



MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT
Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee
Orange, California

October 20, 2014

I. Call to Order- Establishment of a Quorum

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) Chair, Dr. William Grant II, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Executive Officer Annemarie Del Mugnaio called roll; eight members of the MDC were present and thus a quorum was established.

II. Introductions

Members Present

William Grant, II, DVM, Chair
Jeff Pollard, DVM
Allan Drusys, B Vet Med
David Johnson, RVT
Jon Klingborg, DVM
Diana Woodward Hagle, Public Member
Jennifer Loreda, RVT, Board Liaison
Richard Sullivan, DVM, Board Liaison

Staff Present

Annemarie Del Mugnaio, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board
Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Program Manager
Candace Raney, Enforcement Program Manager
Bryce Penney, DCA Web Cast

Guests Present

Al Aldrete, DVM, Veterinary Allied Staff Education
Jeff Backus, California Registered Veterinary Technician Association
Nancy Ehrlich, California Registered Veterinary Technician Association
Valarie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association
Alex Henderson, RVT, Veterinary Allied Staff Education
Tom Kendall, Veterinary Medical Board
Lawrence Kosmin, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Kristi Pawlowski, California Veterinary Medical Association
Trish Penick, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists
Carol Schumacher, RVT
Marshall Scott, California Veterinary Medical Association
Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Jim Weisenberg, Diversion Evaluation Committee
Kim Willaims, RVT

Jennifer Loreda, RVT and Dr. Jeff Pollard were sworn in by Executive Officer Annemarie Del Mugnaio.

III. Approval of April 23, 2014 Meeting Minutes

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to approve the April 23, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion carried 8-0

IV. Discuss Ongoing Issues

A. RVT Alternate Route Regulations

- i. Review of Alternate Route School Curriculum
- ii. Review of Alternate Route Education and Application
- iii. Proposed Alternate Route Regulations

Ms. Del Mugnaio reviewed the ad hoc alternate route statistics that indicated a wide disparity in various areas of education. The MDC discussed the usefulness of continuing the ad hoc alternate route rather than the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) reviewing and approving alternate route programs. Registered veterinary technician tasks as outlined on the Task List may not always be taught to the same level in order to consider the alternate route as an equivalent to an American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) accredited education. Board approval of alternate route programs would establish an equivalency of education with AVMA accredited programs along with elevating the profession.

Nancy Ehrlich and Carol Schumacher noted that the 4,000 hours of education required for alternate route eligibility are considerable and an important part of an applicant's education and felt that more information is needed to make any change to the alternate route.

The MDC wanted to review more information on the number of existing alternate route programs in California, their cost and the level of education being taught in those programs.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Allan Drusys seconded the motion to recommend the elimination of the veterinary technician self-directed (alternate route) eligibility pathway and recommend the Board consider approving programs with defined education and experience. The motion carried 8-0

B. RVT Student Exemption Issues

The MDC discussed the applicability of a final year student exemption for students in AVMA schools versus students using the alternate route pathway. Alternate route pathway students may not have a defined "final year" or be in a "Board approved" program and final determination of this issue may depend on Board approval of alternate route programs. The MDC agreed to not delay drafting regulations based on alternate route issues; students in AVMA or California approved programs would benefit immediately from a student exemption.

- David Johnson, RVT motioned and Dr. John Klingborg seconded the motion to define eligible students under the authority of Business and Professions Code Section 4846.1 and draft regulations providing an exemption to perform registered veterinary technician tasks under immediate supervision of a veterinarian or directly supervised by a registered veterinary technician for final year students in an AVMA or California approved program.. The motion carried 8-0

C. Review and Consider University License

The MDC discussed temporary licensure for university faculty including providing a pathway to permanent licensure. Other issues considered are the approval of non-AVMA veterinary school graduates, the term of faculty licensure, what standards would apply in order to obtain a license and whether those standards are equivalent to other forms of licensure.

The MDC also expressed concern regarding English language equivalency and whether it would be necessary to require a test of English equivalency and whether supervision would be required for faculty licensees and at what level of supervision.

- Dr. John Klingborg motioned and Dr. Richard Sullivan seconded the motion to approve proposed Business and Professions Code Section 4848.1, Faculty Licensure, as amended. The motion carried 8-0

D. Proposed Amendments to New Minimum Standards

The MDC discussed proposed changes to CCR section 2030.3 regarding vaccination clinics and what would constitute a physical examination and whether an examination is necessary for these clinics.

- Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. John Klingborg seconded the motion to approve proposed amendments to CCR section 2030.3, Small Animal Vaccination Clinic. The motion carried 8-0

The MDC discussed proposed changes to CCR section 2032.15 regarding veterinarian-client-patient (VCPR) relationships and whether transfer of the VCPR should be at the same premise location.

The MDC discussed proposed changes to CCR section 2032.25 regarding written prescriptions and the veterinarians responsibility for the proscription in their absence.

Dr. Grant appointed Dr. Jon Klingborg and Dr. Richard Sullivan to provide further information for discussion and clarification on proposed changes to CCR sections 2032.15, Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship, and 2032.25, Written Prescription in Absence of Originally Prescribing Veterinarian.

E. Premise Permit Limitations

Ms. Del Mugnaio summarized that premise permit regulations need clarification encapsulating all types of premises, not just fixed or mobile. Animal and humane shelters are not part of existing regulations as well as specific situations where a “mobile” premise permit is used for a fixed location. Val Fenstermaker offered that the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) is forming a Task Force and could include this issue in their discussions. The MDC agreed the CVMA Task Force would be helpful.

F. Laws and Regulations Regarding Compounding Medications

Ms. Del Mugnaio explained that the authority in California allowing veterinarians to compound drugs is incomplete. There are pharmacy laws which apply to pharmacies compounding medications and Federal law provides limited exceptions for veterinarians to compound medication. Ms. Del Mugnaio participated in a teleconference with the Pharmacy Board and the United States Government Accountability Office to discuss the regulation in California regarding veterinary medicine and drug compounding.

Ms. Rebecca Bon opined that statutory authority would need to be granted for veterinarians to compound medications. Ms. Del Mugnaio recommended the MDC request statutory authority up to the limits of Federal law.

- Dr. John Klingborg motioned and Allan Drusys seconded the motion to recommend the Veterinary Medical Board pursue statutory authority for veterinarians to compound medications within the limitations of Federal law. The motion carried 8-0

VI. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

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

VII. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

- A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting- Review of MDC Priorities
- B. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Meetings – 2015 Schedule

Ms. Del Mugnaio noted the next MDC meeting will be on January 19, 2015.

VIII. Adjourn

The MDC meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.