MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

Multidisciplinary Committee
September 1, 2010
Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) Chair William Grant, II, DVM called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. MDC Executive Officer Susan Geranen called roll; all five members of the MDC were present and thus a quorum was established.

Members Present
William Grant, II, DVM, Chair
Jennifer Boyle, RVT, Vice-Chair
Richard Johnson, DVM
Jon Klingborg, DVM
Diana Woodward Hagle, Public Member
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
Kay Hossner, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board Consultant
Ethan Mathes, Administrative Programs Coordinator
Sandra Monterrubio, Enforcement Lead
Monica Ochoa, Enforcement Analyst

Guests Present
Gil DeLuna, Department of Consumer Affairs
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Valerie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association
Tom Kendall, DVM
Carl Singer, DVM
Sandy Walsh, DVM

2. Approve March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes

- Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and Dr. Richard Johnson seconded the motion to approve the March 17, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

- The motion carried 5-0.

3. Hospital Inspection Program
   A. Board Report

Sandra Monterrubio reported inspection program surveys were sent out following hospital inspections and that responses received were positive. There have been an average of 7-10 deficiencies per inspection with the most common are listed in the Board Report. Non-enforcement related hospital inspections have been delayed due to the State budget impasse.
The MDC inquired about specific hospital inspection deficiencies. Ms. Monterrubio handed out a packet illustrating common inspection deficiencies. Monica Ochoa reviewed the deficiencies packet with the MDC. Susan Geranen noted that while staff does attempt to educate hospitals about these deficiencies they still may become enforcement issues. Dr. Carl Singer briefed the MDC on resuscitation bag concerns in emergency situations. The MDC discussed this issue as it applies to consumer protection. Shela Barker opined the MDC could address their resuscitation bag concerns through regulation.

B. Review Inspection Program Self Checklist

Ms. Geranen reported the Inspection Program Self Checklist is a rough draft and will have to be reviewed by legal staff then come back to the MDC for final review before being forwarded to the Veterinary Medical Board. Dr. Richard Johnson noted the checklist was developed so as to make applicable laws easy to find, follow the Inspection Report form, and note common deficiencies. The MDC reviewed the Inspection Program Self Checklist and discussed recommended changes. Dr. Grant proposed to merge Jennifer Boyle’s list of objectives (from the March 2010 MDC meeting) with the current checklist, review the merged report in subcommittee with Ms. Monterrubio, have legal review the checklist and present at the next MDC meeting.

4. Minimum Standards of Practice
   A. Review Proposed Changes to Minimum Standards Regulations

Ms. Geranen reported that changes to the proposed minimum standards regulations from the last MDC meeting had been added. The MDC discussed after hours care and managing licensee staffing issues. Dr. Grant appointed Dr. Klingborg and Ms. Boyle, RVT to a subcommittee to discuss the issue of managing licensee staffing to then come back to the MDC with a proposal on this issue. The MDC went on to discuss mobile clinics, record keeping identification and anesthesia.

B. Review Proposed Amendments to Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship Definition

Diana Woodward Hagle reported on proposed changes to the Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR) definition. Ms. Barker noted the VCPR was instituted for the prescription of controlled substances and any change to the regulation would need to be consistent with this objective. The MDC discussed the importance of the VCPR and veterinarian responsibility as well as the establishment of transferability of the VCPR responsibility. The MDC requested staff to move forward with VCPR “second draft” language including Dr. Klingborg’s recommended revisions and forward to legal counsel for review.

5. Citation and Fine Guidelines
   A. Discuss Recommendations for Updated Cite and Fine Regulations

Ms. Geranen noted that the enforcement discipline process is set in regulation whereas cite and fine does not have the same narrative clarity. Staff’s goal for updated cite and fine regulations is to be consistent and clear to the public. Dr. Grant suggested looking at other jurisdictions for comparison. Ms. Geranen offered to ask around at the upcoming American Association of Veterinary State Boards meeting. Staff will also get examples from other State boards, consolidate them and send to the MDC for review prior to its next meeting. The MDC discussed the possibility of adding mediation to the regulations.

B. Discuss Use of Multiple Expert Witnesses for Enforcement Case Review

Ms. Geranen conveyed the need for expert witness training as the last training was in June 2008 and that staff is actively looking for additional expert witnesses.
6. Agenda Items and Dates for Next Meetings

The next MDC meeting will be November 17, 2010.

Proposed agenda items for the November 17, 2010 Meeting:

Update the Inspection Program Self Checklist
Review cite and fine guidelines
Discuss minimum standards of practice
Discuss number of practices for managing veterinarians

7. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

Ms. Geranen updated that the proposed Assembly Bill 1980 would sunset the Registered Veterinary Technician Committee, add two members to the MDC and extend the MDC sunset date. The bill would also add title protection for Registered Veterinary Technicians (RVT), require proof of radiation safety training and add an RVT student exemption.

Ms. Barker briefed the MDC on their sexual harassment and ethics training requirements.

Adjourn

- Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and Jennifer Boyle, RVT seconded the motion to adjourn.

- The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.