

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee
Wednesday, November 16, 2011
Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) Chair Dr. William Grant, II, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Assistant Executive Officer Paul Sanchez called roll; all seven members of the MDC were present and thus a quorum was established.

Members Present

William Grant, II, DVM, Chair
Jennifer Boyle, RVT, Vice-Chair
Oscar Chavez, DVM
David Johnson, RVT
Jon Klingborg, DVM
Richard Sullivan, DVM
Diana Woodward Hagle
Linda Starr, Veterinary Medical Board Liaison

Staff Present

Susan Geranen, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board
Paul Sanchez, Assistant Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board
Shela Barker, Legal Counsel
Gary Duke, Legal Counsel
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Programs Coordinator
Monica Ochoa, Enforcement Analyst

Guests Present

Alberto Aldrete, DVM, VASE
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Valerie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association
Alex Henderson, RVT, VASE
Tom Kendal, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board
Pamela Maurer, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Carol Schumacher, RVT

2. Approve June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Dr. Jon Klingborg and Dr. Oscar Chavez noted minor amendments to the meeting minutes.

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to approve the June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes as amended.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

3. Executive Officer Report

A. Review Board Program Reports

Susan Geranen noted the included staff reports are carry over items from the most recent Veterinary Medical Board (Board) meeting. Discussion took place at the Board meeting regarding the proposed minimum standards regulations; substantive comments were included in the agenda packet for the MDC's review. The Board approved amended regulatory language and staff will issue a 15-day notice. Additional updates on the minimum standards hearing will be discussed under item 4.

Ms. Geranen reported the Title Protection Task Force met in August and determined statutory language is sufficient to support title protection of registered veterinary technicians. Shela Barker, in response to Dr. Oscar Chavez's question, reiterated "registered veterinary technician" is a protected title and any title or abbreviation that misleads the public is a violation. Ms. Geranen further explained the Task Force along with Bill Gage, senior staff consultant to Senate Business and Professions Committee, agreed that the term "unregistered assistant" should be changed to "veterinary assistant" and would be amended in statute.

Sandra Monterrubio reported the spike in cite and fine violations for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 was due to a number of records violation by one veterinarian and that this year violations are expected to be comparable to other years.

4. Update on Proposed Minimum Standards Regulations and Public Hearing

Dr. Grant reported a task force of he and Dr. Jon Klingborg made amendments to the proposed minimum standards regulations based on public comments received during the 45-day comment period. The Board approved the amended language and tasked staff with issuing an additional 15-day notice; the Board will address any subsequent comments at their January meeting. Dr. Grant noted the minimum standards did not address equine and food animal issues and that guidelines may be necessary in areas specific to facilities and dentistry. Ms. Geranen added that any further changes or additions to minimum standards can be reviewed in the oncoming years.

5. Citation and Fine Guidelines

A. Review and Consider Draft Cite and Fine Guidelines

Dr. Grant reported the August MDC meeting was cancelled in order for the MDC to further its work on the Citation and Fine Guidelines. Dr. Grant pointed out the Guidelines should be an instructive tool to the citation and fine program. Gary Duke added that if the Guidelines are intended to be an internal document they are not force of law; therefore, the Guidelines should not prescribe specific action.

The MDC discussed and made amendments to the Citation and Fine Guidelines Introduction, Board Consultants, Types of Citations, Citation Procedures, Terms and Definitions, and Citation Authority sections.

David Johnson, RVT suggested the MDC make a determination whether the Guidelines would be an internal or external document. Dr. Grant indicated that the intent is to incorporate the Citation and Fine Guidelines by reference in regulation. Ms. Geranen added staff will make amendments to the Guidelines based on the MDC's discussion and then send them to the subcommittee for review prior to coming back to the MDC at its next meeting.

B. Review and Consider Recommendations for Cite and Fine Regulations

The MDC discussed and made amendments to the proposed citation and fine regulations. They agreed the unlicensed activity penalty needs to be consistent between the Citation and Fine Guidelines and the proposed regulations. Ms. Barker suggested adding a separate section to the language because it is separated out in the Guidelines. The MDC agreed.

6. Agenda Items and Dates for Next Meetings

- A. March 14, 2012 - Sacramento
 - i. Review Action Items from March 15, 2011 Registered Veterinary Technician Committee Meeting
 - ii. Discuss Animal Rehabilitation
- B. June 13, 2012 - Sacramento
- C. November 14, 2012 - Sacramento

Ms. Geranen reported the MDC will have the opportunity to review and prioritize the pending Registered Veterinary Technician Committee agenda items as well as the Board's Strategic Plan Action Plan items at its next meeting. The MDC discussed the efficacy of forming a subcommittee to prioritize and address future MDC issues. Dr. Grant appointed Dr. Oscar Chavez and David Johnson, RVT to research and discuss RVT issues and report their recommendation to the MDC. Dr. Grant also suggested forming a subcommittee in the future to research and report on telemedicine.

7. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

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

Adjourn

- **Dr. William Grant motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.