



**VETERINARY EXAMINING BOARD**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Amanda Reese; Alan Holter, DVM; Hunter Lang, DVM; Lyn Schuh; Arden Sherpe; Leslie Estelle, DVM; Diane Dommer Martin, DVM.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP): Melissa Mace, VEB Executive Director; Aaron O'Neil, DATCP Attorney; Stephanie Bloechl-Anderson, DATCP Attorney; Robert Van Lanen, Regulatory Specialist; Erin Carter, Regulatory Specialist; Angela Fisher, Program and Policy Analyst; Carrie Saynisch, License/Permit Program Associate; Introductions and Discussion.

Hunter Lang, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:06am. A quorum of seven (7) members was confirmed.

**AGENDA**

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

**II. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**III. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

A. January 19, 2022 Full Board Meeting

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**IV. Introductions, Announcements and Recognition**

None noted.

**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.*

Ms. Carol Maki from Hazelhurst, Wisconsin spoke on her complaint filed in November 2020 regarding her dog, Everest. Was concerned that she has not heard anything or has not had anyone reach out to her.

**VI. Administrative Items**

A. VPAP Quarterly/Annual report informational

1<sup>st</sup> QTR 2021

Workshops (Jan-March)

VPAP bulletins

Attendance

Meeting Your Personal Wellness Goals	Jan. 20 (7pm)	23
Finding Purpose: The Gateway to well-being	Mar 10 (7pm)	37

- B. Board officers and committee appointments changeover  
Changeover will occur July 1, 2022. New members for the screening and credentialing committees.
- C. Hemp Feeding Pets and Livestock (AVMA Release)  
Release signed by 16 other organizations regarding the health and safety of feeding hemp. Not FDA approved. Cannot send over state lines into a state where it is not allowed without federal approval.

**VII. Licensing/Exam Inquiries**

None noted.

**VIII. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Matters**

- A. 2022 AAVSB Annual Meeting & Conference, September 15 – 17, Charlotte, NC  
If you are interested notify Melissa Mace as soon as possible so that you can register at the lower rate. Leslie Estelle and Alan Holter both indicated that they are interested in attending.
- B. Nominations for the 2022-2023 leadership year are open through May 19, 2022. This year there are seven leadership opportunities.

**IX. Administrative Code Updates**

- A. VE 1-11  
Final draft has been approved by the governor. Currently in Assembly review. They would like a meeting but it has not been yet scheduled. Will go to Joint Committee next. They have 30 days to review but can extend by another 30 days if necessary. They may also ask for a meeting or hearing. If they take no action the rule will be able to be published. Estimating that the rule will take effect on September 1, 2022.

**X. Legislative and Policy Update**

- A. Legislative update

The bills that affect VEB failed to pass because they did not get through before the legislature adjourned.

## XI. Strategic Goals

### A. 2021 Review

1. Develop rules for the safe practice of telehealth in Wisconsin and implement them by the end of 2022.
  - a. Final Draft at the legislature for review.
2. Proactively engage license holders about the value of VPAP with a target of meeting the national average (3.5%\*) for EAP program utilization by the end of 2023.
  - a. 2.4% Qtrly; 9.8% Annualized
3. Close 80% of active disciplinary cases within 12 months of the case opening at screening committee. This will be tracked by calendar year, starting with 01/01/2022.
  - a. 9 Cases closed in 2022 thus far. 8 of 9 were closed within 9 months. 89% Closed within 12 months
4. Increase outreach to credential holders.
  - a. Jan. VEB Updates sent.

Subject line	Received	Opened	Rate
Veterinary Examining Board Updates	6,373	4,277	68%

### b. VPAP outreach.

Date	Subject line	Received	Opened	Rate
10-Jan-22	VPAP Resources to Start off the New Year	6,209	2,886	47%
14-Jan-22	Jan. 20 Webinar from the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program	6,206	2,925	47%
31-Jan-22	Life Coach from the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program	6,203	2,948	48%
2-Feb-22	Welcome to the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program	74	63	85%
28-Feb-22	Veterinary Professional Assistance Program Webinar on March 10	6,268	3,212	51%
8-Mar-22	Don't Miss It: VPAP Webinar on Thursday	6,266	3,016	48%
15-Mar-22	Welcome to the Veterinary Professional Assistance Program	34	21	62%

\*Utilization rates for employer sponsored EAPs are 5.5%. We model more closely to an association which, per Humana, have a lower utilization rate of 3.5%.

