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Board of Veterinary Medicine

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WASHINGTON, DC 20002

BOARD MEETING

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2015

9:30am-12:30pm

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	ARUNA NOON KAMPANI, DVM -CHAIRPERSON	P
	LISA LAFONTAINE- VICE CHAIRPERSON CONSUMER MEMBER	P
	LEANNE LIPTON, BS, DVM, CVA, CVSMT, CVC, CVTN, CVFT-BOARD MEMBER	
	ASHLEY GALLAGHER, DVM-BOARD MEMBER	P
STAFF:	SHARON LEWIS,DHA-RN-BC, CPM- INTERIM SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
KEY CODES P-PRESENT A-ABSENT EA-EXCUSED ABSENCE P-VIA CONFERENCE CALL	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR(MARK DONATELLI WILL BE SITTING IN ON BEHALF OF INVESTIGATOR MORAN)	P
	SHAKIRA RICHARDSON, INVESTIGATOR	EA
	LAKISHA THOMPSON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST ANTOINETTE STOKES, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	P
LEGAL STAFF:	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P



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DR. ARUNA NOON KAMPANI (AK)	OS-1119-01, OS-1119-06, OS-1119-09, OS-1119-10, OS-1119-11, OS-1119-12, OS-1119-13, OS-1119-15, OS-1119-16
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SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM (SL)	OS-1119-02, OS-1119-09, OS-1119-10, OS-1119-11, OS-1119-12, OS-1119-13, OS-1119-15, OS-1119-16
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SHAKIRA RICHARDSON (SR)	OS-1119-04, OS-1119-09, OS-1119-10, OS-1119-11, OS-1119-12, OS-1119-13, OS-1119-15, OS-1119-16
LAKISHA THOMPSON (LT)	OS-1119-09, OS-1119-10, OS-1119-11, OS-1119-12, OS-1119-13, OS-1119-15, OS-1119-16
ANTOINETTE STOKES (AS)	OS-1119-09, OS-1119-10, OS-1119-11, OS-1119-12, OS-1119-13, OS-1119-17



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<p>OS-1119-01 AK</p>	<p><u>INTRODUCTION-REPORTS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CALL TO ORDER-9:52 AM 2. PRESIDING- Dr. Noon Kampani 3. MEMBERS ABSENT-None 4. MEMBERS PRESENT- Note list above 5. QUORUM-Yes 6. STAFF PRESENT-Note list above 7. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE-None 	
<p>OS-1119-02</p>	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT -SDD</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. DelVento informed the Board that Dr. Lewis is the interim SDD of HRLA and her intentions were to come and meet the Board members. However, she was in attendance of meeting that lasted longer than she expected. 	<p>SL</p>
<p>OS-1119-03</p>	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT-ED</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Census Report • Dr. DelVento shared with the Board that there are 302 licensees under their purview. • Dr. DelVento also stated that we (veterinarians) are in the renewal period and; so far we have not had any indications of problems regarding licensees renewing their licenses. • Dr. Kampani (chairperson) asked the ED does he have any idea of the turn-around-time pertaining to our 	<p>VDV</p>



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	<p>licensees undergoing a Criminal Background Check (CBC). He stated that it's typically relatively quick however, licensees that reside in the commonwealth of Virginia the turn-around-time is typically a slight longer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Board's attorney weighed in and stated that the licensees that don't renew their licenses by December 31, 2015 have a 60 day grace period to renew. However, there is a late fee that will be assessed.• Dr. DelVento also shared with the Board that HRLA is continually streamlining the renewal process therefore; all licenses renewals under the umbrella of this administration will be uniform. Including but not limited to the applications for licensure as well.•	
OS-1119-04	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT -ASP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. DelVento stated the ASP is very busy as usual and an up-tick alert was sent out to the residents of the District. The alert was pertaining to the increase of newly reported cases of parvovirus. The alert was in an effect to be proactive however; some of the information was not correctly reported. The message that was sent out was that there was an epidemic in ticks however, ASP did receive positive feedback. Therefore; the key awareness factors surrounding ticks were mainly to ensure that pet owners were current on their pet's vaccinations. He also stated that the good news is the DPR got engaged with the alert and are now setting certain parameters pertaining to their dog parks.• He also shared with the Board that he was approached by someone interested in opening up an inside dog park. However, this is only an inquiry in the preliminary stages and nothing is concrete at this juncture.	SR
OS-1119-05	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• None	PV



