



## MEETING MINUTES MULTIDISCIPLINARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 22, 2018  
1747 N. Market Blvd.  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room  
Sacramento, California

**10:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 22, 2018**

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Chair, Dr. Jon Klingborg called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Interim Executive Officer, Mr. Ethan Mathes, called roll; eight members of the MDC were present, and a quorum was established. MDC Vice-Chair, Dr. Allan Drusys, was absent.

### 2. Committee Chair's Remarks, Committee Member Comments, and Introductions

Dr. Klingborg addressed the MDC that this would be the last meeting for Dr. William A. Grant II, Mr. David Johnson, Ms. Diana Woodward Hagle, and himself as their terms with the MDC were ending. He also advised that the agenda item for proposed California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 2035 regarding duties of a supervising veterinarian was supposed to be included on this agenda, as the motion failed to pass at the February 20, 2018 MDC meeting, but that due to an oversight, it was left off the agenda and instead was sent to the Board for their review. Dr. Klingborg stated he will address this issue with the Board tomorrow to determine if they wish to send the issue back to the MDC or vote to approve the proposed regulation.

#### Members Present

Jon A. Klingborg, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM), Chair  
William A. Grant II, DVM  
Jeff Pollard, DVM  
David F. Johnson, Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT)  
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT  
Diana Woodward Hagle, Public Member  
Jennifer Loreda, RVT, Board Liaison  
Richard Sullivan, DVM, Board Liaison

### Staff Present

Ethan Mathes, Interim Executive Officer  
Candace Raney, Enforcement Program Manager  
Amanda Drummond, Administrative Program Analyst  
Tara Welch, Legal Counsel

### Guests Present

Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board  
Cindy Savely, RVT, California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) and Sacramento Valley  
Veterinary Technician Association (SVVTA)  
Erica Hughes, California Animal Welfare Organization  
Grant Miller, DVM, CVMA  
Ken Pawlowski, DVM, CVMA  
Leah Shufelt, RVT, CVMA  
Linda Tripp, SVVTA and University of California, Davis  
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technician Association (CaRVTA)  
Valerie Fenstermaker, CVMA

### **3. Review and Approval of February 20, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes**

The MDC made minor changes to the February 20, 2018 meeting minutes.

- Mr. David Johnson moved, and Dr. Jeff Pollard seconded the motion, to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried 5-0-3. Dr. William A. Grant II, Ms. Kristi Pawlowski, RVT, and Ms. Diana Woodward Hagle abstained.

### **4. Election of Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Chair and Vice-Chair**

Dr. Klingborg asked for nominations to the position of MDC Chair; nominations and elections for Vice-Chair will take place at the MDC's next meeting due to the impending four new MDC members. Legal counsel clarified that any individuals nominated to the position would need to be present to accept the nomination.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan moved, and Ms. Jennifer Loreda, RVT, seconded, the motion to nominate Dr. Jeff Pollard to the position of MDC chair. Dr. Pollard accepted the nomination. The motion carried 8-0.

### **5. Update from the Public and Private Shelters and Minimum Standards & Protocols for Shelter Medicine Subcommittee; Potential Recommendation to Full Board; Review and Possible Action on Recommendation**

Dr. Klingborg addressed the MDC and reiterated eight major items were brought forward by the various stakeholders that should be addressed in the discussion before the MDC. He directed that

the duty of the MDC is to review the issues and supporting documents and ensure that nothing is missing and all items are included for shelter medicine minimum standards to be crafted. Dr. Klingborg suggested a goal of the discussion is to address shelter medicine minimum standards issues by drafting proposed regulations and not statutes.

The MDC discussed their concerns with defining an animal shelter, whether that definition should include only public shelters or also include private shelters and humane societies, and the Board's authority to regulate shelters. By creating a definition of a shelter, it may allow RVTs and veterinary assistants (VAs) to provide services to the public's animals outside of their normal scope of practice. Additionally, any shelter registered as a veterinary premises would give the Board the authority to inspect these premises to ensure they are complying with requirements in the Practice Act. A discussion continued amongst the Board and members of the public where they discussed what should or should not be included in the shelter medicine minimum standards.

Legal counsel, Ms. Tara Welch, and Dr. Richard Sullivan recommended that the MDC approach this topic both via regulatory rulemaking and through statute. Business and Professions Code (BPC) Section 4853 provides the Board premises permit authority and authorizes the Board to draft regulations regarding minimum standards for shelter medicine, including a definition of an animal shelter. However, the MDC should keep in mind that there may be a need for additional statutes to provide the Board additional authority to draft clarifying regulation.

The MDC discussed that documents in the packet included all of the items they wanted to encompass for the shelter medicine minimum standards, and they will continue with the subcommittee's work to model the minimum standards after the already existing minimum standards within the Practice Act.

#### **6. Discussion and Consideration of Amendments to RVT Animal Health Care Tasks Regarding Dental Extractions; Potential Recommendation to Full Board; Review and Possible Action on Recommendation**

Dr. Pollard addressed the MDC and identified the discussion originated from a public comment from a veterinarian who was concerned about the Practice Act being vague in regard to dental extractions tasks an RVT is able to perform under supervision. Dr. Pollard conducted extensive research, including identifying the acceptable forms of dental extraction by RVTs in other states.

The MDC and members of the public discussed that existing regulations regarding dental extractions had been in practice since 1980 and the regulations continue to work effectively and recommended they should not be changed. It was explained that in general practice, RVTs do the majority of extractions after a DVM has diagnosed a patient and authorized the procedure. By eliminating the ability for RVTs to perform extractions, it could potentially increase costs and cause delays in treatment, and as a result, more consumers may be hesitant to obtain dental services for their pets.

The MDC agreed that this was not an issue that needed to be resolved. Dr. Klingborg stated that he would report the discussion of the proceedings to the Board in his report tomorrow and advise that, at this time, they do not feel any action needs to be taken to amend regulation.

7. **Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda**

*There were no comments from the public, outside agencies, or associations.*

8. **Future Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates**

**A. Next Meeting Dates**

- August 28, 2018, Sacramento
- November 13, 2018, Sacramento

**B. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Assignment Priorities**

Dr. Klingborg reviewed and updated the list of MDC assignment priorities:

- Update from the Complaint Process Audit Subcommittee
- Review minimum standards for shelter medicine
- Election of MDC Vice-Chair

9. **Adjournment**

Mr. Dave Johnson, RVT, moved to adjourn, and Dr. William A. Grant II seconded the motion.  
*The MDC adjourned at 2:36pm.*