

**Veterinary Medical Board**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

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

**1. Call to Order - Roll Call**

Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) Chair Dr. William Grant, II, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Veterinary Medical Board (Board) Executive Officer Susan Geranen 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  
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

Alberto Aldrete, DVM, VASE  
Kellie Boiston, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists  
Dr. James Degostin, California Physical Therapy Association  
Tanya Doman, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists, California Physical Therapy Association  
Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association  
Valerie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association  
Alex Henderson, RVT, VASE  
Tameka Island, California Physical Therapy Association  
Tom Kendal, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board  
Pamela Maurer, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association  
Kristi M. Pawlowski, RVT California Veterinary Medical Association RVT Committee  
Danielle Robbins M.S., P.T., CCRT, American Dog  
Dr. James Syms, California Physical Therapy Association  
Jennifer Welter, DPT, RVT, California Association of Animal Physical Therapists

## **2. Approve November 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

The MDC and Shela Barker noted minor amendments to the November Meeting Minutes.

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and Dr. Richard Sullivan seconded the motion to approve the November 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes as amended.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **3. Executive Officer Report**

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

### **B. Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee Reappointments**

Ms. Geranen reported the Board would be going through sunset review in 2012 but that the Board is waiting for the Sunset Review questionnaire from the Legislature. Staff and the Board will be involved in compiling information for the Sunset Review Report. The Sunset Review Report is due to the legislature on November 1, 2012.

Ms. Geranen reported an employee from the American Association of Retired Persons is re-sorting the proposed changes to the minimum standards letters back into letter type and will pull staff the last two weeks of March to finish the sorting. She noted the same types of comments from the original regulation in 1990 were submitted in 2011.

Registered Veterinary Technician (RVT) proposed school regulation language to be sent to all RVT schools for public comment before initiating the rulemaking process.

Assembly Bill 2304 has been introduced to exempt dental scalers from Business and Professions Code section 4826 and refer to teeth cleaning as a cosmetic procedure. Ms. Barker informed the Board prophylaxis is defined in humans as a dental act and if regulated in humans it should be regulated in animals. The Board will discuss their position on the Bill at their April meeting.

Sandra Monterrubio reported enforcement has offered a part time Office Technician position. The board has also offered positions to three new hospital inspectors, bringing the total number of inspectors to five. Sandy Walsh resigned her position as an inspector.

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

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

The MDC discussed amendments to the proposed Cite and Fine Guidelines. Staff will make the noted changes and send to the MDC to review prior its next meeting in June.

### **B. Review and Consider Recommendations for Cite and Fine Regulations**

Ms Geranen suggested waiting for the Cite and Fine Guidelines to be finalized and change the Cite and Fine regulations to correspond with the finalized Cite and Fine Guidelines.

## **5. Discuss and Prioritize Action Items**

Dr. Oscar Chavez and David Johnson, RVT volunteered to define regulations for Registered Veterinary Technician student exemptions. Alternate route program approval has been sent back to the Board for further action.

The MDC discussed the priority of the action items and decided that the highest priority items are electronic records, telemedicine and UC Davis and Western University license exemptions

## **6. Discuss Animal Rehabilitation**

**A. Animal Rehabilitation Task Force Report**  
**B. Comments from Public**

The MDC discussed the Animal Rehabilitation Task Force report and have noted some changes to the language. The MDC discussed how physical therapy in animals is different from human medicine, is a training certificate adequate for animal rehabilitation, what level of supervision should be required. The report has been given it back to Jennifer Boyle, RVT and Dr. Jon Klingborg to revise. Dr. Grant noted this subject is still in the informational stage.

Dr. James Syms and those with an interest in animal physical therapy noted they would be willing to assist with the process of developing animal rehabilitation regulations. It was brought to the attention of the MDC there are states where the veterinary, physical therapy and chiropractic boards changed their statues so they could work together for the benefit of animals.

Ms. Geranen, Rebecca Marco, Executive Officer of the Physical Therapy Board, and legal counsel will work together on language that benefits both licensing boards regarding what is legal in animal rehabilitation. This language will be posted on the websites of the Veterinary Medical Board and Physical Therapy Board.

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

*There were no comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations.*

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

- A. June 13, 2012 - Sacramento**
- B. November 14, 2012 - Sacramento**

**Adjourn**

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and Dr Chavez seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:23p.m.