

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

JULY 15, 2021

9:30AM - 10:30AM

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:

	VACANT - CHAIRPERSON	
	DANIEL TEICH, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	LAUREN STUMP, DVM – BOARD MEMBER	P
	AMY HAYWOOD, LVT – VETERINARY TECHNICIAN BOARD MEMBER	P
	BLAIR ZERVOS – CONSUMER MEMBER	EA

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	FRANK MEYERS, JD – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	EA
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	P
	ERIC CURRY, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	SAHAR MAJID, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	P
	DIANE MOORER, IT SPECIALIST	P

LEGAL STAFF / ATTENDANCE:

LEGAL STAFF MEMBERS:

	ED RICH, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	P
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OPEN SESSION AGENDA JULY 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0715-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. CALL TO ORDER – 9:35 am</p> <p>B. PRESIDING -- Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson)</p> <p>C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT -- All except Chairperson (Position Vacant) and Blair Zervos (Excused Absence)</p> <p>D. QUORUM -- Yes</p> <p>E. STAFF PRESENT – All Staff Present</p> <p>F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE -- Emily Hovermale (HRA), Patrick Gritt (HRA), Megan McAndrew (HRA)</p>
OS-0715-02	<p>Board Action:</p> <p>Acceptance of the July 15, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for July 15, 2021.</p> <p>Moved By: Dan Teich, DVM-Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0715-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action:</p> <p>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the June 17, 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for June 17, 2021</p> <p>Moved By: Amy Haywood, LVT Board Member</p> <p>Seconded By: Lauren Stump, DVM Board Member</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>
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OS-0715-04	<u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u>	
OS-0715-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports on behalf of Dr. Sharon Lewis she extends a Thank You to The Board of Veterinary Medicine for their continues efforts and commitment.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the Department of Health and other government agencies are now back in the office. The Covid response emergency is coming to an end. We are not in the office with a 100 percent capacity though. There is now a new telework policy that requests all employees in the office for three days. They can telework two days a week. The District is back to work for in-person activities.</p>	
OS-0715-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No new comment from Frank Myers.</p>	
OS-0715-07	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>DC Health Licensing System (SALESFORCE)</p> <p>https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2d91415</p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the Board of Veterinary Medicine currently holds jurisdiction over 376 veterinarian licenses. The licensing system has switched over to an online system, Salesforce, which despite some glitches at this time has streamlined the approval process to a great extent.</p> <p>The other announcement is that a blast email was sent out on July 12 to all licensed veterinarians regarding a research study examining the wellness of veterinarians during COVID-19.</p> <p>The survey titled, the Potomac Regional Veterinary Coping, Resilience and Challenges (CRC) aims to assess the stressors veterinarians are experiencing during COVID-19 and to disseminate resource information.</p> <p>This survey is a collaborative effort being conducted with representatives from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, the Virginia Department of Health, D.C. Health, the D.C. Veterinary Medical Association, the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the Department of Human Development and Family Science at Virginia Tech.</p>	

OS-0715-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that there is no change in the rabies surveillance program. Even when we were in our Covid posture, the programmatic elements did not change in any way. We don't have a lot of mosquitoes yet but we expect an increase in the next few weeks as weather is getting more humid and mosquitoes breed in summer.</p> <p>Our arbovirus surveillance began on June 1, 2021 and we will continue it until the end of October. We are now in our sixth week of surveillance. With some of the limited resources, the surveillance is still being managed in terms of the testing by CDC specifically at the Fort Collins, Colorado location. Mr. Eric Curry is in charge of this program.</p> <p>We are now back in the community. The veterinary facility inspection program is back that came to a halt during Covid19. The facilities licenses that are expired are not considered expired due to Covid. They are still considered 'active' unless otherwise noted. We hope to get those completed by the 1st of September.</p>	
OS-0715-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</u></p> <p>Dr. Dan Teich inquired if there is an increase in mosquito population this year as compared to the last year. Mr. Eric Curry stated that last week he had 19 pools, this week he's been expecting between 25 and 30 pools. We are reaching peak season and until the middle of August, we are going to have really big catches.</p>	
OS-0715-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR'S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-0715-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p> <p>Dr. Megan McAndrew reports that this year, they have been receiving quite a few intakes of dogs stuck in cars or left in cars but they have not received any case of life-threatening hyperthermia, which is surprising but great!</p>	
OS-0715-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>August Recess, September 16, 2021, October 21, 2021, November 18, 2021, December 16, 2021.</p>	

OS-0715-13	<p><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that Covid19 restrictions are being lifted gradually so, these links may change in the next few weeks with updated guidance.</p> <p>COVID-19 Recommendations for Pet Stores, Pet Distributors, and Pet Breeding Facilities:</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/pet-store.html</p> <p>COVID-19 Considerations for Animal Activities at Fairs, Shows, and Other Events:</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/animals/events-animal-activities.html</p>	
OS-0715-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p>	
OS-0715-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the in-person annual AAVSB meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado from 9/30 to 10/2. The registration is now open. Some funding programs will cover board members’ travel expenses. Once the paperwork is done, board members will be able to submit their travel approval requests to attend the meeting.</p> <p>AAVSB has launched its RACetrack program which is a free service that allows veterinary professionals to record their continuing education (CE) in a single centralized database. AAVSB has already sent a mass email regarding the sign-up process for this program. This system communicates CE to credentialing agencies to help both veterinary professionals and CE providers manage authorized course work with ease.</p>	
OS-0715-16	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE/REGULATIONS</u></p> <p><u>PDMP</u></p> <p>The Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Query Amendment Act of 2020 has a projected law date of March 15, 2021.</p> <p>https://lims.dccouncil.us/Legislation/B23-0890</p> <p>www.dchealth.dc.gov/pdmp</p>	

	<p><u>Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations</u></p> <p>Ed Rich reports that there are three sets of regulations: Veterinarian, Veterinarian Technician, and Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician Regulations. These are all up in the Mayor’s office as a notice of final rulemaking.</p> <p>The Mayor’s office had requested to provide explanation of the rules for Veterinarian Euthanasia Technician -- what the changes were or what the comments were from HRA and what the board response was. The comment period has closed and the final rulemaking is expected to get published by next Friday. Dr. LaQuandra Nesbitt has already signed the final rulemaking on July 6.</p>	
OS-0715-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS		
OS-0715-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>	
OS-0715-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0715-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

CLOSING		
OS-0715-21	<p><u>MOTION TO COSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Executive Section, which is closed to the public, to seek the advice of counsel to the board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(4); to administer licensing of health professionals governed by the Board, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to</p>	

	D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(9); administration of licensing pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(6); discuss ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b)(14). This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov	
OS-0715-22	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **September 16, 2021**

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