



# MEMORANDUM

<b>DATE</b>	July 12, 2024
<b>TO</b>	Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC)
<b>FROM</b>	Richard Sullivan, DVM, Chair
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Agenda Item 7. Update on MDC Subcommittee Appointments and Tasks to Implement the Board’s 2024-2028 Strategic Plan</b>

The Board approved its 2024-2028 Strategic Plan at its April meeting. In June, the Department of Consumer Affairs’ SOLID team facilitated a meeting with Board staff to develop its Action Plan to implement the Board’s strategic plan objectives. As anticipated, many of the objectives require assistance from the MDC.

The MDC Chair and Vice Chair met with the Board’s EO and reviewed all objectives the MDC could tackle over the next four years. Based on each MDC members’ expertise and interests, the Chair appointed members to existing and newly created subcommittees, and divided objectives as follows:

## **MDC Subcommittee Tasks**

### **Complaint Audit Subcommittee** – (Dr. Waterhouse, Dr. Goedken)

- Track the types of complaints the Board receives for improved data on consumer complaints. (Objective 3.3)
- Pursue legislation to revise the complaint prioritization statute to increase effectiveness. (Objective 4.6)

### **RVT Subcommittee** (New – Ms. Pawlowski, Ms. Shufelt)

- Develop specific disciplinary guidelines for RVTs and the Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substances Permit (VACSP) to increase the consistent application of guidelines. (Objective 3.5)
- Review/Amend CCR section 2068.5 Practical Experience and Education as Equivalent Curriculum.

### **Inspection Subcommittee** (Ms. Pawlowski, Dr. Goedken)

- Update the self-inspection checklist to help licensees remain in compliance with regulations. (Objective 3.7)
- Pursue legislation to remove the 20% Veterinary Premises Inspection Mandate. (Objective 4.4)

- Explore solutions to clarify the Board’s authority to inspect boarding facilities. (Objective 4.8)

**Unlicensed Practice Subcommittee** (Dr. Grant and Dr. Nunez)

- Seek statutory changes to enhance unlicensed practice penalties to decrease unlicensed veterinary practice. (Objective 4.2)
- Pursue legislation to narrow licensure exemptions in the Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 4827 to prevent unintended consequences. (Objective 4.3)
- Develop racetrack/horse show specific materials regarding unlicensed practice to educate consumers. (Objective 5.8)

**MDC Executive Committee** (MDC Chair/Vice Chair: Dr. Sullivan, Ms. Ussery)

- Review regulations and statutes and repeal or amend them as necessary to keep them relevant and understandable. (Objective 4.12)

**Medical Records Subcommittee** (Dr. Sullivan, Ms. Ussery)

- Propose legislation to amend BPC Section 4855 to allow consumers to obtain copies of animal patient records. (Objective 4.15)

**Equine Practice Subcommittee** (Ms. Ussery, Dr. Grant)

- Propose legislation to amend BPC Section 4825.1 to revise the definition of livestock to include commercial equines. (Objective 4.16)

**Outreach Subcommittee** (New – Ms. Bowler, Dr. Waterhouse)

- Educate consumers on how to recognize unlicensed veterinary practice so they make informed decisions. (Objective 5.1)
- Create materials to educate consumers and licensees on the impact and implementation of new laws to avoid confusion and increase compliance. (Objective 5.2)
- Develop tools and educational resources regarding treatment options available in veterinary medicine to ease licensee concerns. (Objective 5.6)

**CDFA/VMB Subcommittee** (Dr. Waterhouse, Ms. Ussery)

- Participate in quarterly CDFA/VMB meetings to discuss overlapping issues, including, but not limited to:
  - Animal Blood Banks
  - Antimicrobial Use

**National Examination Subcommittee** (New - Ms. Bowler, Ms. Pawlowski)

- Monitor/review and provide recommendations on issues related to national examinations, including, but not limited to:
  - National Pass Rates
  - Alternative Pathways