

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
REGULATORY ADVISORY PANEL – OPIOID PRESCRIBING
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2017**

TIME AND PLACE: The Regulatory Advisory Panel (Panel) meeting was called to order at 1:04 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Training Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Ellen Hillyer, DVM, Board President

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bayard Rucker, III, DVM, Board Member
Peggy Rucker, DVM, President Virginia Veterinary Medical Association of Virginia (VVMA)
Lisa Carter, DVM, VVMA
Noah Pavlisko, DVM, DACVAA, Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology VA-MD College of Veterinary Medicine

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All members were present.

QUORUM: With all members of the Panel present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: David E. Brown, D.C., Director
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts - Senior Policy Analyst
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: No others were present.

ORDERING OF AGENDA: No changes were made to the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

DIRECTOR’S COMMENT: Dr. Brown presented comment regarding the opioid crisis in Virginia. He requested that the Panel develop regulations that address conditions for the prescribing of opioids, required documentation, security, and storage.

CHARGE TO THE PANEL: Dr. Hillyer provided the following charge to the panel:
The Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health has declared a public health crisis related to opioid abuse. The Board of Veterinary Medicine appointed a Regulatory Advisory Panel to develop emergency regulations for veterinarians related to opioid prescribing for the Board’s consideration at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION: **Review of Proposed Regulations Related to Drug Security and Storage**
Ms. Yeatts reviewed the following with the Panel:

- Excerpt from the Proposed Regulations Related to Drug Security and Storage.

The consensus of the Panel was to include the changes related to drug security and storage.

The Panel discussed drafting additional guidance information related to drug security and storage.

- Board of Medicine Draft Regulations for Pain Management.

The Panel discussed and considered the following topics for inclusion in proposed emergency regulations to address acute and chronic pain management:

- Definition of acute and chronic pain/conditions
- Prescription limitations based on the classification of the drug to include buprenorphine
- Re-examination requirement for refills
- Treatment plan requirements
- Client education about the usage, storage and disposal of scheduled drugs

The Panel requested that Ms. Yeatts draft the emergency regulations as discussed for presentation to the full board at its next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M.
Chair

Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H
Executive Director

Date

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