

**UNAPPROVED DRAFT**  
**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**  
**MINUTES**  
**AD HOC DRUG CONTROL ACT COMMITTEE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**  
**HENRICO, VA**  
**NOVEMBER 18, 2014**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Ad Hoc Drug Control Act Committee (Committee) meeting was called to order at 9:08 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Johnson, DVM - Chair  
Bayard Rucker, DVM  
Terry Taylor, DVM  
Diana Stuebing, LVT  
Caroline Juran, RPh

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie Knachel, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Operations Manager  
Brandy Gasparotto, Administrative Assistant  
Ralph Orr, Program Administrator,  
Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)  
David Brown, DC, Director, DHP

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Susan Seward, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA)  
Robin Schmitz (VVMA)

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:** Dr. Brown made a brief comment and thanked the Committee for holding this meeting. He stated that an important topic of discussion would be whether veterinarians should be required to report to the PMP.

**PRESENTATION ON PMP:** Ralph Orr presented an overview of the PMP to the Committee. He provided information on the types of controlled substances that are most abused, sources of controlled substances, and overdose statistics. He discussed veterinarians' ability to access the PMP and the pros and cons of veterinarians reporting to the PMP.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

### **TYPES OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES STOCKED IN VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENTS:**

Ms. Knachel provided the Committee members with a copy of the Governor's Executive Order (29) which created the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse (Task Force) and the press release about the Task Force's first meeting. She commented that the Committee was, in part, convened to discuss issues related to the safety and security of controlled substances in veterinary establishments. She presented research on other states' requirements for veterinarians to report dispensing of controlled substances and the typical drugs stocked in a veterinary establishment. The Committee helped to further identify controlled substances typically stocked in veterinary establishments.

### **REGULATORY CHANGES TO ENHANCE SECURITY OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES STOCKED IN VETERINARY ESTABLISHMENTS:**

Ms. Knachel discussed the opportunity for the Committee to make regulatory recommendations to the Board to enhance the safety and security of controlled substances. The Committee made recommendations for changes to the regulations. Ms. Knachel indicated that a draft of the recommended changes would be available at the Committee's next meeting for review.

### **HANDLING OF REPORTED THEFT OR LOSS OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

Ms. Knachel stated that the regulations require that an unusual theft or loss of a controlled substance, Schedule II-V, be reported to the Board and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The Committee discussed recommendations on the handling these reports. Ms. Knachel indicated that a draft of these recommendations will be available at the Committee's next meeting for review.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dr. Johnson asked if there was anyone would like to make public comment. Ms. Seward reported that a VVMA member has been appointed to one of the Governor's Task Force's workgroups.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Ms. Knachel recommended that the Committee meet again in January to finalize recommendations to be reported to the full Board at its February 19, 2015, meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Mark Johnson, DVM – Chair

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Leslie L. Knachel, MPH, - Executive Director