplinary action, and to confirm that the relief veterinarian has read the Disciplinary Order. This clarification will be included in the final language.

Based on the recommendation of legal counsel, the Board agreed to notice the proposed regulations for 45-days in order to allow the public an opportunity to review, comment, and request a hearing, if necessary. After the 45-day comment period, the proposed language will be brought before the Board for adoption and direction to move forward with the rulemaking file.

- Judie Mancuso motioned and Kathy Bowler seconded the motion to adopt the Disciplinary Guidelines language, post a notice for a 45-day public comment period to review any comments received and agreed not to hold a public hearing unless one is requested. The motion carried 7-0.
  - C. Review Public Comments on the Animal Rehabilitation Regulations and Consider Modifications to the Proposed Language. [California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 20, section 2038.5]

Dr. Nunez reviewed the Animal Rehabilitation supplemental packet and the general comments received from the public and various interested parties. Testimony included, but was not limited to, the following:

- complimentary therapy, such as animal massage, should not be defined as animal rehabilitation
- supervision parameters were overly restricted, level of supervision should be determined by the referring veterinarian
- lack of training defined for animal rehabilitation, which poses a consumer protection issue
- concern that these regulations were an attempt by the Board to restrict business competition
- definition of animal rehabilitation proposed by the Board is too broad
- regulations should protect animal patients from incompetent providers
- musculoskeletal manipulation is not being modified by the proposal
- animals are deemed property, therefore, consumers should have a right to choose complimentary services
- significant negative impact on business and jobs if regulations were to take effect
- lack of veterinarians available to provide supervision services
- proposed regulations potentially drive up costs for consumers

Dr. Nunez presented two options:

- 1) Pursue regulations, and if the Board decides to proceed with this rulemaking process, it will need to respond to all of the comments.
- 2) Not pursue a regulatory change and handle animal rehabilitation issues through enforcement on a case-by-case basis.

Dr. Nunez argued that it would be difficult to pursue cases through enforcement since there is currently no clear definition of animal rehabilitation.

Ms. Del Mugnaio clarified that the lack of statutory authority refers to the authority to exempt physical therapists from the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act. Under current law, physical therapists are equivalent to unregistered assistants and are therefore, currently not exempt.

The Board proposed delegating to the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) the task of revising current language with direction on how to address some of the concerns expressed by interested parties. A clear definition of animal rehabilitation must be determined, including more information on what it is doing and how it is being used.

MDC Chair, Dr. Jon Klingborg, walked through the Task Force Report compiled by the MDC. While physical therapists have technical training, they should have anatomical training. Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVTs) have anatomical training but should have some technical training. Dr. Klingborg referenced two specific programs which offer intensive hands-on training on animal rehabilitation techniques and anatomy for both RVTs and physical therapists. However, the Board lacks oversight of physical therapists, therefore, under the current framework, education cannot be required and direct supervision may be the only option.

The Board discussed models used by other states such as Colorado and Nevada. In other states, enforcement of physical therapists is vested with the Physical Therapy Board, and therefore, it may not be possible to emulate other states' models exactly.

Public member, Nancy Ehrlich, questioned why the Board members were not required to attend the hearing. Ms. Del Mugnaio clarified that in the interest of time, it was held outside of an official Board meeting to receive all comments. While not required to attend or take action during the hearing, Board members are required to respond to each of the public comments. Comments were summarized and presented in a more condensed manner due to the large number of comments received.

Mr. James Sims from the Physical Therapy Association expressed that as a physical therapist, he would not feel comfortable performing physical therapy on his own animal, as it is different from human-based physical therapy. Ms. Karen Atlas, physical therapist with a certification in canine rehabilitation, shared that although she works at a premise that is nearly already in compliance with the proposed regulations, she feels the model does not work and expressed opposition to the proposed regulations. Ms. Margaret Nee also added that she studied at a professional school in Colorado, received training in anatomy, and has liability insurance.

Public comment also included support of the proposed regulations and suggestions to make the language more specific. Veterinarians, Dr. Erin Troy and Dr. Jessica Waldmen, shared stories of animals that were harmed or killed during animal rehabilitation without the supervision of a veterinarian.

Norine Marks, supervising attorney with the Department of Consumer Affairs, pointed out that the Board only has authority over veterinarians and RVTs and the proposed regulations should be written with that in mind.