The board discussed ways to increase engagement.

**MOTION:** Leslie Estelle moved, seconded by Amanda Reese, to develop a group to discuss ways to increase awareness and engagement in the VPAP program. Motion carried unanimously.

**B. 2022 Changes**

Monitoring legislative actions that impact VEB.

Implement rules for the safe practice of telehealth in Wisconsin.

1. Develop rules for the safe practice of telehealth in Wisconsin and implement them by the end of 2022. Alan Holter suggested changing this because our goal is not to change rules this year.
2. Proactively engage license holders about the value of VPAP with a target of meeting the national average for EAP program utilization by the end of 2023 (3.5%).
3. Close 80% of active disciplinary cases within 12 months of the case opening at screening committee. Get input from screening committee and Dustin Boyd's group.
4. Increase outreach to credential holders.

**XII. Future Meeting Dates and Times**

- A. Next Full Board Meeting – July 20, 2022 (9:00am)

**XIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION (ROLL CALL)**

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Arden Sherpe 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.). Alan Holter read the language of the motion. The vote of each member by was ascertained by voice vote. Roll Call Vote: Amanda Reese – yes; Diane Dommer Martin – yes; Leslie Estelle – yes; Hunter Lang – yes; Lyn Schuh – yes; Lisa Weisensel Nesson – yes; Alan Holter – yes; Motion carried unanimously.

**XIV. Deliberation on Licenses and Certificates**

A. Applicant with Prior Discipline

1. Prior Discipline LS

B. Limited License Resolution

1. Limited License AS

**XV. Deliberation on Compliance Matters**

- A. Proposed Administrative Warnings

**B. Proposed Stipulations, Final Decisions and Orders**

1. 20 VET 045 TT
2. 21 VET 046 JC
3. 21 VET 053 AR
4. 21 VET 080 CB
5. 21 VET 085 JH
6. 21 VET 090 WH
7. 21 VET 121 DW
8. 20 VET 033 TJ
9. 20 VET 055 SS
10. 21 VET 006 MK
11. 21 VET 088 KB
12. 22 VET 006 BR

**C. Orders Lifting Suspension**

1. 18 VET 037 AD

**D. Investigations Recommended for Closure**

1. 20 VET 067 TD
2. 21 VET 103 MH
3. 21 VET 057 CG
4. 21 VET 019 and 21 VET 050 SR
5. 21 VET 026 MK

**XVI. Review of Veterinary Examining Board Cases**

- A. Licenses returned to Full Status
- B. Pending Case Status Report

**XVII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to reconvene to open session. Motion carried unanimously. The Board reconvened at 10:40am.

**XVIII. Open Session Items Noticed Above not Completed in the Initial Open Session**

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

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to allow LS to pursue full licensure. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Diane Dommer Martin, to approve full licensure for AS. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to accept the signed stipulation and FDO for 20 VET 045 TT, 21 VET 046 JC, 21 VET 053 AR, 21 VET 080 CB, 21 VET 085 JH, 21 VET 090 WH, 21

VET 121 DW, 20 VET 033 TJ, 20 VET 055 SS, 21 VET 006 MK, 21 VET 088 KB, and 22 VET 006 BR. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Diane Dommer Martin moved, seconded by Alan Holter, to lift the suspension in the case of 18 VET 037 AD. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Alan Holter moved, seconded by Arden Sherpe, to recommend closure on case investigations for 20 VET 067 TD, 21 VET 103 MH, 21 VET 057 CG, 21 VET 019 and 21 VET 050 SR, and 21 VET 026 MK. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XX. Ratification of Licenses and Certificates**

**MOTION:** Amanda Reese moved, seconded by Lyn Schuh, to delegate ratification of examination results to DATCP staff and to ratify all licenses and certificates as issued. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XXI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Lyn Schuh moved, seconded by Leslie Estelle, to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48am.