WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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Washington State
Veterinary Board of Governors
September 24, 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 9:11 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 2018, by Tawney Carrier, Chair. The meeting was held at the Department of Health (DOH), 16201 East Indiana Avenue, Room 118, Spokane Valley, Washington, 99216.

Board Members
Present: Tawney Carrier, Public Member, Chair
Susan Mitchell, DVM, Vice Chair
Kim Morgan, LVT
Sue Moriyasu, DVM
Aja Senestraro, DVM
Michelle Zachry, DVM

Board Members
Absent: Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM

Staff Present: Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General
Trina Crawford, Interim Executive Director
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Sarah Beckham, Secretary Senior
Stephanie Vaughn, Policy Analyst
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor

Others Present: Candace Joy, Washington State Veterinary Medical Association
Stacey Graham, Humane Society for Southwest Washington
Nancy Muir, Washington State Association of Veterinary Technicians
Kendall Harr, DVM, MS, ACVP
Nick Cabano, LVT
Paul Carkeek, Member of the Public
Michael Kaiser, Attorney

9:00 a.m. OPEN SESSION

Call to Order and Introductions – Tawney Carrier, Chair
The open public meeting was called to order by Tawney Carrier, Chair, at 9:11 a.m. Board members, staff and guests introduced themselves.
1. **Approval of Agenda**
   Tawney Carrier, Chair, outlined changes to the order of items on the agenda. Item 16, review of reciprocity statute, was switched to Item 3 and the reports (Item 3, 4, and 5) were given after the 10:00 a.m. rules hearing. Dr. Davies made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Zachary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes**
   Dr. Davies moved to approve the June 11, 2018 business meeting minutes. Dr. Senestraro seconded the motion. The motion carried. On August 13, 2018 there was a continuing education meeting scheduled, however, minutes were not available due to having an incomplete panel for the meeting.

3. **Review of reciprocity statute (Information/Discussion/Potential Action)**
   Tanya Mills, credentialing supervisor, explained the current procedure for out of state applicants and what documentation is required for an applicant to apply through the reciprocity statute. The board reviewed regulations for veterinary licensure requirements and reciprocity. After discussion, Dr. Zachry made a motion for credentialing staff to send non routine applications to the board for their review/approval. Dr. Senestraro seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Reports (Information)
4. **Tawney Carrier, Chair**, had no report.

5. **Loralei Walker, Office of Health Professions**
   Loralei Walker shared a budget update. She informed the board that there are interviews scheduled over the next few weeks for the new Executive Director, who will serve this board and other professions. Ms. Walker is participating on the interview panel. She also noted that as of September, audits for veterinarians and technicians had a 7% failure rate.

6. **Christopher Wright, Assistant Attorney General**, had no report.

7. **Rules Hearing (Action)**
   Tawney Carrier, Chair, opened a public hearing at 10:05 a.m. to consider the adoption of amendments to WAC 246-937-040 to allow an educational training program as an alternative to the current on-the-job training requirement for veterinary medication clerks. There were no questions from the public, no written testimony, and no written comments received by DOH. Dr. Zachry made a motion to adopt the proposed rule amendments to WAC 246-937-040. Dr. Davies seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. **Senate Bill 6196 Humane Societies Providing Expanded Veterinary Services (Information/Discussion)**
   Stacey Graham, President of the Humane Society for Southwest Washington, explained Senate Bill (SB) 6196, legislation that was proposed during last legislative session and will be proposed again this year. SB 6196 would allow humane societies to provide all veterinary services to low-income households. Humane societies are currently allowed to employ veterinarians to provide
limited services (sterilization, vaccines, and microchipping pets). Seventy percent of surrendered animals in SW Washington are given up because the owners cannot afford the medical care. The bill would allow humane societies to provide veterinary services to animals of low-income families, increasing the number of pets that stay with their families and reduce animals’ unnecessary suffering.

Candace Joy reported that their board supports this legislation. The language in the bill is still being worked on and Candace will forward an updated draft when it’s available.