Judie Mancuso motioned and Dr. Richard Sullivan seconded the motion to refer the issue back to the Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee to redefine animal rehabilitation, to define what animal rehabilitation is doing, to address whether minimum education requirements for individuals who participate in the services of animal rehabilitation is necessary in regulation to address the possible change in level of supervision, to discuss the requirement for a premises permit whenever veterinary medicine is being practiced, and to identify the issue of physical therapists being exempt and how to include or remove from the regulations as a barrier to moving forward. The motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that the regulations are already in process and need to be withdrawn.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse seconded the motion to withdraw the Animal Rehabilitation regulations. The motion carried 7-0.
  - D. Review and Discuss Possible Action on the Proposed RVT Student Exemption Regulation [California Code of Regulations Title 16, Division 20, section 2064]

Dr. Nunez reviewed the proposed RVT Student Exemption regulations.

Mrs. Ehrlich, expressed that she has no objection to the wording, but identified a problem since the only school that is Board approved is San Diego - Mesa College. The remaining colleges throughout California are not Board approved. Ms. Del Mugnaio clarified that colleges accredited by the AVMA are still required to meet reporting requirements to the Board.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse seconded the motion to adopt the language and delegate to the Executive Officer to notice the regulations for a 45-day public comment period and review any comments received and agreed not to hold a public hearing unless one is requested. The motion carried 7-0.
  - E. Review and Consider Action to Submit Comments on the Amended California Horse Racing Board's Proposed Regulations on Authorized Bleeder Medication [California Code of Regulations Title 4, Division 4, section 1845]

Philip Laird, Staff Counsel at California Horse Racing Board (CHRB), reviewed the intent of the Authorized Bleeder Medication regulations and provided an update to the timeline and status of the regulations, including further defining "Owner's Veterinarian" and "Furosemide Veterinarian."

The Board noted on page 2 that the types of license referenced needs to be clarified and suggested changing the wording to "not less than" instead of "no later than," in order to clarify which side of four hours the time limitation would apply.

CHRB agreed with the suggested changes and requested a letter of support from the Board, if possible.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Kathy Bowler seconded the motion to write a letter of support for the California Horse Racing Board on the amended proposed regulations on Authorized Bleeder Medication. The motion carried 6-1. Judie Mancuso opposed the motion.
- 6. 2015 Legislation Report
  - A. AB 12 (Cooley) State government: administrative regulations: review
  - B. AB 85 (Wilk) Open meetings
  - C. AB 750 (Low) Business and professions: retired category: licenses.
  - D. AB 1060 (Bonilla) Professions and vocations: licensure
  - E. AB 483 (Patterson) Healing arts: initial license fees: proration
  - F. AB 316 (Maienschein) Veterinarians
  - G. AB 317 (Maienschein) Veterinary medicine: temporary shelter facility.
  - H. SB 27 (Hill) Livestock: use of antimicrobial drugs.
  - I. SB 361 (Hill) Skilled nursing facilities: antimicrobial stewardship guidelines.
  - J. SB 800 (BP&E Committee) Clean-up Provisions for VMB
  - K. AB 192 (Allen) Pet Lovers License Plate

Dr. Nunez updated the Board on the current legislation impacting the Veterinary Medical Board. AB 85 and AB 317 were vetoed by the Governor. AB 1060 has been amended since the last Board meeting and is no longer relevant to the Board. Dr. Nunez reviewed AB 12 and AB 750 and there were no comments received by the Board.

SB 27, SB 361, SB 800, and AB 192 were chaptered by the Governor. AB 316 was also chaptered by the Governor and Dr. Nunez reiterated that the Board is in support of hiring California veterinarians first

before pursuing out-of-state relief veterinarians during emergency situations in which there was a need for additional veterinarians on site when resources are low.

Dr. Nunez reviewed AB 483 and noted that should the bill have passed, it would result in a loss of revenue for the Board.

- 7. Review and Consider Action on 2016 Legislative Proposals
  - A. Adding Resigned and Non-Renewable License Statuses

No information was received from the Medical Board; therefore, the Board will not be discussing the item.

