

MEMORANDUM

DATE	August 31, 2026
TO	Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC)
FROM	<u>Enforcement Subcommittee (Subcommittee)</u> Jeni Goedken, DVM Colleen Tansey, DVM
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 7. Update and Discussion from the Enforcement Subcommittee

Enforcement Subcommittee

Since the last MDC meeting, the Subcommittee welcomed Dr. Colleen Tansey as its newest member, succeeding Dr. Waterhouse, whose contributions were greatly valued. An onboarding meeting was held on June 3, 2026, to familiarize Dr. Tansey with the Subcommittee's historical work, current priorities, and upcoming initiatives.

The Subcommittee has developed a fill-in-the-blank style template containing structure, formatting, and content guidelines, which Experts can use to ensure they properly address standard of care allegations and present their conclusions more effectively. In addition, the report samples previously provided to Experts have been replaced with four new samples, allowing them to see how a final report should look based on the aforementioned template. The Subcommittee also crafted a medical record reference aid to assist Experts in evaluating medical record–related violations.

Roundtables

Due to scheduling conflicts, Consultant and Subject Matter Expert (Expert) Roundtables were not held this quarter.

Expert/Consultant Reviews

In FY 25/26, Consultants reviewed 808 cases. 60 percent were resolved without Expert review, while 40 percent required full Expert evaluation. Early FY 26/27 data (July–August) indicates a projected 10 percent increase in Consultant reviews over the prior year.

The Board closed 296 Expert-reviewed cases in FY 25/26. 94 percent resulted in no citation or discipline. Based on current trends, Expert-review closures in FY 26/27 are expected to increase by approximately 15 percent.

Average monthly closures via Expert review increased slightly from 24 in FY 24/25 to 25 in FY 25/26. Consultant case review averages remained stable at 67 per month. Pending Expert reviews currently total 600 cases involving 425 Respondents.

Due to proactive record requests at intake, cases pending Consultant review have increased 63 percent over FY 24/25, with an additional five percent rise so far in FY 26/27. The Consultant queue now includes 1,510 cases involving 1,224 Respondents, and continued growth is expected.

*Please note - only the main case out of a group of cases was placed into the citation/discipline sections, while the consolidated cases of that group were added to the “other” category.

Subcommittee Reviews

The Subcommittee has also begun reviewing initial practice reports submitted by new Experts. These practice reports are based on previously finalized cases and allow the Subcommittee to provide feedback before the Experts begin work on live cases. As of the end of last month, five practice reports have been evaluated. The Subcommittee has also completed its review of four finalized disciplinary cases, and the feedback from both processes is summarized below.

- Avoiding duplicative findings
- Ensuring there are no missed medical issues
- Good level of detail
- Leaving codes out of the report
- Eliminating phrases that speculate why something was/wasn’t done
- Leaving out analysis of rudeness by provider (bedside manner is non-jurisdictional)
- Keep it brief and to the point
- Ensure conclusions are clear to the layperson reader
- Omitting references from the report

Inspections

The Subcommittee reviewed the four new inspection checklists and determined that two were overly similar. It elected to remove the Small Animal checklist and incorporate its freezer requirement into the Veterinary Premises checklist, with a note clarifying that the freezer item applies only to small animal premises. This change streamlines the checklist set and reduces the potential for confusion by eliminating a redundant checklist while making a minor update to an existing one.

The Board conducted 306 premises inspections this past fiscal year, surpassing the previous year’s number of inspections resulting in a 50 percent increase in inspections conducted.

Attachment

1. Case Reviews and Inspections Performed

Consultant Reviews					
	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27		
	Total	Total	July	Aug.	Total
Reviews	791	808	98	49	147
No Violation	422	430	43	27	70
Insufficient/ Other	26	28	1	2	3
Educational	14	29	3	1	4
Referred to Expert	329	321	51	19	70
Pending	~920(694)	1,436(1,178)	1,463(1,193)	1,510(1,224)	1,510(1,224)
Expert Reviews					
	FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27		
	Total	Total	July	Aug.	Total
Reviews	293	296	22	35	57
No Violation	130	104	11	11	22
Insufficient/ Other	39	78	1	12	13
Educational	109	96	10	12	22
Citation	10	4	0	0	0
Discipline	5	14	0	0	0
Pending	~671(458)	604(432)	617(446)	600(425)	600(425)

*Parenthesis indicates number of Respondents

Inspections Completed				
FY 24/25	FY 25/26	FY 26/27		
Total	Total	July	Aug.	Total
203	306	30	29	59