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MICHIGAN BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2012

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 December 19, 2012 at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 2, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Members Absent: Charlotte Kim, DVM
Nancy C. Postorino Reeves, DVM

Staff Present: Celia I. Lowe, Board Secretary, Board Management & Rules Unit
Norene Lind, Policy Manager, Board Management & Rules Unit
Carole Engle, Director, Bureau of Health Care Services
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Health Professions Division
Adryne Boynton, Application Processing, Licensing Section
Susan Bushong, Outreach Coordinator, Compliance Section
Lucinda Clark, Manager, Licensing Section

Others Present: Marianne Tear, MS, LVT
Mike Neault, DVM, MDARD-Aid
Karlene Belyea, MVMA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by McMahon-Pelton, to approve the October 25, 2012, meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Beattie, seconded by Rohwer, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERINARY TECHNICIAN EXAM COMMITTEE

Clark reported that a new Veterinary Technician test has been prepared for 2013. Preparatory materials would be ready in February, 2013, in preparation for the June exam. Rohwer requested that Clark allow the Committee to review the new exam. Clark stated she would need to see if it is available for review. Letsche reported that illustrations and additional topics were added to the new exam, covering subjects such as anesthetics, pain, and emergency procedures.

ALLEGATION REVIEW REPORT

Letsche reported that 7 additional allegations have been received since the last Board meeting.

Introduction of Director of Bureau of Health Care Services

Carole Engle introduced herself to the Board as the Bureau Director of the newly created Bureau of Health Care Services. She is thrilled to be working in health services again and looks forward to working with the Board of Veterinary Medicine.

OLD BUSINESS

Reciprocity Agreements under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMACs)

Halsted introduced Mike Neault, DVM, MDARD, who presented the draft Reciprocity Agreements under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). Neault informed the Board that the EMAC is designed for veterinarians who wish to cross state borders when volunteering to serve during emergency federal and state

disasters. Neault asked for feedback from the Board before moving forward with the agreements. Ramsdell indicated a need for more discussion on this issue.

Discussion on Legality of Diagnostic Testing

Dr. Letsche gave a brief overview of the diagnostic testing issue (i.e. animal pregnancy testing by non-vets). Lind provided a handout that summarized a survey, indicating that Michigan gave a qualified "yes" to the question of whether or not we allow pregnancy determination by laypersons. Allowance of the procedure could occur in accordance with MCL 333.16215, the delegation by the veterinarian to individuals who are otherwise qualified by education, training, or experience. Delegation would also need to occur in accordance with R 338.4911.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Licensed Chiropractors, Massage Therapists, etc. Working on Animals in the State of Michigan

Letsche informed the Board that while attending a dog show, he observed a booth set up by a Chiropractor who offered to perform chiropractic adjustments on humans and canines. Since the practice of Chiropractic is restricted to only humans, practicing on animals is a violation of the Public Health Code. Letsche was advised to file a complaint, and Ramsdell asked the Board to report advertisement of any such practice to the Department.

Lind noted that the practice of massage therapy is also restricted to humans, per MCL 333.17951.

HPRP Presentation and HPRC Appointment

Bushong informed the Board that the Health Professions Recovery Program's (HPRP) purpose is to provide services to health care professionals that have addiction and/or mental illness problems. She explained that practitioners can enter the program voluntarily, and confidentiality is assured unless the practitioner fails to uphold the terms of the monitoring agreement. At that point, the case would be referred to the Department as a disciplinary matter. The Health Professions Recovery Committee is responsible for overseeing the HPRP and establishing policies and procedures for the program contractor to follow.

MOTION by Rohwer, seconded by Allen, to appoint Henry M. Vaupel, DVM, M.D. as the Board of Veterinary Medicine representative of the HPRC. A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Department Update

Lind informed the Board that there were 3,842 Veterinarians and 2,646 Veterinary Technicians licensed in the State of Michigan.

REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Karlene Belyea of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association (MVMA) informed the Board that she would disseminate any information to schools and members of the MVMA.

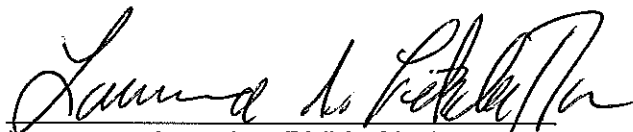
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Letsche acknowledged the outstanding job both Sandra McMahon-Pelton, LVT, and Nancy Postorino-Reeves, DVM, have done while serving on the Board of Veterinary Medicine. Their terms expire December 31, 2012.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held February 28, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 1, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by McMahon-Pelton, seconded by Thorp-Stout, to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 p.m.



Lawrence Letsche, DVM, Chairperson

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Date Minutes Approved



Celia I. Lowe, Board Secretary

12/21/12

Date Minutes Prepared