

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES

Veterinary Medical Board

The Veterinary Medical Board met via telephone conference on
Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at the following locations:

Veterinary Medical Board
1747 N. Market Blvd., Peridot Room
Sacramento, California

20447 Hawthorne Blvd.
Torrance, California

K Bowler Group
1111 H St #203
Sacramento, California

Brookside Bookstore
1010 Foothill Blvd.
La Canada, California

Western Riverside Animal Shelter.
6851 Van Buren Blvd.
Jurupa Valley, California

Zinc Café
350 Ocean Avenue
Laguna Beach, California

1115 East Champlain,
Fresno, California

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order - Establishment of a Quorum

Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Executive Officer, Annemarie Del Mugnaio, called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. via telephone conference. Ms. Del Mugnaio called roll; six members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established. Dr. Mark Nunez joined the call; however, his address was not noticed on the agenda and therefore, he was allowed to listen but not allowed to participate in the discussion.

2. Introductions

Members Present

Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Vice President

Kathy Bowler, Public Member

Elsa Flores, Public Member

Jennifer Loredo, RVT

Judie Mancuso, Public Member

Richard Sullivan, DVM

Staff Present

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board

Nina Galang, Administrative Program Coordinator

Sabina Knight, Legal Counsel

Ethan Mathes, Administrative Program Manager

Guests Present

Ryan Arnold, Department of Consumer Affairs, Legislative & Policy Analyst

Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technician Association

Mark Nunez, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board

Carol Schumacher, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technician Association

3. Review and Consider Approval of Proposed Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substances Permit Language

Ms. Del Mugnaio stated the purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substances Permit (VACSP) language to the Board for review and approval and to obtain direction to initiate the rulemaking action.

The Board and public members discussed additional amendments to the language. Public member, Carol Schumacher, indicated that the definition for “veterinary assistant” is unclear as written and the Board agreed with her suggestion to remove the reference to “permit holders”. The Board and public members also agreed to clarify that a permit holder will not be allowed to obtain or administer controlled substances until the licensee manager has submitted the required forms and the supervisory relationship has been approved by the Board.

Other items discussed included placing a requirement that a permit holder must be 18 years of age and will not be allowed to perform the duties of a permit holder outside of an animal hospital setting. The Board’s legal counsel, Sabina Knight, suggested adding a provision that the suggested age requirement be added to the regulations only if it is not already in the Drug Enforcement Administration’s federal law. Ms. Knight will research current federal laws and report back to staff.

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted that a regulatory hearing would only be held if requested by the public.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse seconded the motion to adopt the proposed Veterinary Assistant Controlled Substances Permit language as amended for a 45 day public comment period and delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to adopt the proposed regulatory changes if there are no adverse comments received during the public comment period and also delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to make any technical and non-substantive changes that may be required in completing the rulemaking file. The motion carried 6-0.

4. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations on Items Not on the Agenda

There were no comments from public/outside agencies/associations.

5. Adjourn

The Board adjourned at 2:30 p.m.