B. Review and Possible Action on a Statutory Change to Require University Licensure

Dr. Nunez provided background on the research and discussion by the MDC on University Licensure. Veterinarians currently employed at the two universities California in Veterinary Medicine programs are exempt from the requirements to obtain a veterinary license. Legal counsel has recommended removing this exemption and creating a university license, allowing veterinarians employed by the university to provide veterinary care to public animals.

The MDC recommended approving the proposed statutory change as proposed. California veterinary representatives, Dr. Ron Terra of Western University of Health Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine, and Dr. John Pascoe and Dr. Jane Sykes of University of California, Davis, also spoke in support of the proposed language, which serves as a statutory framework for the Board. The language also provides disclosure and transparency to the public with regards to licensure.

Dr. Nunez noted that further discussion will be forthcoming on a potential "grandfather clause" which affects veterinarians currently employed at the university. Ms. Del Mugnaio clarified that the language proposed a delayed implementation date as opposed to a "grandfather clause," as it provides more time to comply with the requirements, but does not provide an exemption. The only exemption is the continuing education requirement.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted the universities may be exempt from the premise permit regulations. The Board expressed opposition to the universities being exempt from the premise permit regulations since they are practicing veterinary medicine and working with the public's animals.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Judie Mancuso seconded the motion to adopt the proposed University Licensure statutory language and direct staff to research the effective date of the grandfather clause and report back to the Board. The motion carried 7-0.
- 8. Board Chair Report Dr. Mark Nunez

Dr. Nunez provided an update on the list of activities, meetings, and workshops that have occurred since the last meeting.

## The following is a table of the latest Board activities since the July 2015 meeting:

August 4-7, 2015	Hospital Inspection Training for new and returning hospital inspectors in Sacramento, CA
August 14, 2015	Expert Witness Training in San Diego, CA
September 17-19, 2015	Dr. Nunez attended the American Veterinary Association of State Boards annual meeting in Milwaukee, WI

9. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Report – Dr. Jon Klingborg

Dr. Klingborg reported on the work that has been done since the last report received on July 20, 2015 by outgoing MDC Chair, Dr. William Grant. The MDC has five existing priorities, plus animal rehabilitation, which now will be a top priority. Dr. Klingborg will assign an animal rehabilitation task force to work on language.

Ms. Del Mugnaio updated that the Drug Compounding task force is meeting with the Board of Pharmacy on November 12, 2015 to discuss existing language for drug compounding as it relates to the practice of veterinary medicine.

10. Review and Discuss Sunset Review Draft Report and New Issues

Ms. Del Mugnaio updated the Board that she has met with Bill Gage, Chief Consultant of the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee, who is responsible for review of the Board's Supplemental Sunset Review Report to address the new and existing issues before the Board.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that the Board has until December 1, 2015 to submit the final Supplemental Sunset Review Report to the legislature. There will be hearings held in March during which Dr. Nunez will testify before the Legislature, the Executive Officer, and possibly a public member of the Board.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that she will report on the staffing changes and the two BCPs that were pursued in attempt to retain the limited-term staff that was hired in 2014/2015. Ms. Del Mugnaio will also report on the projected revenue from the VACSP program, which helps support the new staff positions.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that the Board's Strategic Plan will be included as an attachment to the Supplemental Sunset Review Report to expand on the various RVT matters, including the approval of RVT schools and RVT alternate route programs that have been prioritized by the Board. The Strategic Plan will also serve to highlight the 36 Board accomplishments since the 2012-2015 Sunset Review.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that in order to make the Diversion Program self-supporting, Board support would need to be eliminated entirely, which is \$10,000-\$20,000 per participant. Participants currently only pay \$2,000 over the course of 3-5 years.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that the number of veterinary premise inspections has increased and will be addressed in the Sunset Review Report.

Ms. Del Mugnaio reported that the Citation and Fine regulations were completed in 2014 and have been amended since then and transitioned to the Office of Administrative Law. The regulations should take effect by March 2016. Regulatory language for Disciplinary Guidelines and Consumer Protection Enforcement Initiative (CPEI) has been approved by the Board and is moving through the rulemaking process. Regulations for Animal Dentistry, CCR section 2037, were put forward along with Minimum

Standards, which took effect in January 2014. Uniform Standards for Abuse regulations have been put on hold per the Department of Consumer Affairs' Legal Counsel. Ms. Del Mugnaio reported that the VACSP regulations are moving forward in the rulemaking process and are anticipated to take effect in early 2016.

