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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 25, 2007

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Veterinary Medicine met in regular session on October 25, 2007 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 2, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Patricia O'Handley, D.V.M., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

O'Handley introduced Curtis to the board members.

Miller introduced McGee to the board members.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Anne Lawter, Public Member (arrived 1:47 p.m.)
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, L.V.T.
Nancy C. Postorino-Reeves, D.V.M.
Lawrence A. Letsche, D.V.M.
Steven Halstead, D.V.M., M.S., Ex-Officio Member
Henry Vaupel, D.V.M., Vice-Chairperson
Patricia O'Handley, D.V.M., Chairperson

Members Absent: Martha J. Schlesinger, Public Member

Staff Present: Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Diane Lewis, Manager, Licensing
Lidia McGee, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Merry Rosenberg, Attorney General's Office (arrived 1:43 p.m.)
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Melanie Brim, Director, Bureau of Health Professions
Robert Miller, Manager, Enforcement Section
Desmond Mitchell, Analyst, Enforcement Section
Liz Arasim, Policy Analyst, Licensing Division
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Division

Others Present: Edward Liebler, D.V.M.
Robert Fisher, D.V.M. – Michigan Humane Society
Paula Rode, D.V.M. – MVMA
Stephen Steep, D.V.M. – MVMA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Vaupel, seconded by Letsche, to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2007 meeting with the following correction:

Under **PUBLIC COMMENT**, the paragraph should read “Karlene Belyea M.B.A., M.V.M.A. commented on equine dentistry. **She** advised that the MVMA attorney reviewed the **medical records retention** legislation and concluded it did not apply to veterinarians.”

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Letsche, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAM COMMITTEE

Clark distributed and reviewed material on the 2007 Veterinary technician exam statistics, which included the National and Michigan exam results.

RULES COMMITTEE

O’Handley reported the Rules Committee will meet after today’s disciplinary subcommittee meeting.

ALLEGATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

O’Handley reported that she has reviewed forty-one (41) cases since March and authorized two (2) summary suspensions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL – MELANIE BRIM

Brim provided members with a brief background and history regarding the continuous professional development (CPD) model. During the negotiations for enactment of legislation that would have provided for licensure of respiratory therapists, there was concern expressed that traditional continuing education (CE) did not assure ongoing competency. To move the respiratory therapy bill forward, it was agreed that a model for CPD would be developed by the Bureau and sent to the Governor for review and approval. Once approved, the CPD model could be used not only for the Board of Respiratory Care but also for the boards which had been seeking CE for a number of years, including the Boards of Psychology, Veterinary Medicine, Physical Therapy and Counseling.

Brim advised the Governor recently approved the portfolio model which has components that include the following: traditional CE; ongoing competency assessment; and CPD. She stated that the CPD framework is a mechanism developed to ensure that knowledge, skills and abilities remain current and are continuously improved or acquired. She advised that licensees would be encouraged to participate in activities that fall within a minimum of two (2) of the three (3) components. She provided examples of the various activities and elements that would satisfy CPD requirements.

Brim advised that the Bureau will create standardized forms for all professions and will draft a core set of rules that apply to all professions. However each board will set its own minimum number of hours and types of activities.

Brim then took questions from the members and discussion followed.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell provided members with information regarding the medical records retention legislation which states that veterinarians are exempt from this statute.

Ramsdell announced that Lewis will be retiring in December and that this will be the last Veterinary Board meeting she will be attending.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

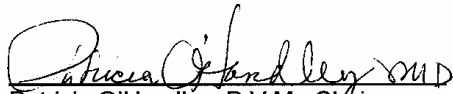
Rode stated that the CPD model is different than expected. She stated that most vets are in favor of continuing education and she believes the board should move forward with the CPD model.

ANNOUNCEMENTS


The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on December 13, 2007 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 2, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, MI.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Letsche, seconded by Lawter, to adjourn the meeting at 2:47 p.m.


Patricia O'Handley, D.V.M., Chairperson

1/24/08
Date Minutes Approved


Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

10-25-07
Date Minutes Prepared