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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING OF AUGUST 25, 2011

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 August 25, 2011 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Lawrence A. Letsche, DVM, Chairperson
Steven Halstead, DVM, MS, *Ex-Officio* Member
Charlotte Kim, DVM
Sandra McMahon-Pelton, LVT
Christopher Rohwer, DVM, Vice-Chairperson
Colleen Thorp-Stout, DVM

Members Absent: Carlene Allen, Public Member
Kim Beattie, Public Member
Nancy C. Postorino Reeves, DVM
Amanda Stitt, Public Member

Staff Present: Christine Hanson, Secretary, Health Regulatory Division
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Regulatory Division
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Health Regulatory Division
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division
Jennifer Fitzgerald, Assistant Attorney General

Others Present: Karlene Belyea - MVMA
Marianne Tear - Baker College

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to approve the April 28, 2011, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAM COMMITTEE

Ramsdell, advised this year's Veterinary Technician exam is being scored and results will be sent out shortly.

RULES COMMITTEE

Lind advised a telephone conference will be scheduled in the near future with Board members regarding the proposed rules for continuing professional development. Ramsdell reported continuing professional development rules are in the approval process for another Board. She further stated once the language has been approved, the process will move forward for several other Boards that are developing rules. She anticipates that a draft of the proposed rules will be available at the next meeting.

ALLEGATION REVIEW REPORT

Letsche advised that a total of 20 allegations have been received for the year and 15 have been distributed for review.

OLD BUSINESS

PAVE AND ECFVG PROGRAMS IN RELATION TO FOREIGN GRADUATES - UPDATE

Letsche provided a brief summary regarding these programs. He stated that approximately 30 States accept the PAVE program in relation to foreign graduates.

After discussion amongst the Board and staff it was decided to table this matter until new Board members review the information previously provided from the Department.

National and Michigan Veterinary Technician Exam

Letsch provided a brief summary regarding the current State requirements for Veterinary Technician licensure. Discussion amongst the Board members was held. The Veterinary Technician Exam Committee will continue to review for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell introduced new staff members, Lind, Hanson and Hugh to the Board. She advised that the Bureau has formally moved to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs. She further advised she is acting Bureau Director until the position is filled.

Ramsdell stated that the current administration is in the process of reviewing all state regulated professions to determine if there is a need for regulation/licensure regarding certain occupations.

Halstead informed the Board there is a growing concern with individuals practicing without a license. He will provide the Department with information that will assist the Department in defining what is acceptable in the scope of practice.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marianne Tear of Baker College suggested the Department not provide an approximate date when examinations should be scored.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

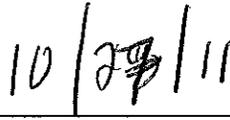
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held October 27, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

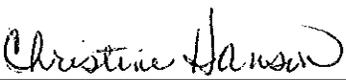
MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to adjourn the meeting at 2:26 p.m.



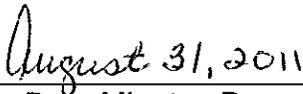
Larry Letsche, DVM, Chairperson



Date Minutes Approved



Christine Hanson, Board Secretary



Date Minutes Prepared