

Call to Order

The meeting of the Virginia Board of Veterinary Medicine Veterinarian Shortage Study Workgroup's Supporting Data subgroup was called to order at 1:02 p.m. on August 19, 2024, at the Virginia Farm Bureau Auditorium, 12580 West Creek Parkway, Richmond, VA 23238.

Chair

Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine

Workgroup Participants Present

Cliff Williamson, Virginia Agribusiness Council

Julia Murphy, DVM, Virginia Department of Health

Martha Moore, Virginia Farm Bureau

Nathaniel Burke, DVM, Virginia Veterinary Medical Association (VVMA)

Caroline Buscaglia, Virginia Tech Assistant Director for State Government Relations

Daniel Givens, DVM, PhD, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine (virtual)

Workgroup Participants - Not Present

Charles Broaddus, DVM, PhD, Dip. ACT, VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Staff

Laura Jackson, MSHSA, Board Administrator

Laura D. Paasch, Senior Licensing & Operations Specialist

Yetty Shobo, PhD, Director of Healthcare Workforce Data Center & Data Analytics Division (HWDC)

Erin Barrett, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs (virtual)

Public Attending Electronically

Carol Heizer, LVT, Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians (VALVT)

Angela Small, LVT, VALVT

Others Present

Jake Tabor, Virginia Farm Bureau

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The participants were welcomed, and introductions were made.

Ordering of Agenda

Ms. Moss opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Moss opened the floor to any additions or corrections regarding the draft minutes from the July 8, 2024, Supporting Data Subgroup Meeting. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Discussion

Healthcare Workforce Data Center Survey Questions: The subgroup reviewed the current questions to determine how to obtain the information needed for the study. Dr. Shobo presented options to add a maximum of three to four questions to the current survey or to conduct a separate, more detailed survey. The group agreed that adding questions to the current survey was the most efficient way to obtain the needed information.

Additional survey questions were discussed, including animal types, practice scope and setting, educational background, practice radius and travel time, as well as using current data for full-time equivalents and locales to more precisely identify shortage areas. The same questions may be used for veterinary technicians and will be discussed at the upcoming LVT Scope subgroup meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Shobo will draft additional questions for the subgroup's consideration to include in the next survey.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Burke will review the American Veterinary Medical Association and American Association of Bovine Practitioner surveys and VVMA's survey questions to consider for additional HWDC questions.

The subgroup agreed on the format for shared files for Supporting Data and other subgroups.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Moss will share the link all the documents once uploaded.

New Business

There was no new business to report.



Next Meeting

Data and recommendations will be presented to the full workgroup at its next meeting to convene in early October 2024, to be determined by poll.

Adjournment

With no objection, Ms. Moss adjourned the meeting at 2:39 p.m.

Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director
Chair

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