

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES
Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee
April 23, 2014

I. Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Chair Dr. William Grant, II called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Executive Officer Annemarie Del Mugnaio called roll; nine members of the MDC were present and thus a quorum was established.

Members Present

William Grant, II, DVM, Chair
Jennifer Boyle, RVT, Vice-Chair
Oscar Chavez, B Vet Med
Allan Drusys, B Vet Med
David Johnson, RVT
Jon Klingborg, DVM
Kim Williams, RVT, Veterinary Medical Board Vice-President
Diana Woodward Hagle, Public Member
Richard Sullivan, DVM, Board Liaison

Staff Present

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Office, Veterinary Medical Board
Paul Sanchez, Assistant Executive Officer
Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel
Diann Sokoloff, Deputy Attorney General Liaison
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Programs Coordinator
Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Program Coordinator
Karen Robison, Administrative Analyst
Beth Parvin, DVM
Julia Price, Administrative Staff
Lou Galiano, DCA Webcast Producer

Guests Present

Jeff Backus, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Val Fenstermaker, Executive Director, California Veterinary Medical Association
Ron Kelpel, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Tom Kendall, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board President
Mark Nunez, DVM, Board Member
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, California Veterinary Medical Association
Greg Prudin, Department of Consumer Affairs, Legislative Unit
Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Board Member
Dayna Weidenkeller, California Veterinary Medical Association

II. Introductions

III. Approval of November 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- **Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to approve the November 13, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion carried 8-0**

IV. Executive Officer Report

A. Board Program Reports

Ms. Del Mugnaio gave an overview of the budget report and the additional staff allocated to the Board through budget change proposals in fiscal year 2014/15. She reported that many of our positions were granted based on the mandates in SB304. She updated the MDC on the enforcement programs and how the two vacancies will impact the unit.

Discuss Ongoing Issues

A. RVT Alternate Route Regulations

Ms. Del Mugnaio spoke about the alternate route program, why it was created, and the school versus ad hoc application pathways. She then went on to inform the MDC that although the ad hoc candidates had a higher pass rate on the exam; 30% of ad hoc applicants did not meet the eligibility requirement for registration.

Discussion ensued between the MDC and members of the audience about the demand for the ad hoc pathway, access to accredited programs, depth of candidate knowledge, and how the ad hoc pathway needs to evolve with the profession. It was noted that the RVT Alternate Route Program regulations have been drafted, but there is trouble moving forward from this point because “equivalency” has not been determined.

Dr. Klingborg mentioned work on bringing the Alternate Route program pathway to be equivalent to the AVMA/California accredited school pathway and then work on bringing the ad hoc pathway equivalent to the schools. Dr. Segna stated the education criteria is listed in CCR Section 2065 and should be the same regardless of the route. He suggested amending the law as a minimum eligibility standard and let the candidate determine how they achieve the end result.

The RVT Alternate Route regulations will be included on the next agenda to give staff time to compile detailed RVT statistics.

B. RVT Student Exemption Issues

The RVT Student exemption is tabled until the RVT Alternate Route Regulations are complete.

C. Update on Minimum Standards and the Impact of Implementation – *(Informational Only)*
- Hospital Standards Checklist

Ms. Del Mugnaio informed the MDC that the minimum standards were included because the profession has some questions about interpretation and implementation of some of the amended sections. Dr. Grant will request the Board to refer the minimum standards back to the MDC to address the questions during his report to the Board.

D. Review and Consider Telemedicine

Dr. Klingborg explained what the sub-committee found as they gathered information on Telemedicine/Telehealth. The sub-committee included amendments to the VCPR language in sections 2032.1 and 2032.15 and new language defining veterinary telehealth.

- **Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to request the Board refer the language to staff and legal and report back to the MDC. The motion carried 9-0**

E. Review and Consider University License

The University subcommittee contacted the Deans from U.C. Davis and Western University to obtain input from them on provisions for a University License. Ms. Del Mugnaio noted a University License would create a new license type which will involve a statutory change, new applications, and fees. She clarified what the MDC would like the regulations to capture. Dr. Grant will request the Board to direct staff to write language in his report to the Board.

F. Review and Consider Electronic Record Keeping

Electronic record keeping has been tabled.

VI. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

The shorter length of the MDC meeting was brought up and there was a request to lengthen the MDC meetings to all day.

VII. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

B. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Meetings – Sacramento July 22, 2014

VIII. Adjourn

The MDC meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.