

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
MINUTES  
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 18, 2007**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Legislative/Regulatory Review Committee meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Conference Room 4, Richmond, VA.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Siemering- Chair  
James DeBell, DVM  
Rebecca Lakie, LVT

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth C. Young, Executive Director  
Terri Behr, Administrative Assistant  
Jack Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Taryn Singleton, LVT  
Steve Karras, DVM

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Taryn Singleton, representing the Va. Assoc of Licensed Veterinary Technicians, stated that the association had nothing to add to the document submitted to the Committee at the previous meeting.

Dr. Karras stated that the VVMA supports the VALVT in their requests.

**EQUINE DENTAL BILL:** Ms. Yeatts explained to the Committee the difference in the original version of House Bill No. 2363 and the amended version with language crafted by the agency. She stated that no position on the bill has been taken by the Dept. of Health Professions until the Governor states his position. She also stated that no fiscal impact analysis has been conducted. Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that they could recommend to the Governor that he not support House Bill 2363.

On properly seconded motion by Ms. Lakie, the Committee voted unanimously that Ms. Young should draft a letter from the Board

president, George Siemering, DVM, to Sandra Ryals, Director of the Dept. of Health Professions, stating that the Board of Veterinary Medicine does not fully support House Bill 2363 for the following reasons:

- The Board has a Guidance Document on its website that adequately addresses this issue and this document is supported by the Virginia Veterinary Medical Association and the Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians. The legislation is unnecessary to effectively and safely regulate this section of the practice.
- Equine dentists perform tasks under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian.
- The creation of a licensed or registered equine dental technician would allow the proliferation of other sub-specialties within the practice of veterinary medicine.
- Would impose an additional workload on staff.
- The Board would not be able to adequately support the licensure fiscally due to the limited number of individuals who specialize in equine dentistry.

The Board also directed that Ms. Young add that the Board reviewed the legislation and can support it with the amendments in the nature of a substitute, which largely mirror the Board's Guidance Document, if the legislation becomes law.

## **REGULATORY REVIEW**

The purpose of this meeting was to identify items that this Committee is to review as it relates to the regulatory review process. The list is not complete at this time, but the Committee hopes to complete it at its next meeting on February 7, 2007. The Committee will hold an Open Forum at the beginning of that meeting to allow licensees to comment and give the Committee an opportunity to add additional items. Once the Committee has a finalized list, they will begin reviewing the items in preparation to present them to the Board for approval.

Currently the list includes items listed in the letter from the VALVT dated August 7, 2006, items listed in the minutes of the Committee meeting on August 9, 2006, a review of current Guidance Documents with recommendations to repeal, incorporate into regulation, make into a new Guidance Document or edit, and a question from the VVMA regarding certifying individuals to take radiographs. At this time, the list includes the following items:

#### **Miscellaneous items**

- Discuss defining how one certifies unlicensed personnel so that they can take radiographs (from VVMA)
- Who can place IV catheters
- Who can write in the controlled drug log
- Who can count drugs; Schedule II and Schedules III – V
- Issue of collaborative practice
- Placement of microchips
- Whether suturing gingival tissue after an extraction would be considered routine skin closure

#### **Guidance Documents**

- 150-1 Drug Record Keeping at Shared Facilities
- 150-2 Board Discussions items 1 thru 4
- 150-3 Policy regarding distance education programs of veterinary technology
- 150-4 Chip clinics
- 150-5 to be repealed
- 150-6 Board interpretations regarding change of location of a mobile facility
- 150-7 No action required, leave as a Guidance Document
- 150-9 No action required, leave as a Guidance Document
- 150-12 Veterinary facilities acting as pharmacies. (needs to be a regulation) Also on this newsletter is a letter from Mr. Hasty regarding unannounced inspections which needs to be in regulation.
- 150-13 No action required, leave as a Guidance Document

- 150-14 To be repealed as is now in regulation
- 150-15 No action required, leave as a Guidance Document
- 150-16 No action required, leave as a Guidance Document

**From draft Guidance Document of 1/2006**

- Posting of licenses – needs to become a Guidance Document
- Delegation of duties to unlicensed veterinary personnel and issues of title protection. Executive Director is to ask for an Attorney General opinion on title protection
- Requirements for VIC – need to discuss the word “performing” as it relates to the biennial inventory
- Renewal of veterinary establishment permits – duty of VIC
- Requirements for drug storage, dispensing

**18 VAC 150-20-10 – Definitions**

- Discuss supervision and make it consistent throughout regulations, discuss invasive, alteration of animal tissue, preceptorship

**18 VAC 150-20-15**

- Ms. Yeatts will submit proposed language

**18 VAC 150-20-30**

- Posting of licenses, issue of relief veterinarians and ambulatory practices posting of licenses

**18 VAC 150-20-70**

- Draft more specific language

**18 VAC 150-20-115**

- Discuss

**18 VAC 150-20-120**

- Endorsement – separate veterinarians and veterinary technicians for clarity, endorsement for veterinary technicians

from other states, foreign graduates

**18 VAC 150-20-130**

- Look at AVMA criteria for accreditation, get public comment, directions and definitions for preceptorships and adjunct faculty

**18 VAC 150-20-181**

- Delete “performing” in A3 and discuss if unlicensed persons may perform

**18 VAC 150-20-190**

- Need to discuss locked and secure

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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George Siemering, DVM - Chair

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Elizabeth C. Young - Executive Director