

UNAPPROVED DRAFT
VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REVIEW COMMITTEE
AUGUST 9, 2006

TIME AND PLACE: The Legislative/Regulatory Review Committee meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Conference Room 2, Richmond, VA.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant
Emily Wingfield, Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

OTHERS PRESENT: John Wise, DVM
Jana Froeling, DVM
Dorothy Blackwell
Elizabeth Young
Taryn Singleton, LVT
Henry McKelvin, DVM

PUBLIC COMMENT: Taryn Singleton, representing the Va. Assoc of Licensed Veterinary Technicians, reminded the Committee that the association had submitted written comments regarding regulatory changes and that those were their recommendations.

DISCUSSION: **18 VAC 150-20-10** - Ms. Wingfield suggested that the Committee may want to more clearly define "supervision" and make sure it is consistent throughout the regulations and says what the Board intends for it to say. In its attached written comments, the VALVT recommended that the requirement for veterinarian to see a patient within 36 hours of delegating duties be extended to 60 hours. The Committee contended that the current 36 hours is appropriate to ensure the safety of the

patient.

Dr. DeBell suggested that in the definition of surgery, the phrase “alteration of animal tissue” be removed or further defined, because as he stated you are altering animal tissue even when you do a nail trim. Ms. Wingfield recommended that they put this issue up for public comment.

The Committee discussed the general issue of preceptorship and determined that a clearer definition is needed for this term as well as a definition developed for externship. Public comment will be sought on these issues. Dr. Carter reported that the questions posed to the Board in February by the veterinary and veterinary technicians programs require the legal advice, not Board policy answers. She further reported that the inquirers have been advised to direct their questions to their own legal counsel from the Attorney General's Office.

18 VAC 150-20-15 – Ms. Yeatts stated that the types of cases that can be delegated are extremely narrow, involving continuing education only. The Committee may want to expand its options for the types of cases that may be delegated to an agency subordinate. Dr. Carter stated that the Committee might consider adding cases that do not involve a clinical background, such as fraud or business related cases as other boards have done. Ms. Yeatts will submit proposed language for the Committee’s review.

18 VAC 150-20-30 – Ms. Yeatts asked if there was a need to revise this section to make it more specific and clear about the posting of licenses. Dr. DeBell stated that the regulations need to make it clear that relief veterinarians must post their licenses while working at any facility. Ms. Yeatts suggested that they consider also adding language that requires ambulatory practices to have their permits available in their

vehicles for the public to see.

18 VAC 150-20-70 – Dr. DeBell suggested that this section be modified to include medical recordkeeping as approved CE. Ms. Yeatts suggested that they draft language that will say approved courses include medical recordkeeping, enhancement of patient safety (or similar language) and OSHA courses. Dr. Carter recommended that AAVSB approved courses have been accepted by the Board and should be added to the wording of the regulations.

18 VAC 150-20-115 – Ms. Lakie suggested that endorsement for technicians licensed in other jurisdictions be addressed again. The chief impediment is determining how to equate experience with AVMA approved education. This is an issue that goes beyond just Virginia and should be worked toward on a national or regional level.

18 VAC 150-20-120 – Dr. Carter suggested that the language for veterinarians and veterinary technicians should be separated for clarity. Also, there appears to be some conflict with **18 VAC-20-115** and that there needs to be some clarification of **18 VAC 150-20-120(B)**. It was suggested that there might be a new section added for LVT endorsement.

18 VAC 150-20-130 – Dr. Carter stated that the Committee should obtain public comment on the current state of preceptorships and externships so that the Committee can determine the appropriate terminology to be used in regulation. Ms. Yeatts stated that the terminology “adjunct professor” could be added, but that justification has to be written as it is additional regulation. Ms. Yeatts also stated that clarification is needed in the underlying statute relating to licensure exemptions for students.

The Committee will schedule an additional meeting to continue the review. The meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Rebecca Lakie, LVT, Acting Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director