

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

RVT Task Force

November 14, 2013

Sacramento, California

Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

Kim Williams, RVT called the RVT Task Force to order at 10:05 a.m. Sue Geranen called roll and three members of the RVT Task Force were present.

RVT Task Force Members Present

Kim Williams, RVT, Vice-President

Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM

David Johnson, RVT

Staff Present

Sue Geranen Executive Officer, Veterinary Medical Board

Paul Sanchez, Assistant Executive Officer

Rebecca Bon, Legal Counsel

LeeAnn Keer, Licensing Analyst

Ethan Mathes, Administrative Program Coordinator

Elizabeth Parker-Smith, Administrative Analyst

Karen Robison, Administrative Analyst

Guests Present

Al Aldrete, DVM, VASE

Tess L. Anderson, Heritage College

Nancy Ehrlich, California Registered Veterinary Medical Association

Val Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association

William Grant II, DVM, Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee

Alex Henderson, VASE

Liz Hughson, RVT, VTS, California Registered Veterinary Technician Association

Ron Kelpe, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association

Tom Kendall, DVM, President, Veterinary Medical Board

Claire Knightly, RVT, Carrington College/U.C. Davis

Kristi Pawlowski, California Veterinary Medical Association

Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association

Richard Sullivan, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board

1. Approve June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes

- **Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to approve the June 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes as amended.**

2. Discuss Proposed Regulations

A. RVT Alternate Route Program Approval

i. Discuss Access Issues that were Original Motives for Creating Alternate Route

The Task Force meeting opened with a discussion about the history of the Alternate Route. Sue Geranen stated the Alternate Route enabled those who did not have access to approved or accredited schools the ability to become an RVT.

Although the American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) recognizes the alternate route path to licensure, not all states do, and those candidates obtaining licensure through the alternate route would be prevented from obtaining a license in those states.

David F. Johnson, RVT noted the alternate route pathway needs to evolve as the profession changes. Ms. Geranen stated there are more programs available for alternate route candidates and the standards need to be consistent.

ii. Is There a Need to Make any Changes to Existing Eligibility Criteria

Keeping up with the knowledge and skill set was noted as one reason to make changes to the existing eligibility criteria. Setting minimum eligibility qualification criteria will ensure the education that alternate route candidates obtain, is equivalent to that learned in accredited schools.

iii. Set Hourly Limits for Educational Requirements – For What Purpose

Setting minimum hourly requirements will prevent a candidate from taking a one hour continuing education course to meet education requirements in a subject.

iv. Discuss Approved School Only Alternate Route

It was noted that school approval needed to be separate from eligibility criteria and have a consistent standard. Approved schools/programs will not need to list specific subjects.

B. RVT Student Exemption

i. Define Level of Supervision

The discussion included definitions for direct supervision as defined by: face-to-face, immediate, in line of sight, and physically present as ways to define the level of supervision needed for RVT students; clearly stating the intent is that the supervisor must directly oversee the student while the student is performing RVT tasks.

ii. Discuss “Board Approved Programs”

Students in California approved schools are currently included in the student exemption however; alternate route candidates are not.

Discuss Whether Alternate Route Approved Programs Should Include an Externship to Allow for Performing RVT Job Tasks Prior to Graduation

Including alternate route candidates to work in an externship was discussed. Business and Professions Code (B&P) section 4854.5 requires posting notification that the facility is allowing

students to work on animals. B&P sections 4840, 4841.1, and 4830 provide for the job tasks RVT's and Veterinary Assistants can perform. Since there is not a method for defining the final year for alternate route candidates, it is difficult to include alternate route candidates in the student exemption.

3. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

There were no comments from public/outside agencies/associations

4. Agenda Items and Next Meeting Dates

A. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

B. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Meetings - Sacramento

i. March 11, 2014

Adjourn

- **Dr. Cheryl Waterhouse motioned and Mr. David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried 3-0**