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OS-1119-06 AK	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The chairperson stated that she did not have any updates currently. However, Dr. DelVento weighed in and stated that there is still a veterinarian technician vacancy still vacant for this Board. Moreover, MOTA has reported that individual has already been appointed and is officially waiting on council to grant the official approval. 	
OS-1119-07	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
OS-1119-08	<p><u>Housekeeping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board's next scheduled meeting will be held on December 17, 2015. The Board decided to resume meeting monthly. The Board moved to resume holding their Board meeting monthly. Seconded: Passed: Unanimously 	VDV
OS-1119-09 ALL	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u></p> <p>Consideration of the September 24, 2015, Open Session meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: The Board moved to approve the September 24, 2015 Open Session meeting minutes with minor edits. Seconded: Passed: Unanimously 	
OS-1119-10 ALL	<p><u>Open Session Consent Agenda</u></p> <p>There are no Consent Agenda Items.</p>	
OS-1119-11 ALL	<p><u>AAVSB/NBVME Topics</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2015 NAVLE Scores to both candidates and licensing Boards-Update-FYI 2014-2015 NBVME Stakeholder Report-Update-FYI 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>National Meeting-Update-FYI</u> • Dr. DelVento shared with the Board that he was asked to participate in a focus group along with a number of other ED's. The meeting was held in Philadelphia and one of the key subject matter discussions was to discuss the existing NAVLE Exam. He also added that the exam is purely designed to test new practitioners. • Dr. DelVento also informed the Board that he recently attended the Veterinary Regional Conference in which our counterpart states were in attendance as well. He also stated added that those states were Maryland and Virginia and they shared some very interesting topics. • Dr. Kampani weighed in and stated that the conference is held annually during the first week in November and recommended that Board members should try to attend next year. • Dr. DelVento stated the law that is temporary legislation on the books to allow animals in the school is scheduled to expire on 12/10/15. So, after 12/11/15 once that permits expires legally no animals will be legally allowed in the schools. However, he is hopeful that this temporary permit will become permanent to alleviate the interruptions of animals in the schools in the future. 	
OS-1119-12 ALL	<u>DCRx Background-FYI</u>	
OS-1119-13 ALL	<u>City Wildlife Newsletter-FYI</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	
OS-1119-14 LL/DLL AG	<u>Subcommittee Updates</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Veterinarian –Tech Subcommittee</u> • Ms. LaFontaine stated that the committee met on Monday, November 2, 2015 and a lot was accomplished pertaining to the implementation of vet techs. 	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Regulations Subcommittee</u>• Dr. Lipton stated that the regulations committee is very close to submitting the revised regulations however, a few more meetings should tie things up.	
OS-1119-15 ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>DC support for Veterinary Student to attend VA/MD Vet School</u>• Dr. DelVento informed the Board that they are going to get a letter from WHS pertaining to this subject matter because WHS is in full support of attending VA and MD vet school.• Ms. LaFontaine, CEO of the WHS weighed in and stated that she is also in agreement and support of this agenda topic.	
OS-1119-16 ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Telemedicine Consulting Laws</u>• Dr. DelVento stated that he is in receipt of an email inquiry related to telemedicine in the practice of veterinary. However, he was waiting on the Board's feedback on this agenda topic. Moreover, the practice of telemedicine is occurring in a lot of the other health professions.• The Board stated that this topic will be revisited upon further research as to what our sister states guidelines are in this area.	
OS-0924-17	<u>Reading of Open Session Motions</u>	AS
	<p>This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting, and pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b), and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will now move into the Open Session portion of the meeting.</p>	



