

Reg/Leg Report
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The Veterinary Medical Board's (VMB) Multidisciplinary Advisory Committee (MDC) met on January 24 in Sacramento and on-line via WebEx. All members were present.

After approving the Minutes as amended, the Committee heard from the Equine Practice Sub-Committee. After discussion, the MDC voted to approve the recommendations from the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB): https://vmb.ca.gov/meetings/materials/20230124_mdc_4b.pdf. They also agreed that the definition of the Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) should be moved into legislation.

The MDC then moved on to discuss a proposal from the CVMA to allow a veterinarian to establish a VCPR for the purpose of permitting an RVT to administer preventative or prophylactic vaccinations or medications for the control or eradication of apparent or anticipated internal or external parasites ("vaccinations" or "medications") if certain conditions are met. The MDC approved the proposal with a few minor amendments:

https://vmb.ca.gov/meetings/materials/20230124_mdc_5.pdf.

The MDC also approved defining "owner" as the individual who presents as the owner and authorizes treatment, which will require the legislature amending several sections of the Practice Act.

The next item on the agenda was a report by the Complaint Process Audit Sub-committee. The MDC approved their two recommendations with a minor amendment:

https://vmb.ca.gov/meetings/materials/20230124_mdc_6.pdf.

The MDC went on to approve a new FAQ answer regarding the VCPR:

https://vmb.ca.gov/meetings/materials/20230124_mdc_8.pdf. They also decided to bring back the Cannabis Guideline discussion at the next meeting.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion about removing the requirement that California RVT Schools be approved by the VMB. The Committee indicated that they are continuing to meet with stakeholders about this issue.

The next meeting of the MDC will be held in Sacramento and on-line via WebEx on April 18.

The Veterinary Medical Board met on January 25 in Sacramento and on-line via WebEx. They approved the minutes as amended. They went on to discuss AB 1282 – Animal Blood Banking. A new draft document has been created to provide guidance on Community Blood Banking. The new guidance will be published in March. It was noted that commercial blood banks will be phased out as blood banks are able to provide sufficient blood.

Leah Shufelt, RVT, Chair of the MDC have the MDC Report. She reported that the MDC had several recommendations which the VMB went on to approve:

- Allow VACSP Holders to compound from bulk substances
- Adopt drug compounding guidance for posting on VMB's website
- Move VCPR definition to legislation

- Approve recommendations of CHRB
- **Allow RVTs to establish VCPR for vaccination/Prophylactic treatment**
- Repeal Sec. 4875.3 regarding veterinarian review criteria
- Add subject matter expert criteria to Administrative Procedures Manual
- Add a FAQ answer regarding Spectrum of Care

The VMB then moved on to interviewing and appointing anew veterinarian member of the MDC. They interviewed 4 candidates and ended up selecting Dr. W. Kent Fowler, an equine practitioner with significant regulatory experience. The VMB felt that the MDC needed equine expertise that Dr. Fowler could provide. Dr. Fowler will join the MDC in March.

The VMB then heard a report on the NAVLE (National Veterinary Licensing Examination). It was explained that the only goal of the NAVLE is to document competency. Next was Nancy Grittman from the American Association of State Boards (AAVSB) who gave a report on the VTNE (Veterinary Technician National Examination). She informed the group that the AAVSB is currently conducting a job analysis updtae, which they do every 5-7 years.

The V MB went on to discuss cat declawing. There is a bill from 2019 that did not pass, but may come up again. The VMB decided to send the issue to the MDC for their review and recommendations.

It was reported that the RVT Education regulation that will remove the 5-year requirement for work experience and education to be eligible for the Alternate Route is at the Department of Consumer Affairs and still working its way through the process. It is not likely to go into effect for at least several months.

Next were the DVM Student Reports. Amanda Ayers gave the reports for both UC Davis and Western University. The VMB approved a motion supporting UC Davis holding the SAVMA 2025 Conference.

Jennifer Loreda, RVT gave the RVT Report. She reminded everyone that a new law went into effect requiring all staff including RVT, VACSPs and VAs who have contact with the public to wear a name tag with letters in 18pt type that includes their name, license, and license #. The VMB has previously stated that the information may be embroidered on the scrubs. The VMB will be published a FAQ regarding compliance with the name tag requirement. She also reported that according to a survey by NAVTA, California RVTs are the 3rd highest paid RVTs in the country. She also reported that the proposal to create a new mid-level practitioner was rejected by NAVTA and that Washington State has created an Alternate Route for RVTs.

Next up were the Executive Management Reports. Due to concerns about privacy, going forward licensees will be able to have a mailing address with the DCA and a business address on their license. Licensing statistics can be found here: https://vmb.ca.gov/meetings/materials/20230125_26_18b.pdf

The next meeting of the VMB will be in Sacramento and on-line via WebEx on April 19.