

Veterinary Medical Board

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MEETING MINUTES

Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee
Wednesday, June 13, 2012
Sacramento, California

1. Call to Order - Roll Call

Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC) Chair Dr. William Grant, II, called the meeting to order at 10:00 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
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
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

Nancy Ehrlich, RVT, California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association
Valerie Fenstermaker, California Veterinary Medical Association
Christina Hansen, Animal Wellness Center
Tameka Island, California Physical Therapy Association
Richard Johnson, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board
Ron Kelp, California Veterinary Medical Association
Tom Kendal, DVM, Veterinary Medical Board
Amy Krane, California Animal Rehabilitation
Dan Segna, DVM, California Veterinary Medical Association
Erin Troy
Dr. James Syms, California Physical Therapy Association
Jessica Waldman, California Animal Rehabilitation

2. Approve March 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes

- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion to approve the March 14, 2012 Meeting Minutes.**

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

3. Executive Officer Report

A. Board Program Reports

Ms. Geranen reported the Executive Officer and Board Program Reports are from the April Board meeting.

Ms. Geranen gave an overview of the Sunset Review process. The MDC requested copies of the Sunset Review Report. Ms. Geranen asked the MDC to forward any comments on the Report to staff by July.

Ms. Geranen reported MDC enforcement training will take place in October and the minimum standards rulemaking file is being prepared by staff for submittal to the Department of Consumer Affairs. Dr. Grant noted new minimum standards regulations will impact the newly developed Hospital Inspection Self Checklist.

Sandra Monterrubio reported veterinary premise inspector training will take place in September. Ethan Mathes reported the Hospital Inspection Self Checklist will be mailed out to all veterinary premises by the end of the summer.

4. Citation and Fine Guidelines

- #### **A. Review and Consider Draft Cite and Fine Guidelines**
- #### **B. Review and Consider Draft Cite and Fine Regulations**

The MDC reviewed and discussed amendments to the draft Citation and Fine Guidelines.

- **Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to keep the term “consultant” in the Citation and Fine Guidelines.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**
- **David Johnson, RVT motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to amend Citation and Fine Penalty, number 13, Level A range to \$500 - \$2,000.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**
- **Dr. Jon Klingborg motioned and David Johnson, RVT seconded the motion for staff to finalize all amendments to the Citation and Fine Guidelines, send the Guidelines to the Multidisciplinary Committee for their review and forward the amended Guidelines to the Veterinary Medical Board.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**
- **Dr. Richard Sullivan motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to approve California Code of Regulations section 2043 as amended and forward to the Veterinary Medical Board.**
- **The motion carried 6-0.**

Dr. Grant noted staff will make any discussed changes to the Guidelines. Ms. Geranen added the Guidelines will be sent to the Board for review at their July or October meeting.

5. Discuss Animal Rehabilitation

A. Similar States' Animal Rehabilitation Language

B. Task Force Report and Model Language

Dr. James Syms noted animal rehabilitation is a burgeoning industry, human physical therapists seek to provide services to companion animals that include specialized training to ensure animal patient safety, and regular communication with veterinarians is important for case management in animal rehabilitation. He stated it is recognized that statutory authority would be required to allow physical therapists to provide animal rehabilitation.

Erin Troy spoke to her experience in operating an animal rehabilitation facility and that the Board should consider that animal rehabilitation is the practice of veterinary medicine, pain control is part of animal rehabilitation, and that integration between animal rehabilitation and veterinarians is important.

Jessica Waldman reported on her experience with working cooperatively with a licensed physical therapist and recommended to the Board that veterinarians work with animal rehabilitation personnel in the same practice due to the fact that veterinarians are an important part of proper diagnosis and are ultimately responsible for protecting the animal patients welfare.

Amy Kramer stated that she felt physical therapists were the preferred provider for animal rehabilitation and should work in collaboration with veterinarians.

The MDC discussed board certification of animal rehabilitation for physical therapists, the limits in veterinary law for animal rehabilitation by physical therapists, that animal wellness should be considered in any discussion of animal rehabilitation, and what kind of supervision is permissible for physical therapists.

Shela Barker stated animal rehabilitation tasks allowed in the Veterinary Medicine Practice Act applies to all unlicensed individuals, regulations would likely not be an option to allow physical therapists the practice animal rehabilitation due to the inability for the Board to limit the practice of veterinary medicine for veterinarians, and that a more practical solution would be to restrict animal rehabilitation to registered veterinary technicians. The Veterinary Medical Board (Board) could not set the level of supervision for animal rehabilitation to that below registered veterinary technicians.

The MDC agreed that they prefer direct supervision for animal rehabilitation with the possibility of setting educational requirements in order to practice animal rehabilitation. The MDC discussed the place of registered veterinary technicians in animal rehabilitation and the appropriate level of supervision and responsibility. The MDC requested legal staff to draft proposed language for animal rehabilitation based on the MDC's discussion and refer the proposed language back to the MDC and any interested parties.

6. Update on Committee Member Enforcement Training - November 13-14, 2012

Ms. Geranen updated the MDC on plans for the enforcement training in November and to send any questions related to the training the Ms. Monterrubio.

7. Comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations

Ms. Geranen noted staff would advertise that the MDC is accepting applications for its vacancy due to Dr. Richard Sullivan's appointment to the Board. Staff will also post the advertisement on the Board's website.

8. Agenda Items and Dates for Next Meetings

A. November 13-14, 2012

B. March 13, 2013

C. June 12, 2013

David Johnson, RVT requested the MDC discuss Business and Professions Code Section 4841.1 and potential regulations for registered veterinary technician student training at its next meeting.

Adjourn

- **David Johnson, RVT motioned and Dr. Jon Klingborg seconded the motion to adjourn.**
- **The motion carried 7-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.