9. **Rulemaking Workshop: Client Consultation (Action)**

The board held a rulemaking workshop based on a new, broader-scoped rulemaking to consider rules to clarify the level of communication a veterinarian must have with the client when providing care and treatment. The subcommittee explained their recommendations from their last subcommittee meeting. These proposed rules aim to thoroughly clarify expectations for veterinarians’ communication with clients regarding treatment. After board discussion, Kim Morgan, LVT, made a motion to send the board’s comments back to the subcommittee for a final subcommittee meeting. Dr. Zachry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

10. **Rulemaking Workshop: Veterinary Technician Continuing Education (CE) WACs 246-935-270 through -310 (Action)**

The board held a rulemaking workshop on the veterinary technician continuing education rules. The subcommittee provided an update on their recommendations. After discussion and updates to the proposed language, the board agreed to the subcommittee’s recommendations. Dr. Zachry made a motion to have the subcommittee proceed with finalizing their recommendations. Dr. Davies seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. **Oversight for Clinic and Reference Laboratories (Information/Discussion)**

Kendall Harr, DVM, MS, ACVP gave a presentation regarding concerns about the lack of oversight for veterinary clinic and reference labs. Washington has no regulation for quality assurance or inspection of these labs.

12. **Open Forum**

Paul Carkeek had comments about the rulemaking workshop on client consultation, Item 9. He feels the rule, when effective, should be required to be conspicuously posted in the reception areas of all veterinary clinics. He was also concerned about the word “should” within the WAC and how is that enforceable. The word “should” should be changed to “must”.

13. **Continuing Education Courses (Action)**

13.1 Course reviews were approved as follows:

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<td>Diagnosing &amp; Treating “the Blue Eye”; ‘Anxiety’ and ‘Feline Interstitial Cystitis’; The Power of the Injectable</td>
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Ms. Morgan, LVT, made a motion to approve courses as listed. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

13.2 Dr. Kirk Breuninger, Dr. Aja Senestraro and Ms. Kim Morgan are the CE course reviewers for October through December 2018.

13.3 The CE panel will determine when to schedule the next course review.

14. Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission/Veterinary Board of Governors Joint Subcommittee (Discussion)
Dr. Senestraro and Dr. Zachry updated the board on the July 16, 2018 joint subcommittee meeting with the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. Pro Tem member Dr. Lina Wachsmuth also attended this meeting.

The subcommittee agreed to the following steps:
- The commission will share its rule re-write meeting schedule with the board to give board members a chance to comment on rules of interest.
- DOH and the commission will pursue a legislative change to the definition of compounding, possibly in 2020.
- The commission and board will create a communication document on FAQs and how USP <795> and <800> applies for veterinarians.

15. Lists and Labels Request form Washington State Veterinary Medical Association (Action)
The board reviewed a request from WSVMA for a contact list of licensed veterinarians. Dr. Zachry made a motion to approve the list requested. Ms. Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

16. AAVSB Annual Meeting Debrief (Information/Discussion)
Dr. Senestraro and Ms. Morgan, LVT, presented highlights from the AAVSB annual meeting held in Washington, DC, on September 13-15, 2018.

17. Strategic Planning Session (Discussion/Potential Action)
The board reviewed the mission, vision, values of the board for any updates.

The board made choices of the three top goals for 2019 from the strategic planning project chart. The three top goals for 2019 are:
- Creating guidance around Cannabis/CBD use.
- Telemedicine.
- Rulemaking (priority rules include veterinary technician and unregistered assistant authorized tasks, revision to exam requirements for veterinary licensure, and proposing regulations to accommodate multiple sponsors for veterinary medication clerks.)
18. **Agenda Planning**
The board identified agenda items for the next meeting:
- Presentation from Chris Wright on the public record act or open public meetings act.
- Debrief of WSVMA presentations at the 2018 conference and plan for next year’s meeting.
- Hearing on veterinary CE rules.
- Rulemaking workshop for veterinary technician CE rules.
- Rulemaking workshop for client communication rules.
- Review of jurisprudence exam.
- Board leadership elections.
- Strategic planning items for 2019 – create goals, objectives and tasks for each item.
- Agenda planning for a February 2019 retreat.

19. **Schedule 2019 board meetings**
The board scheduled the 2019 board meetings as follows:
- March 25, 2019, Kent
- June 17, 2019, Kent
- September 23, 2019, Yakima
- December 9, 2019, Tumwater

**Adjournment of Open Session**
Dr. Zachry made a motion to adjourn the open session. Dr. Davies seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.