



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 8, 2021
TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Virginia Gerard, Probation Monitor
SUBJECT	16.E. Probation Report

Staffing Update

On June 21, 2021, Kim Phillips-Francis transitioned from providing complaint intake services to the new Probation Technician position. This position was created to assist the probation analysts with digitizing all probation files and continuously updating BreZE with pertinent probation activities. The new Probation Technician is tasked with conducting preliminary reviews of probationers who are within six months of completing their probation and those probationers who are eligible for petitions for modification. The new Probation Technician will assist probation monitors by flagging any concerns (e.g., pending complaints, outstanding violations, etc.) prior to probation completion or Board petition hearings.

On July 26, 2021, the Board will welcome a newly hired Probation Monitor, Stanley Peterson. Stanley brings his experience in conducting investigations with State Compensation Insurance Fund and serving as a Public Defender Investigator with the Solano County Public Defender’s office. As a Public Defender Investigator, Stanley was responsible for interviewing witnesses, assessing evidence, and collaborating with public defenders to conduct effective investigations. He is a welcome asset to the Board’s team.

Probation Statistics FY 2020/2021

As of July 8, 2021, the Board has 76 licensees on probation. The probationers are comprised of 62 veterinarians, and 14 registered veterinarian technicians (RVTs). This is a decrease of 12 licensees on probation since the April 2021 Probation Report.

Of those probationers, eight veterinarians and four RVTs are tolling. The Board has 22 probationers participating in biological fluid testing. The Board is investigating 82 complaints against 36 probationers. Two cases have been referred to the Office of the Attorney General to prepare Petitions to Revoke Probation.

Since the April 2021 Probation Report, four licensees successfully completed their probation terms. In addition to those who successfully completed their probation terms, the Board revoked or accepted the surrender of eight probationers. This decreased the probation caseload by eight percent.

In FY 2020/2021, one Petition to Revoke Probation was filed. Further, the Board issued 13 Decisions against probationers for violating their probation conditions. The Decisions were the outcome of Petitions to Revoke Probation filed between FY 2017/2018 through FY 2020/2021. Of those, six licenses were surrendered, four were revoked, three resulted in probation. These disciplinary actions resolved 96 enforcement complaints that were filed against 11 probationers.

The Board heard ten Petitions for Reinstatement or Modification of Penalty. Of those, seven were granted and three were denied.

	Fiscal Year 2020/2021												Total
	Quarter 1			Quarter 2			Quarter 3			Quarter 4			
	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	
Probation													
Initiated	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	8
Completed	3	1	1	5	2	0	1	1	0	6	4	3	25
Open	93	93	92	89	87	88	87	87	88	82	79	76	76
Tolled	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	12	12	12	12
Biological Fluid Testing Probationers	27	26	25	24	24	23	23	22	22	22	22	22	22
Probation Complaints													
Received	0	4	1	1	6	24	7	6	3	1	7	2	62
Closed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	7	37
Pending	65	69	70	71	77	101	108	114	119	120	97	92	92
Notifications of Noncompliance	3	5	3	2	3	4	4	2	2	1	1	4	34
Petitions to Revoke Probation													
Referred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
Filed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Resolved	0	2	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0
Pending	9	7	7	4	4	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	2