



Board of Veterinary Medicine

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Approved Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2019

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 a.m., by Dr. Wheeler, Chair.

Members Present: J. Drexel Wheeler, DVM, Chair; Paula Yankauskas, VMD, Vice-Chair; Paul Howard, DVM; Ryan Canales, MVB, Secretary, and Jeannette Hogan, Public Member

Member Absent: Terry York, Public Member

OPR Personnel Present: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator I, and Gabriel Gilman, Esq., General Counsel

Guests: Kathy Finnie, VVMA, and Val Yankauskas

2. Approval of minutes from October 11, 2018 meeting

Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Topics for Discussion

- a. Continuing Veterinary Medical Education (CVME) – Administrative Rules update
 - i. The Board will be updating their administrative rules starting at the April 2019 meeting. CVME updates will include going to provider-based approval, not individual course approval, which the Board will create guidance rules on. At the April meeting, the Board will discuss limiting credit available for alternative therapies.
- b. Tele-medicine vs. VCPR
 - i. Mr. Gilman recommended writing an administrative rule to expand on the statutory exemption for non-resident Veterinarians who work or collaborate with a Vermont Veterinarian. To provide clarity and curb abuse of the exemption, OPR considers that the consulting exemption should operate only in the presence of a VCPR with the in-state licensee. Codifying this simple litmus test in regulation is recommended. Additional discussion will be held at the April meeting.
- c. DEA and Controlled Drug use in Veterinary Clinics
 - i. Dr. Yankauskas spoke with the Board regarding the practice of Veterinary Hospitals being issued a DEA number and each practitioner within the hospital being assigned a designation for their own prescribing. Previously Dr.

Yankauskas was told by the Vermont Department of Health that Veterinarians are not included in the "practitioner" listing and therefore this could not be done. Mr. Gilman has asked Carrie Phillips, Pharmacy Board Executive Officer, to reach out to her DEA contact for further clarification.

- d. AAVSB – Communications Packet
 - i. The Board was given the AAVSB packet to review and possibly discuss at a future meeting.
 - e. Budget Report – OPR
 - i. Lauren Hibbert, Director of OPR, spoke to the Board regarding their budget. At this time the Office's recommendation is to leave fees as they are as the Board is in the black.
 - f. Chiropractic Rules concerning Veterinarians – Kathy Finnie
 - i. Kathy Finnie with the VVMA spoke to the Board requesting clarification on the current policies in effect for chiropractic and alternative therapies on animals. Mr. Gilman stated that policies on the topic should be wrapped into administrative rule. At the April 2019 meeting the Board will begin work on a draft to update the current administrative rules.
- 4. Education Course Review**
- a. Dr. George Glanzberg submitted requests for approval for four entries he completed through the New England Journal of Medicine.
 - i. Following discussion, Dr. Canales made a motion to deny Dr. Glanzberg's request. Dr. Howard seconded the motion. Motion passed. The Board also wanted to acknowledge that they appreciated that Dr. Glanzberg complied with previous requests for additional documentation submission, however they could not justify that the entries completed were relevant to the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of animal disease.
- 5. Public Comment:**
- a. Kathy Finnie, VVMA, reminded Board members that the VVMA would be sending a newsletter in March. Dr. Yankauskas will work on an article for the newsletter regarding Board activity.
- 6. Adjournment** Dr. Yankauskas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 pm. Dr. Canales seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday, April 11, 2019
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