

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
FEBRUARY 19, 2015
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
RICHMOND, VA**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 2:05 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Taryn Singleton, LVT– Chair
Joseph May, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Brandy Gasparotto, Administrative Assistant
Amanda Blount, Administrative Proceedings Division
Peggy Wood, Program Manager, Health Practitioners Monitoring Program (HPMP)

OTHERS PRESENT: Sandra Kochersperger
Melissa Kraus, DVM
Katrina Dunn-Craig

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Chelsey LaMendola, LVT applicant**
License No.: N/A
Case No.: 157878

DISCUSSION: Ms. LaMendola was present in accordance with an Amended Notice of Informal Conference dated February 3, 2015. Ms. LaMendola was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Ms. LaMendola.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. May, the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Chelsey LaMendola, LVT applicant**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel, Amanda Blount and Peggy Wood attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open

session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

Based on the information in the background investigation and discussion with Ms. LaMendola, the IFC voted to issue Ms. LaMendola's license upon receiving documentation that she is enrolled in a Recovery Monitoring Contract with HPMP. The hearing adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Taryn Singleton, LVT - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director