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ES-1119-16 ALL	<u>Approval of Executive Session Minutes</u> Consideration of the September 24, 2015 executive session meeting minutes.	
ES-1119-17 ALL	<u>Executive Session Consent Agenda</u> There is one Consent Agenda Item. The following applications were approved since the last Board of Veterinary Medicine meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>9/23/2015-Elysia-Marie Branson, DVM- Endorsement</u>• <u>10/6/2015-Nicole Marie Diaz, DVM-Endorsement</u>• <u>10/6/2015-Holly Lui, DVM-Endorsement</u>• <u>11/10/2015-Kara Woody, DVM- Endorsement</u>	
ES-1119-18 ALL	<u>Complaints-Veterinarians</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Lauren Celestine, DVM</u> <u>Issue at Hand:</u> Complaint filed against Dr. Lauren Celestine of Friendship Hospital for Animals. The complaint from Tianqing Qui is attached for the Board's review. Dr. Celestine's rebuttal and the OTA are attached as well. <u>Background:</u> Dr. Celestine was initially licensed in DC on 9/1/15 her application did not contain any adverse information and both FBI/State CBC's were negative. She only holds a valid license to practice veterinarian in DC and she graduate from Tuskegee University on May 9, 2015. Also DC was her first veterinarian license. Dr. Celestine also currently holds a valid Controlled Substance Registration which will expire on 12/31/15.	
ES-1119-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Darleen Saini, DVM</u> <u>Issue at Hand:</u> Complaint filed against Dr. Darleen Saini of DuPont Veterinary Clinic. The complaint from Tianqing Qiu is attached for the Board's review and the OTA was sent by	



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	<p>certified mail on October 22, 2015 with a ten day response time to date Dr. Sanin has not responded. These documents are attached for the Board’s review.</p> <p>Background: Dr. Saini was initially licensed in DC on 10/22/10 her application did not contain any adverse information. Dr. Saini has not undergone a CBC this was not a prerequisite prior to becoming licensed as a veterinarian at that juncture. However, effective July 2014 all veterinarians that choose to renew their professional and controlled substance licenses during this renewal cycle are required by law to undergo a CBC.</p>	
<p>ES-1119-20 ALL</p>	<p><u>Complaints-Vet Technicians</u></p> <p>None</p>	
<p>ES-1119-21 ALL</p>	<p><u>Application for Licensure-Veterinarians</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Dana Carr, DVM-Application by Reinstatement</u> <p>Issue at Hand: Consideration of the application for a Veterinarian license by Reinstatement.</p> <p>Background: Dr. Celestine was initially licensed in DC on 8/10/06 and both Veterinarian license and Controlled Substance Registration expired in good standing on 12/31/15. She has a job pending at Friendship Hospital for Animals predicated on approval of licensure reinstatement application. She also submitted the required CEU’s and she currently holds a valid license in the state of Virginia which is in good standing. Both State/FBI CBC’s are negative.</p>	



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ES-1119-22 ALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Bernard Flynn, DVM</u> <p><u>Issue at Hand:</u> Consideration of the application for a Veterinarian license by Endorsement.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Dr. Flynn answered yes to S.Q. C and H under Section 5A of his application. Dr. Flynn received a reprimand from the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine in 1995- his letter of explanation is attached for the Board's review. Also the licensure verification from the state of VA which outlines all of the specifics pertaining to the reprimand is attached for the Boards review. Both State/FBI CBC's results are negative and he currently holds valid licenses in the states of Maryland and North Carolina which are currently in good standing. He also still holds a valid Virginia license which in his letter of explanation he stated there have been no issues since his reprimand in 1995. He previously held a license in Oklahoma which expired in good standing. The licensure verifications from all states/ jurisdictions are also attached for the Board's review.</p>	
ES-1119-23 ALL	<p><u>Application for Licensure-Veterinary Technicians</u></p> <p>None</p>	
ES-1119-24 ALL	<p><u>Criminal Background Check Hits-Veterinarians</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Positive Hits for this renewal cycle discussion</u> <p>None</p>	
ES-1119-25 ALL	<p><u>Criminal Background Check Hits-Veterinary Technicians</u></p> <p>None</p>	
ES-1119-26 ALL	<p><u>New Business-</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Implementation of Fee Schedule-CEU Fine Schedule</u>	



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ES-1119-27	<u>Reading of the Executive Session Motions</u>	AS
	THIS CONCLUDES THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE MEETING	
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