

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES
Veterinary Medical Board
Sacramento, California

June 12, 2012

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Veterinary Medical Board (Board) President Dr. Stephanie Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. Board Executive Officer Susan Geranen called roll; all seven members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established.

Board Members Present

Stephanie Ferguson DVM, President
Tom Kendall, DVM, Vice-President
Patti Aguiar, Public Member
Richard Johnson, DVM
Judie Mancuso, Public Member
Linda Starr, Public Member
Kim Williams, RVT

Staff Present

Susan Geranen, Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board
Paul Sanchez, Assistant Executive Officer
Shela Barker, Legal Counsel
Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel
Diann Sokoloff, Deputy Attorney General Liaison
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Programs Coordinator
Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Lead
Elizabeth Parker-Smith, Administrative Analyst

Guests Present

Katherine Demos, Department of Consumer Affairs
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Reichel Everhart, Department of Consumer Affairs
Valerie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association
Bill Grant, DVM, Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee
Ron Kelp, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Beth Parvin, DVM
Greg Pruden, Department of Consumer Affairs
Anita Scuri, Department of Consumer Affairs
Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Richard Sullivan, DVM
James Syms, California Physical Therapy Association
Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM

2. Public Hearing – Disciplinary Guidelines

Shela Barker read for the record the hearing notice regarding proposed language for the proposed disciplinary guidelines.

Reichel Everhart reported the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) is requesting all Boards adopt the 16 Senate Bill 1441 uniform standards into the proposed disciplinary guidelines.

Dr. Bill Grant reviewed suggested changes to the proposed disciplinary guidelines for clarity, consistency, and readability.

3. Board Discussion and Possible Action on Regulatory Changes Related to the Board's Disciplinary Guidelines
A. Initial Statement of Reasons
B. Description of Acceptable Mitigation Information
C. Uniform Standards/CPEI Issues

The Board discussed and whether to include uniform standards, mitigation evidence, and rehabilitation criteria into the proposed disciplinary guidelines. Ms. Everhart suggested the DCA would like Boards to include the uniform standards in regulation, whether through the proposed disciplinary guidelines or a separate rulemaking file. Ms. Barker suggested the Board incorporate the uniform standards by reference in a separate rulemaking file. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed amendments to the proposed disciplinary guidelines Penalties by Section Number, Standard Terms and Conditions of Probation, Optional Terms and Conditions of Probation, Overview Guide for Disciplinary Decisions, and Terms and Conditions Relative to Discipline for Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

- **Judie Mancuso motioned and Patti Aguiar seconded the motion to direct staff to prepare the modified text as amended and notice the amendments for a 15-day comment period.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**
- **Dr. Tom Kendall motioned and Judie Mancuso seconded the motion to direct staff to bring proposed uniform standard guidelines to the July Board meeting for discussion.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

4. Sunset Review Pursuant to Business and Professions Code Section 2602
A. Sunset Report – 2003
B. Joint Sunset Review Committee and DCA Issues Raised and Recommendations to the Board with Board Response – June 4, 2004
C. Rough Draft Sunset Report – 2012
i. Discuss Executive Summary and History of the Board
ii. Recommendations for New Issues and/or Legislative Change
iii. Update on Statistics for Report – July Board Meeting

Ms. Geranen reported all statistics will be in the report for the July meeting, the Executive summary is an optional document to the report, and that the Board administrative and enforcement committees will work on individual sections of the report. The Board will review the amended Sunset Report in July and October for submission to the Legislature on November 1, 2012.

Patti Aguiar reported that she and Judy Mancuso will work on writing the Executive Summary. Ms. Geranen suggested a September meeting may be needed to continue work on the Sunset Report.

5. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

The Board discussed when the next officer elections could take place. They agreed to hold Board elections at the July meeting.

Dr. Ron Kelpé suggested the Board discuss registered veterinary technician job tasks regarding dental surgery at a future meeting. The Board requested Dr. Kelpé draft a letter to the Board outlining his concerns on the matter.

Dr. Richard Johnson requested a discussion on the University of California Davis client communication course relative to continuing education at its next meeting.

6. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

A. Board Meetings

- i. July 24, 25 and 26, 2012 – Sacramento (Tuesday, 7/24 – Board member training)**
- ii. October 23/24, 2012 – Discuss Meeting Locations Other Than Sacramento**
- iii. January 22/23, 2013 – Sacramento**
- iv. April 23/24, 2013 – TBD**

B. MDC Meetings

- i. June 13, 2012**
- ii. November 13-14, 2012 - Training**
- iii. March 13, 2013**
- iv. June 12, 2013**

7. Closed Session

A. Deliberations on Disciplinary Cases (Government Code section 11126(c)(3))

There were no closed session items presented at the Meeting.

Adjourn

- Linda Starr motioned and Kim Williams seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.