



VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Berth; Diane Dommer Martin, DVM; Robert Forbes, DVM; Kevin Kreier, DVM; Hunter Lang, DVM; Lyn Schuh; Arden Sherpe; Lisa Weisensel Nesson, DVM.

STAFF PRESENT, Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Cheryl Daniels and Liz Kennebeck, DATCP Attorneys; Robert Van Lanen, Regulatory Specialist; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Carrie Saynisch, License/Permit Program Associate; Karen Torvell, Program Assistant Supervisor; Dustin Boyd, Compliance Supervisor; Brittany Medina; Introductions and Discussion.

Robert Forbes, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04AM. A quorum of eight (8) members was confirmed.

AGENDA

I. 9:00 A.M. OPEN SESSION – CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

II. Introductions

III. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Hunter Lang, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

A. Full Board January 22, 2020

B. Credentialing Committee February 19, 2020

MOTION: Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to approve the minutes from the January 22, 2020 VEB meeting and the minutes from the February 19, 2020 Credentialing Committee meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

V. Public Comments

Each speaker is limited to five minutes or less, depending on the number of speakers. Each speaker must fill out and submit an appearance card to the Board clerk.

Jordan Lamb said thank you for DATCP staff for their responsiveness over the past few weeks.

VI. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Matters

A. Board Basics & Beyond Training

The April event was postponed for August 14th and 15th.

B. NAVLE Self-Assessment option

Board members can take it to see what NAVLE looks like currently.

C. AAVSB Call for Nomination

Four positions are open and seeking nominations. Nominations are due May 28th. Elections will occur at the annual meeting.

D. Annual Meeting Portland, Oregon September 24-26

The Executive Director and Board Chair are currently planning on attending in the event they have a strategic planning seminar. Others who are interested are encouraged to put their names forward.

VII. Board Guidance

VIII. Administrative Items

A. COVID-19 response

DATCP staff worked with the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association (WVMA) to get information out about the Safer at Home order.

The Board encouraged the use of telemedicine where a VCPR exists, and relaxed rules regarding the frequency of physical exams and visits to the premises to maintain a VCPR, but did not allow for a VCPR to be established using a telemedicine.

The order is a Department of Health Services (DHS) order and is not interpreted or enforced by DATCP or the VEB. Veterinary practice is an essential service under the order. Veterinarians should limit activities to essential services. Veterinarians need to use their discretion about what services are essential and what can be done with relative safety using telemedicine. What may not have been essential a month ago may become essential as times goes on.

DHS and DATCP sent out a joint communication regarding the testing of animals. The agencies are not recommending testing of animals for COVID-19.

IX. Licensing/Exam Inquiries

A. Addresses on licenses

A statute regarding the Pharmacy Board requires that wholesale drug distributors can only distribute to the address on the veterinarian's license. Previously, VEB licenses only recorded the license holder's residential address, because the VEB licenses the individual and not the clinic/business. DATCP is working on a process to allow license holders to add a clinic address to their license file through the web portal.

X. Administrative Code Items (No items require board action – for information only)

A. Rule Status: VE 7 (CAITs) and VE 1-11 (Reorg and Telehealth)

The VE 7 CAITs final rule was published in the March register and effective April 1, 2020. The VE 1-11 statement of scope was revised to include telehealth. The revised scope was submitted to the governor for approval. After the governor approves, the scope will go to both the VEB and DATCP Board for approval. If JCRAR requires an additional preliminary hearing, the notice of the public hearing would need to be approved by both Boards, the hearing and comment period would be held, and then the Boards could each approve the statement of scope.

XI. Legislative Update (No items require board action – for information only)

A. Passed: 2019 Wisconsin Act 143

Streamlines the process for reciprocal credentials.

B. Failed Bills: AB 130; SB 915; AB 851

XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times

A. July 29, 2020

B. October 21, 2020

XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to convene to closed session to discuss the Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VE 11 update on the request for proposals where bargaining reasons require a closed session (§ 19.85 (1) (e), Stats.); to deliberate on cases following hearing (§ 19.85 (1) (a), Stats.); to consider licensure or certification of individuals (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider closing disciplinary investigations with administrative warnings (§ 19.85 (1) (b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (§ 19.85 (1) (f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (§ 19.85 (1) (g), Stats.). Robert Forbes read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Robert Forbes – yes; Kevin Kreier – yes; Diane Dommer Martin – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Bruce Berth – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Arden Sherpe – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Wis. Admin. Code Ch. VE 11 Update on the Request for Proposals (RFP)

XV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates

A. Credentialing - NP

XVI. Deliberation on Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders

A. 17 VET 023 JH

B. 17 VET 040 BR

C. 17 VET 041 MS

D. 18 VET 017 EP

E. 19 VET 001 SL

- F. 19 VET 030 MM
- G. 19 VET 059 PD
- H. 19 VET 066 SR
- I. 19 VET 070 MH

XVII. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Pending Cases Status Report

XVIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Bruce Berth moved, seconded by Lisa Weisensel Nesson, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 10:49AM.

XIX. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session

XX. Vote on Items Considered or Deliberated Upon in Closed Session, if Voting is Appropriate

MOTION: Arden Sherpe moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to direct DATCP staff to create a limited license for NP to be reviewed by the credentialing committee and including quarterly testing through 2021 and therapy sessions. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Kevin Kreier moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to approve administrative warnings for 17 VET 023 JH, 19 VET 030 MM, and 19 VET 066 SR. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Hunter Lang moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to approve orders granting full licensure and final decision orders for 17 VET 040 BR, 17 VET 041 MS, 18 VET 017 EP, 19 VET 001 SL, 19 VET 059 PD, 17 VET 070 MH. Motion carried unanimously.

XXI. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

XXII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Lisa Weisensel Nesson moved, seconded by Kevin Kreier, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:58AM.