

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
INFORMAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 15, 2016
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
HENRICO, VA
TRAINING ROOM 2**

CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mark Johnson, DVM– Chair
Ellen Hillyer, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Emily Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant

MATTERS SCHEDULED: **Richard S. Teague, DVM**
License No: 0301001346
Case No.: 169340
and
Farmers Veterinary Hospital
License No.: 0303000135
Case No.: 169339

DISCUSSION: Dr. Rucker informed Dr. Teague that the two related matters scheduled were entitled to two separate hearings unless he waived this right. Dr. Teague waived the right to two hearings.

Dr. Teague was present in accordance with the two Notices of Informal Conference dated February 10, 2016. Dr. Teague was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notices with Dr. Teague.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Hillyer, the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Richard S. Teague, DVM and Farmer’s Veterinary Hospital**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel and Emily Tatum attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION: 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 investigative report and discussion of the case with Dr. Teague, the IFC voted to issue Dr. Teague an Informal Conference Committee Order for Case No. 169340 with certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and impose a monetary penalty of \$250.00 and to issue an Informal Conference Order for Case No. 169339 to require an unannounced inspection of Farmer's Veterinary Hospital within one year of the date of entry of the order. The hearing adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Mark Johnson, DVM - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director

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- CALL TO ORDER:** An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 11:45 a.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Johnson, DVM– Chair
Ellen Hiller, DVM
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Emily Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Kenda Hanumen
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Jessica Liggon, DVM**
License No.: 0301203199
Case No.: 153433
- DISCUSSION:** Dr. Liggon was present in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 10, 2016. Dr. Liggon was not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Liggon.
- CLOSED SESSION:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Hillyer, the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Jessica Liggon, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel and Emily Tatum attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE OPEN SESSION:** 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 investigative report and discussion of the case with Dr. Ligon, the IFC

voted to issue Dr. Ligon an Informal Conference Committee Order with certain Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. The Order requires an unannounced inspection of ten randomly selected records for treatment provided after the date of the Order's entry. The hearing adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Mark Johnson, DVM - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Hillyer, DVM– Chair
Mark Johnson, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Knachel, Executive Director
Emily Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Schlicting, Esq.
Rohan Rajapakse, BVSc

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Punya Kumari L. Andarawewa, BVSc**
License No.: 0301203931
Case No.: 170371

DISCUSSION: Dr. Andarawewa was present in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 19, 2016. Dr. Andarawewa was represented by counsel, Nancy Schlicting, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Andarawewa.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Punya Kumari L. Andarawewa, BVSc**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel and Emily Tatum 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 investigative report and discussion of the case with Dr. Andarawewa, the IFC voted to refer the matter to a formal hearing. The hearing adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

Ellen Hillyer, DVM - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director

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CALL TO ORDER: An Informal Conference Committee (IFC) of the Board was called to order at 2:20 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ellen Hillyer, DVM– Chair
Mark Johnson, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Amanda Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Emily Tatum, Administrative Proceedings Division
Brandy Latvala, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Nancy Schlichting, Esq.
Punya Kumari L. Andarawewa, BVSc

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Rohan Rajapakse, BVSc**
License No.: 0301203945
Case No.: 170370

DISCUSSION: Dr. Rajapakse was present in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 19, 2016. Dr. Rajapakse was represented by counsel, Nancy Schlichting, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the notice with Dr. Rajapakse.

CLOSED SESSION: On properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson the Informal Conference Committee recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Rohan Rajapakse, BVSc**. Additionally, it was moved that Leslie Knachel and Emily Tatum 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 investigative report and discussion of the case with Dr. Rajapakse, the IFC the IFC voted to refer the matter to a formal hearing. The hearing adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Ellen Hillyer, DVM - Chair

Leslie Knachel, Executive Director