



**VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD
ACCESS TO VETERINARY CARE TASK FORCE
NOTICE OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING
October 12, 2021**

Task Force Members

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The Access to Veterinary Care Task Force (Task Force) of the Veterinary Medical Board (Board) will meet by teleconference at

10:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 12, 2021

In accordance with Government Code section 11133, this meeting will be held by teleconference with no physical public locations.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda
4. Opening Statement – *Jaymie Noland, DVM, Chair of the Task Force*
 - A. Review of Task Force Objectives, Board Mission and Vision
 - B. Review of Recent Board Actions to Increase Access to Veterinary Care
 - i. Removal of Unnecessary Barriers to Licensure - [Assembly Bill 1535](#) (Committee on Business and Professions, 2021)
 - ii. Electronic Veterinary Services [Legislative Proposal and Corresponding Regulations](#)

MISSION: To protect consumers and animals by regulating licensees, promoting professional standards, and diligent enforcement of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

5. Overview of Existing Veterinary Care Access Programs and Discussion of Potential Board Involvement:
 - A. Access to Veterinary Care Coalition ([Report: Access to Veterinary Care – Barriers, Current Practices, and Public Policy](#))
 - B. AlignCare, University of Tennessee ([Brochure: Access to Veterinary Care](#))
 - C. Tufts at Tech Community Veterinary Clinic ([Website](#))
 - D. Rural Area Veterinary Services ([Website](#))
6. Next Steps and Future Agenda Items
7. Adjournment

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