



## MEETING MINUTES

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012  
Sacramento, California

### 1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) Chair Dr. William Grant, II, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Executive Officer Susan Geranen called roll; six 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  
Diana Woodward Hagle  
Linda Starr, Veterinary Medical Board Liaison

#### Staff Present

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

#### Guests Present

Karen Atlas, PT  
Chris Bennett  
Kellie Boiston, PT, California Physical Therapy Association  
James Dagostino, PT, California Physical Therapy Association  
Tanya Doman, PT, California Physical Therapy Association  
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association  
Val Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association  
Connie Gilman  
Ron Kelp, California Veterinary Medical Association  
Tim Kendall, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board  
Albert Parnell California Physical Therapy Association  
Kristi Pawlowski, RVT  
Danielle Robbin  
Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association  
Erin Troy, DVM

## **2. Approve June 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and Jennifer Boyle, RVT seconded the motion to approve the June 13, 2012 Meeting Minutes.**

Dr. Chavez brought up the discussion about animal rehabilitation and Shela Barker spoke about cleaning up the RVT authority language. Nancy Ehrlich recommended the supervision of a Physical Therapist be at the RVT level or higher. The discussion was tabled to the next meeting for clarification.

- **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **3. Executive Officer Report**

### **A. Board Program Reports**

Ms. Geranen reported the Sunset Review was sent to the Legislature and is up on the website. Questions may be brought to us in March. The Board will address issues if they arise.

Ms. Geranen reported that staff is working on the RVT school approval regulations to be noticed in November for a public hearing in January.

Ms. Geranen reported there are seven months left to place license plate orders.

Paul Sanchez reported Monica Ochoa transferred and is working for the California Highway Patrol. We will be interviewing for her replacement and recruiting to fill two other vacancies to handle the increase in the workload. The filing of complaints is on target to exceed 800 by the end of this fiscal year. Eighty-four cases are at the Office of the Attorney General

Dr. Jon Klingborg brought up discussion on AB1839. The MDC, Dr. Kendall, Val Fenstermaker, and Nancy Ehrlich spoke about what "access" means, main supply vs daily use, who the law extends to, when will information be in writing, background check vs livescan. The MDC sent this back to the Board.

## **4. Citation and Fine Guidelines**

### **A. Review and Consider Draft Cite and Fine Guidelines**

### **B. Review and Consider Draft Cite and Fine Regulations**

Ms. Geranen spoke about the complaint process. The MDC reviewed and discussed amendments to the final draft Citation and Fine Guidelines and Regulations.

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to approve the amended Cite and Fine Guidelines.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**
- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and Jennifer Boyle, RVT seconded the motion to approve California Code of Regulations section 2043 as modified making the wording consistent throughout the regulations and guidelines.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**

## **5. Discuss Animal Rehabilitation**

### **A. Statement of Current Law**

### **B. Discuss Sample Outline of Potential Regulations**

### **C. Physical Therapy Regulations**

James Dagostino, PT, asked if Animal Rehabilitation (AR) was defined in law. Rebecca Bon stated AR is considered the practice of veterinary medicine as noted in Business and Professions Code (B & P) section 4826(c).

Dr. Grant stated his concerns for Physical Therapists (PT) performing AR. In reviewing the PT regulations there are questions regarding the "grandfather clause", animals and humans are anatomically different, and topical medications are allowed to be used by PT's.

Jennifer Boyle, RVT, stated RVT's should be allowed to perform PT duties on animals. Ms. Erlich noted they already are per CCR sections 2036.5(b) and 2038.

Dr Grant noted AR is not a restricted RVT duty at this time. He would like to see the AR starting point where Vets and Pt's are working together and that direct supervision is the right thing at this time.

Mr. Dagostino, PT, noted not all PT's should be allowed to work on animals and there should be specialized training to do so. Ms. Boyle, RVT, suggested a special certification for AR.

Oscar Chavez, DVM, stated licensed PT's should have advanced training and potentially hold dual RVT/PT licenses to perform AR. He also noted direct supervision is not always practical.

Ms. Bon noted there are exceptions in regulations and we can add PT to the Chiropractic regulation.

Dr. Klingborg stated to start the foundation of AR with direct supervision and look at indirect supervision in the future because emergencies can occur. He noted that RVT's were left out of the Chiropractic regulations. DVM's, RVT's and PT's should be included in the AR regulations.

Diann Sokoloff stated the accountability would still be with the veterinarian's with indirect supervision.

**Dr. Klingborg motioned and Jennifer Boyle, RVT seconded the motion to adopt the Animal Rehabilitation language with minor changes.**

### **Motions Withdrawn**

**Dr Klingborg motioned and Jennifer Boyle, RVT seconded the motion to adopt new Animal Rehabilitation language.**

Mr. Dagostino, RVT recommended a liberal supervision.

## **6. Discuss Future Agenda Priorities**

### **A. Electronic Record Keeping**

### **B. Licensure Exemptions**

### **C. Telemedicine**

Understanding Telehealth and understand Telemedicine contradicts the existing Veterinary-Client-Patient-Relationship law.

Dr. Klingborg noted there is a difference between consultation and primary care.

Tom Kendall, DVM, noted to define California licensed veterinarians can however; other non-California licensed veterinarians cannot unless in consultation with the primary care doctor.

Licensure Exemptions add a faculty license to convert to a California license. Ms. Erlich suggested they take the veterinary law exam at a minimum to convert

Recommend inviting faculty from UC Davis and Western for input on faculty license at the next MDC meeting.

Dr, Grant elected to defer the discussion of Electronic Record Keeping to the next meeting.

## **7. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations**

## **8. Agenda Items and Dates for Next Meetings**

**A. March 12-13, 2013**

**B. June 12, 2013**

**C. November 13, 2013**

Dr Grant let everyone know there is an open MDC position. Submit candidate information to staff for the January Board meeting.

RVT Committee tentatively scheduling a public one day RVT task force meeting in late February.

### **Adjourn**

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.