COMPLAINT NO. CP21-397/21-402

IN THE MATTER OF

TEXAS BOARD OF

THE LICENSE OF

VETERINARY

BILL SANDERS, D.V.M.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS

AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") considered the matter of the license of Bill Sanders, D.V.M. ("Respondent").

Respondent, without admitting the truth of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set out in this Order, waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order. Accordingly, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and enters this Order as set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent, Bill Sanders, D.V.M., of Terrel, Texas holds Texas veterinary license 2813.
- 2. In July 2021, TBVME conducted an inspection of Pet Country Spa.
- 3. During this inspection, it was discovered that a sentry safe and a metal cabinet were used to store controlled drugs. The safe was not bolted down, and the cabinet had a broken lock. Neither of these satisfied requirements for controlled drug storage.
- 4. The safe did not meet the minimum security for controlled substances as there was nothing to prevent it from being physically removed from the premises. Furthermore, the code had not been changed since employee's with knowledge of the safe code had left employment. The cabinet key was also left in the lock.
- 5. There were also numerous issues with Controlled Substance Records and Controlled Substance Registration. The logs had both incomplete and missing records. The registration had never been performed.
- 6. Patient Records were also found to be missing details necessary to substantiate or document the examination, diagnosis, and treatment provided.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 801, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter. Respondent is required to comply with the provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act, Chapter 801, Texas Occupations Code, and with the Board's Rules. Respondent received notice as required by law.

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- 2. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.43, Controlled Substance Registration, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 3. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.50, Controlled Substance Record Keeping for Drugs on Hand, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 4. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.52, Veterinarian Patient Record Keeping, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 5. Respondent has violated Board Rule 573.61, Minimum Security for Controlled Substances, of the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct.
- 6. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Texas Occupations Code, Sections 801.401(a), and 801.451.
- 7. Pursuant to Board Rule 575.25, Respondent's violations are Class A violations, and Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under that Rule.

TERMS OF ORDER

Now, therefore, the Board and Respondent agree to the following terms:

REPRIMAND

a. Respondent is hereby formally reprimanded by the Board. This formal reprimand may be published in the Board's newsletter and routinely reported to the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) for inclusion in the national reporting database.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

- a. Respondent shall pay an administrative penalty of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500.00) within 30 days of the date the Board approves this Order. Payment shall be made directly to the Texas Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners at 1801 Congress Suite 8.800, Austin, Texas 78701. Partial payments will not be accepted.
- b. If Respondent does not timely pay the administrative penalty, the Board may deny a request to renew Respondent's license until the outstanding administrative penalty is received, pursuant to Board Rule 573.62(b). Any monetary funds paid to the Board to renew a license shall first be applied to any outstanding unpaid administrative penalties, pursuant to Board Rule 571.57. Additionally, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Section 801.458.

3. ADHERENCE TO THE LAW AND BOARD RULES

- a. Respondent shall abide by the Board's Rules of Professional Conduct, the Texas Veterinary Licensing Act, and the laws of the State of Texas and the United States.
- b. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board's attorneys, investigators, compliance officers and other employees and agents investigating Respondent's compliance with this Order.
- c. Failure by Respondent to comply with the terms of this Order, or with any other provisions of the Veterinary Licensing Act or the Board Rules, may result in further disciplinary action.

The effective date of the terms of this Order shall be the date it is adopted by the Board, unless stated otherwise.

Certification and signature page follows.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order and understand the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of law set forth herein. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) herein. I understand that this Order contains the entire agreement, and there is no other agreement of any kind. I waive the right to any further proceedings, including a formal hearing, and the right to seek judicial review of this Order.

I understand that this Order is subject to approval by the Board. I understand that the terms and conditions of this Order become effective upon approval by the Board. A copy of the approved Order will be mailed to me. By signing this Order, I agree to satisfactorily comply with the terms and conditions of the Order in a timely manner. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and appropriate disciplinary action as a result of my noncompliance.

Signed this 24 th day of Serren, 20 22
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Bill Sanders, D.V.M.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 2 day of September, 2022.
SEAL:
SAMIR H. BHATT

SAMIR H. BHATT My Notary ID # 12315096 Expires April 23, 2025

Keith Pardue J.D., Presiding Board Member