The staff developed a general customer satisfaction survey on the Board's website. Also, surveys are sent through QR codes during the complaint process which contain a link to the enforcement survey.

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated that the Board has shown vast improvements in curing backlogs in complaint review. One area needing improvement is disciplinary case processing, which includes processes outside the Board's control since the Office of Administrative Hearings has a full calendar and often issues continuances. Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that there are statistics regarding the percentage of cases that are declined by the Attorney General's office and staff has identified the outlier cases that significantly affect the overall processing time.

Ms. Del Mugnaio provided an update on the new issues to address in the Sunset Review and requested input from the Board members on Issue #6, Implementation of SB 27/SB 361.

Ms. Del Mugnaio presented two options: 1) Authorize a Sunset Review Subcommittee to finalize the document or 2) Discuss the report with entire Board via a telephonic meeting. Dr. Nunez suggested going with option #1.

 Judie Mancuso motioned and Kathy Bowler seconded the motion to authorize the approval of the Sunset Review Supplemental Report to the Sunset Review Subcommittee. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Nunez appointed Kathy Bowler and himself to form the Sunset Review Subcommittee.

11. Executive Officer & Staff Reports

Ms. Del Mugnaio commended the hospital inspection team on the great work they are doing, receiving positive feedback from the professional community about the education they are receiving on how to improve compliance.

Ms. Del Mugnaio provided additional information regarding the 26 non-compliant hospitals and noted that Patty Rodriguez, from the Hospital Inspection Program, can speak more to this issue at the January 2016 Board meeting. Drug storage, controlled drug logs, and expired drugs tend to be common issues. Reporting to CURES is another common issue that requires education.

Ms. Mancuso recommended adding the Top 3 reasons hospitals are not in compliance to our website or social media.

Ms. Del Mugnaio discussed the issues VMB staff have been having regarding the backlog of non-compliant hospitals.

The Board members requested to go on a hospital inspection to further understand the process. Ms. Del Mugnaio pointed out that if the inspection results in any disciplinary action, the board member that participated in the inspection would need to recuse themselves from voting.

## A. Administrative/Budget

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that the expenditure of \$165,000 for our in-house consultants was taken from last year's budget and includes the raise they received. Dr. Lane Johnson has been hired by the University of California, Davis and is leaving the Board.

Administrative Program Manager, Ethan Mathes, noted that the Board is experiencing vacancies. Mr. Mathes clarified that the Board was given 11 new staff positiosn but 6.5 of the positions were limited-term. The current Budget Change Proposal (BCP) includes a request for 5.5 of the positions as full-time permanent. The analysis of fund conditions includes the VACSP revenue.

## B. Enforcement

Enforcement Manager, Candace Raney, reviewed the Enforcement Report and highlighted a number of significant improvements that have been made since the last report in July 2015.

Staff has made significant strides to reduce processing times and backlog, specifically in the area of the number of days to complaint intake.

The Board issued the first probationary license to an RVT, which is a new process that aims to save the applicant and Board time and money.

The Board conducted its second expert witness training on August 14, 2015 in San Diego, CA at the Attorney General's Office as presented by Supervising Deputy Attorney General, Diann Sokoloff.

There are currently 19 expert witnesses serving as experts to the Board with regard to complaint investigation. Mrs. Sokoloff inquired about the manner in which the in-house consultants are being used. Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that this needs to be placed on the agenda to be discussed in greater detail.

The Board is currently looking at ways in which to provide guidance to supervisors of probationers regarding their role and expectations as a supervisor. An informational guide will be placed on the Board's website regarding the supervisor's role in reviewing medical records.

Mrs. Raney noted that there are three vacancies in the enforcement unit. The focus over the next month will be Sunset Review and filling the vacant positions.

C. Licensing/Examination

Mr. Mathes updated the Board on the Licensing/Examination Report. Staff has begun User Acceptance Testing (UAT) as of September 2015 with six staff members devoted to UAT. Staff is going through intensive training and organizational change management and has begun outreach through renewal packet inserts and Board website updates. Additional outreach will be communicated to the Board's stakeholders and partner associations.

