



MEMORANDUM

DATE	January 29, 2021
TO	Veterinary Medical Board
FROM	Virginia Gerard, Probation Monitor
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 18.F. Probation Report

Probation Statistics

As of December 28, 2020, the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) has 87 licensees on probation. Of these, 72 are veterinarians, and 15 are registered veterinarian technicians (RVTs). We currently do not have anyone who holds a Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substance Permit (VACSP) on probation.

Seven veterinarians and four RVTs are tolling. Pursuant to the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines, tolling occurs due to lack of practice and/or residing in another state. When in tolling status, a probationer does not have to comply with certain conditions of probation. Any time period in tolling status is added to the length of probation. Tolloed probationers generally require significantly less monitoring.

The Board has 22 probationers participating in biological fluid testing. We have 100 pending complaints against 29 probationers. We have seven probationers pending at the Office of the Attorney General. The Board sent nine letters regarding compliance concerns to probationers in the last quarter.

Staffing Update

As previously mentioned, effective probation monitoring has been a challenge due to the lack of staff resources. As a result, timely logging of compliance documents, immediate response to questions, and regular probation meetings are not always possible. To address this need, the Board has requested a limited-term office technician to assist the probation monitor with the time-consuming technical tasks. These include: scanning and storing documents, processing probation complaints, coding compliance in BreEZe, and performing superficial status checks. This will allow the probation monitor to have more bandwidth to more efficiently monitor the current probationer pool.

Probation Monitor Goals

- Continue case reviews.
- Work the complaints on probationers.
- Find and follow up on any discrepancies in the Biological Fluid Testing program.
- Pursue violations of probation.

Second Quarter Probation Statistics

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q2 Total
Current Probationers	91	86	87	87
Completed Probation	5	2	0	5
New Probationers	2	0	1	3
Pending Complaints	70	76	100	100
Revoked/Surrendered	4	0	3	7
Pending at the Attorney General's Office	7	7	7	7
Tolled Probationers	11	11	11	11
Biological Fluid Testing	24	24	22	22
Potential Noncompliance Notification	2	3	4	9