

BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

SEPTEMBER 16, 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	P

STAFF MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE:

STAFF MEMBERS:

	SHARON LEWIS, DHA-RN-BC, CPM – SENIOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR	EA
	FRANK MEYERS, JD – ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR	P
	VITO DELVENTO, DVM, MS – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	P
	JOY MCFARLANE-MILLS, SUPERVISORY BIOLOGIST	P
	EMILIA MORGAN, INVESTIGATOR	EA
	ERIC CURRY, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	EA
	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 SEPTEMBER 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0916-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. CALL TO ORDER - 9:35 AM B. PRESIDING -- Dr. Dan Teich, DVM – Board Member (Serving as Chairperson) C. BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT -- All except Chairperson (Position Vacant) D. QUORUM -- Yes E. STAFF PRESENT - All except Emilia Morgan (Excused absence) and Eric Curry (Excused absence) F. PUBLIC ATTENDANCE - No public attendance
OS-0916-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of the September 16, 2021 Open Session agenda.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to approve the Open Session meeting agenda for September 16, 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-0916-03	<p><u>APPROVAL OF OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Members move to accept the Open Session meeting minutes for July 15, 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-0916-04	<p><u>OPEN SESSION CONSENT AGENDA:</u></p>	
OS-0916-05	<p><u>SENIOR DEPUTY REPORT:</u></p> <p>Frank Meyers 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>	
OS-0916-06	<p><u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Frank Meyers discussed two most recent mandates in the District regarding Covid19 – 1) the Covid 19 continuing education mandate and 2) the Covid19 vaccine mandate.</p> <p>The Covid19 continuing education mandate applies to only select professions that do not include veterinarians.</p> <p>The District has mandated that all healthcare providers should be vaccinated. As veterinarians are considered healthcare professionals, this mandate requires veterinarians to have at least one dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine by September 30 with the second dose being received in the appropriate timeframe or just one dose of Johnson & Johnson by September 30. This mandate applies to all licensed veterinarians as well their support staff who may not be licensed veterinarians.</p> <p>The Department of Health has created an online portal where veterinarians can update their vaccination status. The portal can be accessed from this web link: https://dchealth.dc.gov/node/1556816</p> <p>There are three exemptions for those who are not vaccinated:</p> <p>1) Medical Exemption: If there’s any medical conditions that prevents an individual to get vaccinated, he/she will be exempt. A doctor’s note is required.</p> <p>2) Religious Exemption: If a religious belief prohibits someone from getting vaccinated, a personal statement is required in this case in order to get an exemption.</p> <p>3) WHO Exemption: If an individual has received a vaccine outside of the U.S., which is not approved by FDA but approved by the World Health Organization, that individual will be exempt from vaccine requirements in the U.S.</p>	

	<p>Frank Meyers also pointed out the licensure waiver for healthcare professionals. Due to the public health emergency, healthcare professionals who were not licensed in DC were allowed to practice during the public health emergency. The public health emergency was ended in July and a 60-day grace period was given to all unlicensed healthcare practitioners. This grace period is coming to an end on September 23.</p> <p>On July 24, 2021, Mayor Muriel Bowser issued Mayor’s Order 2021- 096 to update and extend the District’s Public Emergency and end the Public Health Emergency that has been in effect since March 11, 2020. DC is no longer operating under a Public Health Emergency; we will continue to keep in place a Public Emergency. DC Public Health Emergency ended on July 25, 2021.</p>	
OS-0916-07	<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. Vito DelVento reports that to date we have jurisdictions over 391 veterinarians. The license renewal process is about to begin at the end of this year and our online portal will be available sometime around October 1. Typically, the portal is open for a 90-day period.</p> <p>This is going to be the first time when some changes will affect the process of renewals. 1) All licensees will be required to be registered in the prescription drug monitoring program. 2) There are 18 credit hours required per year so for a two-year renewing cycle, 36 credit hours of continuing education will be required. Out of those 36 hours, two credit hours are mandated by the Mayor’s office to be dedicated to specifically to LGBTQ subject matter.</p> <p>Dr. LaQuandra S. Nesbitt has mandated a 10 percent of continuing education to be allotted to public health issues/priorities, which makes four credit hours leaving 30 credit hours for veterinary specific subject matter. Due to Covid19 restrictions, 100 percent of CE courses can be completed online.</p> <p>Dr. DelVento reports that the Potomac Regional Veterinary Coping, Resilience and Challenges (CRC) survey has closed. He thanked all those who participated. We will distribute the survey results soon.</p>	