Mrs. Ehrlich inquired about the costs regarding the California RVT exam and why the exam cost evaluation would not be complete until 2017. Mr. Mathes clarified that there are figures included in the Section 139 report; however, a component necessary for the evaluation is a linkage study, which examines the test equivalency of the national examination compared with the California examination and which is still not available. This study is conducted every 3-5 years and the methodology for the California law exam still needs to be written.

Lastly, Mr. Mathes updated that the number of Diversion Program participants has grown from two to six participants since the implementation of the program.

12. Overview of Continuing Education Audit Program

Mr. Mathes reported on the history of the Continuing Education (CE) Audit Program. An initial rate of two percent and up to 10 percent of licensees may be audited with the help of potential staff. Mr. Mathes noted that all licensees in good standing could be subject to a CE audit.

Mrs. Ehrlich inquired about logs if one attends a multi-day conference. Mr. Mathes clarified that licensees will need to obtain a certificate stating that they attended the course.

Ms. Del Mugnaio added that the CE Audit Porgram is part of a legislative mandate and is included in our strategic plan.

13. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Valerie Fenstermaker noted that Stephanie Trumm from MAXIMUS wrote a two-page article for CVMA set to publish in their November/December newsletter, focusing on the participant confidentiality of the Diversion Program. The issue will be sent to all of its veterinarian and RVT members in California.

CVMA and CaRVTA offered to include BreEZe information in their website and newsletter.

- 14. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates January 20-21, 2016; Sacramento
  - A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting
  - Election of Officers
  - Scanning microchips
  - Section 2064 changes regarding RVT AVMA approved schools
  - Sunset Review follow-up
  - Complaint Review expert testimony and in-house/external consultants
  - Regulatory Status Update

The Board agreed on the following Board meeting dates for 2016: January 20-21 (Sacramento), April 20-21, July 20-21, and October 19-20, 2016. The Board is considering Los Angeles for the April meeting and Sacramento for the July and October meetings. Locations will be determined at a later date.

- B. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Meetings January 19, 2016; Sacramento
- 15. Recess until October 21, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

#### 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, October 21, 2015

16. Reconvene - Establishment of a Quorum

Dr. Waterhouse called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. and six members of the Board were present, thus a quorum was established. Dr. Mark Nunez and Elsa Flores were absent.

### 17. Introductions

Board Members Present Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice President Kathy Bowler, Public Member Jennifer Loredo, RVT Judie Mancuso, Public Member Jaymie Noland, DVM Richard Sullivan, DVM

<u>Staff Present</u> Elizabeth Bynum, Associate Enforcement Analyst Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board Nina Galang, Administrative Program Coordinator Lou Galiano, DCA Television Specialist Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel Ethan Mathes, Administrative Program Manager Diann Sokoloff, SDAG, Board Liaison

<u>Guests Present</u> Adam L. Berg, Administrative Law Judge Sunh Hah Janine Jung, DVM Daniel Rodriguez Greta Yang, Court Reporter

18. Petition for Penalty Modification – Dr. Janine Jung, VET 12330

Supervising Deputy Attorney General (SDAG) Diann Sokoloff opened the petition for penalty modification hearing presenting the case against Dr. Janine Jung. Dr. Jung answered questions from SDAG Sokoloff and members of the Board. Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Adam L. Berg closed the hearing and the Board went into closed session.

19. Petition for Penalty Modification – Dr. Byoung "Bill" Hah, VET 10122

SDAG Sokoloff opened the petition for penalty modification hearing presenting the case against Dr. Byoung "Bill" Hah. Dr. Hah answered questions from SDAG Sokoloff and members of the Board. ALJ Berg closed the hearing.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

20. The Board met in closed session (pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3) to discuss and vote on this matter and on other disciplinary matters including stipulations and proposed decisions.

<u>Petition for Penalty Modification – Dr. Janine Jung, VET 12330</u> The Board adopted the penalty modification.

<u>Petition for Penalty Modification – Dr. Byoung "Bill" Hah, VET 10122</u> The Board rejected the petition modification. AV 2013 17 The Board adopted the stipulated settlement.

<u>IA 2016 6</u> The Board adopted the stipulated settlement.

IA 2015 21 The Board adopted the proposed decision.

IA 2015 14 The Board adopted the proposed decision.

<u>IA 2016 2</u> The Board adopted the proposed decision.

IA 2015 13 The Board adopted the proposed decision.

# **RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

21. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 1:30 p.m.