



MEMORANDUM

DATE January 22, 2013

TO Veterinary Medical Board

FROM Sue Geranen Executive Officer
DCA/Veterinary Medical Board

SUBJECT **Proposed RVT Task Force Meeting – Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 9 to noon – RVT Educational Programs as per CCR 2068.5 Proposed Regulations**

Background:

There are many programs that have come into existence over the last five years that are teaching curriculum designed to establish eligibility for students to sit for the RVT state board exam. California law requires that all programs offering specific RVT curriculum are approved both by the Board and the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education, but the Board does not have specific language that outlines the approval criteria for programs offering RVT curriculum under the provisions of CCR 2068.5.

The Board's two member RVT Committee met in November and suggested that a public meeting be scheduled in conjunction with the MDC's March meeting and that the MDC's designated RVT subcommittee meet with the Board's subcommittee in chairing the meeting: Kim Williams, RVT; Cheryl Waterhouse, DVM; Dave Johnson, RVT and Oscar Chavez, DVM. The Committee is recommending this meeting asking the full Board for support.

One of the issues is whether to establish a minimum number of hours required in each of the education categories. Another issue is that there could be two education pathways to eligibility for the RVT state board exam, 1) an approved program, or 2) a student getting the education on their own. Both pathways would also require the 4416 hours of directed clinical experience. However, if we establish minimum hours of education in each category for the approved programs, those minimum hours should likely apply to all applicants regardless of which path they choose.

The Executive Officer will work with the Board's subcommittee to draft concept language that can be mailed out in the first part of February and then discussed at the March MDC meeting.

Action Requested:

Consider support for the proposed task force meeting.