

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 15, 2018
TO	Veterinary Medical Board
FROM	Jessica Sieferman, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 20C. California Horse Racing Board Partnership

The [California Horse Racing Board](#)'s (CHRB) mission is to ensure the integrity, viability and safety of the California horse racing industry by regulating pari-mutuel wagering for the protection of the public, promoting horse racing, breeding, and wagering opportunities and fostering safe racing through the development and enforcement of track safety standards and regulations for the health and welfare of all participants.

The CHRB issues licenses to owners, trainers, assistant trainers, groom and stable employees, pari-mutuel clerks as well as other occupations. In addition, CHRB issues licenses to California licensed veterinarians who practice veterinary medicine on race horses. CHRB can discipline licensed veterinarians for violations of their statutes and regulations.

On August 31, 2018, Board management met with CHRB's Executive Director to discuss ways to improve communication as it relates to veterinarians licensed by both boards. This included exploring ways to quickly share enforcement and disciplinary actions, the VMB having more of a presence and conducting inspections during race days and disseminating joint information to licensees.

VMB management will tour race tracks during the coming months to gain a better understanding of what occurs during race days. In addition, VMB management offered to attend CHRB meetings to provide an overview of the Board, its activities, and ways work collaboratively together to protect the health and welfare of the horses.