

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 9:15 a.m. on July 8, 2024, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

Chair

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

Workgroup Participants Present

Charles Broaddus, DVM, PhD, Dip. ACT, VA Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services
Thomas B. Massie, Jr., DVM, Board of Veterinary Medicine
William T. Swecker, DVM, PhD, DACVN, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Daniel Givens, DVM, PhD, Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine
Martha Moore, Virginia Farm Bureau
Julia Murphy, DVM, Virginia Department of Health
Jane Naramore, LVT, Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians
Cliff Williamson, Virginia Agribusiness Council

Staff Present

Laura Jackson, MSHSA, Board Administrator
Laura D. Paasch, Senior Licensing & Operations Specialist
Taryn Singleton, LVT, Board of Veterinary Medicine

Public Present

Jake Tabor, Virginia Farm Bureau

Public Attending Electronically

Elizabeth Hooper, Lobbyist for Virginia Tech

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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.

Discussion

Review of Data Sources:

Ms. Moss provided a draft document with links to additional data sources relating to all the subgroups that will be made available to the Workgroup participants for reference.

Ms. Moss reviewed the available data sources identifying the shortage history in past studies, current shortage studies and trends.

Additional Data Needed:

The subgroup discussed ways to identify demographic and geographic shortages within specific animal population groups to more accurately determine areas of need, with data gathering focused on large animal veterinary practices. This may include additional questions on the voluntary license renewal survey through DHP's Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC), or conducting an independent survey of veterinarians to gather additional data needed. Any survey questions developed could also serve as ongoing data collection for shortage monitoring beyond this two-year study.

The subgroup agreed the scope of questions should pinpoint where shortages lie in veterinary care in rural areas in Virginia and show any correlation with the decline of large animal veterinarians across Virginia.

The subgroup identified local governments as potential resources to amass available infrastructure that would support a veterinarian in a shortage area, and they discussed public/private partnerships as a means of financial support for students, new veterinarians and established practices.

The following action items were developed:

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Moss will maintain and disseminate to subgroup participants a list of online reference materials.

ACTION ITEM: Ms. Moss will obtain the current list of renewal survey questions to provide to the subgroup as well as information and timeframes for data collection through the HWDC.

ACTION ITEM: Dr. Broaddus will provide the USDA's list of veterinarians authorized to perform accredited services for disease control and prevention in food animals to extract geographical data.



Next Steps:

The subgroup agreed to meet again to review the additional information prior to presenting a data overview to the Workgroup during its next meeting projected for early October.

New Business

There was no new business to report.

Next Meeting

The next Supporting Data subgroup meeting will be held on August 19, 2024, at the Virginia Farm Bureau Auditorium, 12580 West Creek Parkway, Richmond, Virginia 23238.

Adjournment

With no objection, Ms. Moss adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Kelli G. Moss, Executive Director
Chair

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