OS-0916-08	<p><u>ANIMAL SERVICES PROGRAM REPORT (ASP)</u></p> <p>Dr. DeVento reports that our rabies surveillance continues as it always does. Our arbovirus surveillance program will continue until the end of September potentially through the end of October depending on what the weather pattern dictates.</p> <p>We have begun our Animal Health Fair from September 11, 2021 that offers free vaccine clinics for dogs and cats in each ward of the District every Saturday. The event will continue until October 30.</p> <p>Our veterinary facility inspections also continue, and we hope to inspect all facilities by the end of this year.</p> <p>Joy McFarlane-Mills reports on the Doggy Swim Day event organized by the Department of Parks and Recreation. The event took place on September 12, 2021 at three locations in DC – 1) Upshur Pool 2) Randall Pool and 3) Francis Pool.</p> <p>The event was well received by the dog owners in the District. A number of people participated with their licensed dogs.</p>	
OS-0916-09	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT</u></p>	
OS-0916-10	<p><u>BOARD COUNSELOR’S REPORT</u></p> <p>Ed Rich reports that a statute regarding the standard of care regulations that the council passed a few years has been finally signed off. The animal control officers will now be issuing tickets just like tickets are issued for reckless driving so, if people are violating the requirements for dangerous or potentially dangerous dogs, they will be subject to civil fines.</p>	
OS-0916-11	<p><u>COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u></p>	
OS-0916-12	<p><u>HOUSEKEEPING</u></p> <p>The board will take a recess in October.</p> <p>The upcoming board meeting dates are: November 18, 2021, December 16, 2021, January 20, 2022 and February 17, 2022.</p>	
OS-0916-13	<p><u>ANIMAL RELATED COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS</u></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-0916-14	<p><u>INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR VETERINARY ASSESSMENT (ICVA) UPDATES - FYI</u></p> <p>ICVA New Communication Skills Assessment Task Force Continues Research into Assessment Methods</p> <p>Every 5-7 years the ICVA conducts a practice analysis to determine what veterinarians in North America are required to do when they first enter the profession in a clinical practice. This provides the basis for the creation of the assessment strategy that serves as the blueprint for the NAVLE.</p> <p>The task force first convened in March 2021, and held a second virtual meeting in May, where goals and deliverables were discussed.</p> <p>Primary Tasks & Proposed Deliverables include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying methods of assessments that could provide objective, defensible and psychometrically sound scores for communication skills • Outline the components for development, delivery & sustainability of such an exam <p>The task force is currently in the research phase, systematically gathering reported evidence of communication skills assessment methods.</p>	
OS-0916-15	<p><u>AAVSB UPDATES – FYI</u></p> <p>AAVSB meeting will be held in Denver, Colorado between Thu, Sep 30, 2021 – Sat, Oct 2, 2021 Registration details are available. here: https://na.eventscloud.com/website/26609/</p>	
OS-0916-16	<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>The new Veterinary Technician and Euthanasia Technicians regulations became effective Friday, August 6, 2021. At this time, the DC Department of Health will not be issuing registrations until the process is in place. further notice.</p> <p>The Department of Health is currently creating the platform by which individuals can submit an application for registration as either a Veterinary Technician or a Veterinary Euthanasia Technician. Once the platform is available, there will be a grace period for which individuals will need to come into full compliance.</p>	
OS-0916-17	<p><u>LEGISLATIVE HEARINGS</u></p> <p>https://dccouncil.us/events/list/</p>	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0916-18	<u>MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION</u>	
OS-0916-19	<u>FINAL COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC</u>	
OS-0916-20	<u>READING OF OPEN SESSION MOTIONS</u>	

CLOSING

OS-0916-21	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</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:</p>	
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	<p>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 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</p>	
OS-0916-22	<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>	

**The board will take a recess in October.
This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for **November 18, 2021****

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