

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE  
MINUTES OF FULL BOARD  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
TRAINING ROOM 2  
HENRICO, VA  
FEBRUARY 9, 2017**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Board of Veterinary Medicine (Board) was called to order at 9:33 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 2, Henrico, Virginia.
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** Ellen G. Hillyer, D.V.M., President
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tregel M. Cockburn, D.V.M.  
Autumn N. Halsey, L.V.T.  
Mark A. Johnson, D.V.M.  
Steven B. Karras, D.V.M.  
Bayard A. Rucker, III, D.V.M.  
Mary Yancey Spencer, J.D., Citizen Member
- QUORUM:** With seven members of the Board present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
Amanda E. M. Blount, Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst  
Carol Stamey, Licensing Operations Manager  
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Lee Henkel  
Kelly J. Gottschalk, D.V.M.
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** No changes were made to the agenda.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ms. Lee Henkel provided public comment regarding the *Veterinary Establishment Inspection Report*. She expressed concern that certain requirements related to students working in a veterinary establishment are not confirmed through the inspection process. Requirements of concern are the following:
- 1) Disclosure when a preceptee or extern is practicing in the veterinary establishment;
  - 2) Informed consent for surgery from client if a veterinary student is to perform the surgery; and
  - 3) Presence of the supervising veterinarian in the surgery room when a student is performing the surgery.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Brown was not available to provide a report.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Karras moved to approve the December 16, 2016, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.
- LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:** **2017 Legislative Update**  
Ms. Knachel reported that there was no 2017 legislation that directly affected veterinary medicine.
- Regulatory Update**
- **Proposed Regulations in Public Comment Period until**

**February 24, 2017**

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that the public comment period for the proposed regulations closes on February 24, 2017.

- **Continuing Education (CE) Credit for Volunteer Service**  
Ms. Knachel informed the board that the regulations for CE credit for volunteer practice are under administrative review.
- **Regulatory Advisory Panel – Regulation for Faculty Licensure**  
Ms. Knachel provided a brief summary of the Regulatory Advisory Panel's (RAP) activities from its meeting on January 18, 2017. She reviewed a revised draft of the proposed regulations that replaced the draft in the agenda package for the board's consideration.

After review and discussion, Ms. Spencer moved to adopt the proposed regulations as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Regulatory Advisory Panel – Emergency Regulations for Opioid Prescribing**  
Ms. Knachel provided a brief summary of the RAPs activities from its meeting held on January 18, 2017. She reviewed the draft regulations for the board's discussion and recommendations.

The board reviewed, discussed and determined that minor changes were required for the proposed regulations. The board requested that staff amend the draft regulations to include the following recommendations:

- 18VAC150-20-174(A)(3) – delete “short acting”;
- 18VAC150-20-174(B) – add “osteoarthritis” to list of chronic conditions;
- 18VAC150-20-174(C) – add “...shall include a description of signs or presentation of the pain or condition...”
- 18VAC150-20-174(D) – delete “The veterinarian shall also discuss the exit strategy for discontinuation of opioids in the event they are not effective.”
- 18VAC150-20-174(E) – clarify that the patient needs to be evaluated in the last 12 months for pain or condition and at least annually for the pain or condition.
- 18VAC150-20-190 – delete this section for inclusion with the opioid prescribing because they are part of the proposed stage already in the promulgation process and include language that is not currently in use.

The Board requested that a draft with the suggested changes be presented at the next meeting for consideration and adoption.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Guidance Document Update**

- **76-21.2:1 Veterinary Establishment Inspection Report – addition of disclosure by signage found in 18VAC150-20-130**  
Ms. Knachel stated that the Board needs to consider adding to the Veterinary Establishment Inspection Report the requirement to notify owners that a preceptee/extern is practicing in the veterinary establishment.

Dr. Karras moved to add the proposed language to the Inspection Form as a minor violation and assign one point to a violation. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **150-23: Disposal of Deceased Animals**

Ms. Knachel provided the Board with a revised draft that replaced the draft in the agenda package. Ms. Knachel reviewed the draft for the Boards consideration.

Dr. Karras moved to adopt Guidance Document 150-23 as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Continuing Education Audit**

- **2015 Results**

Ms. Stamey informed the board that a total of 259 licensees had been audited (172 veterinarians, 85 veterinary technicians, 2 Equine Dental Technicians). She stated that the audit resulted in 18 disciplinary cases.

- **2016 Audit**

Ms. Knachel reminded the board that due to regulatory changes to the veterinary technician continuing education (CE) requirements mid-year, the audit would be for 6 hours of CE rather than the current requirement of 8 hours as previously decided by the Board.

### **Attendance at American Association of Veterinary State Board's Annual Meeting**

Ms. Knachel reminded the board members of travel reimbursement approval. She reported that the next annual association meeting is scheduled for September 13-15, 2017, in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Knachel requested responses from board members interested in attending the meeting.

### **Meeting Schedule**

Ms. Knachel reported that the Board will need to schedule an additional board meeting for March or April to review public comments for the proposed regulations and consider the draft emergency regulations for prescribing opioids. Staff will send out alternate board meeting dates for review by the board members.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Hillyer stated that she did not have a report to present.

Ms. Halsey reported that she will be attending the VVMA meeting and will present a board report at their business meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

#### **Statistics**

Ms. Knachel reported that the statistics data had been included in the agenda packet.

#### **Budget**

Ms. Knachel reported that the cash balance reflects the recent revenue from the renewal cycle that just ended.

#### **Outreach**

Ms. Knachel reported on the outreach activities disseminated by board staff.

**Discipline Update**

Ms. Blount provided an overview of the caseload statistics. Additionally, she informed the board that a report on the Board's 250-day case closure statistics will be provided at the next board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business was identified.

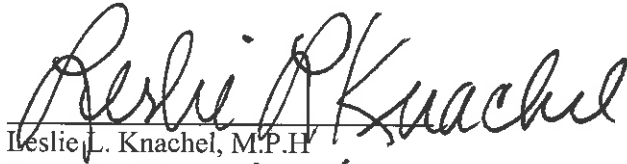
**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.



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

Date



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

Date

4/20/17