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Maryland State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

May 27, 2021

Held by Conference Call

Joint OPEN Meeting Minutes

Board Members present: Dr. Elizabeth Callahan, President; Dr. Karena Joung, Vice President; Dr. Christine Calvert, Ms. Lynne Chaput, Ms. Patricia Quimby, Dr. Peter Radue and Dr. James Reed. Staff members present: Executive Director Vanessa Orlando, Assistant Director Susan Husk, Assistant Attorney General Cynthia Spirt, Licensing Administrator Tonya Kendrick, Inspectors Pegeen Morgan, Ellen James and Sarah Hultz; and Administrative Specialist Britney Branch.

Dr. Callahan called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes. In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Radue, the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Board Meeting were approved.

Veterinary License Applications Approvals. In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Callahan, the Board voted unanimously to approve applications for Drs. Cassandra Barbic, Christine Fiorello, Margaret Zarouba, Megan Mathews, Mallory Repellin, Jessica Siegal-Willott, and Kapil Vashisht.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted to approve the application from Dr. Charla Smith.

In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board to approve an application for Dr. Christopher Gauthier.

Veterinary License Reinstatement. In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted unanimously to approve the reinstatement application for Dr. Jillian Ryan.

Sanitation Reports. Inspectors Pegeen Morgan, Ellen James, and Susan Husk reported on inspections they completed since the April meeting. In a motion by Dr. Reed, seconded by Ms. Chaput, the sanitation reports were accepted as presented.

CE Approval Requests. Several requests were submitted and discussed this month.

In a motion by Dr. Callahan, seconded by Dr. Reed, the team voted to approve CE Requests #475-488 submitted by Dr. Popiolek and #489 submitted by Dr. Moore.

CE Requests submitted by Dr. Saporito were #439, 448, 455, 456, 461, 462, 475-477. Board members felt these courses were somewhat basic and directed staff to ask Dr. Saporito for more information about who would benefit from these courses and who the intended audience is.

Veterinary Coping, Resilience and Challenges Survey. 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. This survey aims to explore the stressors veterinarians are experiencing due to COVID-19, understand coping behaviors and supports, and to offer resources. The researchers asked the Board to endorse the survey and encourage veterinarians to participate in the survey when it becomes available in the near future. In a motion by Dr. Joung, seconded by Dr. Calvert, the Board voted to encourage and endorse participation in the survey.

Minnesota Research Project for Small Animal Clinics. Minnesota researchers are actively recruiting for practices to volunteer with the *Antibiotic Use Point-Prevalence Survey* to develop a national estimate of

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antibiotic use in small animal practice. Board members agreed that such information would best be distributed by MVMA rather than the Board.

Corporate Name Request. After some discussion, Board members agreed that corporate name approvals did not have to come before the Board for approval unless the staff found that the proposed name was similar to another veterinary facility that was already licensed.

Safe Capture Course Approval Request. Baltimore City Animal Services requested that the Board approve the safe capture training offered by the San Diego Zoo Wildlife Academy for animal control officers. This training is particularly helpful when there is a need for remote chemical capture of injured deer. Currently approved training is no longer being offered due to the COVID pandemic. Officers taking this course have already been certified in euthanasia.

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Dr. Joung, the Board voted unanimously to approve the training.

Invitation to Speak to Banfield RVTs. The Board received an invitation to speak with RVTs from Banfield Hospitals. Dr. Callahan agreed she would consider doing it after receiving a list of questions and concerns so she could be well prepared.

Other Business / Reminders

PDMP Work Group Update. Dr. Callahan reported on the work group's third and final meeting. The work group will recommend that the Pharmacy Board work to identify prescriptions for pets vs. people by creating a species code. Prescriptions filled through pharmacies now get recorded under the owner. A species code will better track animal medications.

In a motion by Dr. Calvert, seconded by Dr. Reed, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting to move into an administrative closed session to perform administrative functions outside the scope of the Open Meetings Act, in accordance with § 3-103(a)(1)(i) of the General Provisions Article. The administrative functions to be performed include discussion of the specific matters identified on the Board Agenda. In the alternative, I move to close the meeting pursuant to the following Section 3-305(b):

- (7) To obtain advice of counsel;*
- (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;*
- (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;" and*
- (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter.*