



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**Veterinary Board of Governors
September 13, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes**

Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair, called the meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors to order at 9:15 a.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021. The meeting was held via teleconference with all participants attending remotely.

Board Members Present:

Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair
Kim Morgan, LVT, Vice Chair
Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM
Sue Moriyasu, DVM
Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH

Board Members Absent:

Becky Knoke, Public Member

Department of Health (DOH) Staff Present:

Brad Burnham, Executive Director, Health Professions
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney
Shelley Buchanan, Staff Attorney
Miceal Carnahan, Finance Officer, DOH
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Amy Robertson, Program Support

Guests:

Susan Adams, NCWDC/SkillSource
Ashley Byrne, LVT; President, WSAVT; NAVTA
Ed Carlson, President, NAVTA
Rachel Cole, Division of State Advocacy, AVMA
Roman S Dixon
Stuart Earley
Ryan Frazier, LVT, WSAVT, NAVTA
Lee Harper, Kitsap Humane Society Executive Director
Joseph Hauth
Heidi
Julie Helligso, Hospital Administrator, Cascade Veterinary Clinics
Candace Joy, WSVMA
Carrie La Jeunesse
Lori Lutskas, LVT on the director's board for WSAVT Employed by WSU
Emma Mallonee
Mary
Dr. Ashley Morgan, Division of State Advocacy, AVMA
Charlie Powell, WSU College of Veterinary Medicine
Jessica Reed, DVM; Seattle Humane
Dr. Jen Stonequist, Director of Shelter Medicine Kitsap Humane Society
Rachel Valentine
Dr. Sue Wedam, Vet Tech Program Chair

Call to Order and Introductions – Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Kirk Breuninger moved to approve the agenda for September 3, 2021; Kim Morgan, second; motion carries 5:0.

2. **Approval of meeting minutes: June 7, 2021**

MOTION: Kirk Breuninger moved to approve meeting minutes; Dordor Vang, second; motion carries, 5:0.

Reports (Information)

3. **Aja Senestraro, DVM, Chair**

Updates

- **Pharmacy commission liaison** – No update
- **Expert witness recruitment** – Dr. Sue Moriyasu, Dr. Kirk Breuninger, Sara Kirschenman, JD – No update – process is still on hold
- **Chiropractic commission joint subcommittee on animal manipulation** – Dr. Aja Senestraro, Dr. Sue Moriyasu, Dr. Kirk Breuninger – the subcommittee held a meeting to review regulations and identify clarifying questions. Lisa Kelley (AAG) and Chris Gerard (AAG for CQAC) co-authored a memorandum addressing the legislative history of the veterinary and chiropractic practice acts, legal use of medical terms, DVM and DC scope related to animal manipulation. VBOG has waived its attorney-client privilege in order to discuss it during open meetings. Next meeting pending.
- **Telemedicine** – Dr. Kirk Breuninger, Dr. Dordor Vang, Dr. Aja Senestraro - potential next steps will be discussed during Strategic Planning agenda item. Dr. Senestraro confirmed the CR-101 has been put on hold so that a subcommittee can gather more information prior to writing/submitting the CR-101.

4. **Brad Burnham, Executive Director and Lorelei Walker, Program Manager; Department of Health**

- **Credentialing** – Due to heavy workload, credentialing supervisors continue not to be able to attend board meetings or provide credentialing reports.
- **Budget** – The updated budget report includes 6-year trends for categorical expenses for operations, AG support, credentialing, and disciplinary. Disciplinary subcategory trends are also displayed in a separate line graph. Expenses for FY21 are not yet finalized; however, no major changes are expected. Disciplinary costs have been increasing steadily. Miceal Carnahan and team will audit all fee programs in HSQA to determine which/what programs have fund balances outside the policy fund balance goals and potentially recommend fee changes.
- **Rulemaking and policy update**
 - Rulemaking for Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5004 – delayed; looking at December hearing
 - Suicide prevention training rulemaking – delayed; looking at December hearing
 - Jeff Wise expects forward movement on both soon.
- **Legislation**
 - **Board composition draft bill – to be proposed in 2022**

- Agency Request Legislation (Z-0216) – did not go through last session. However, since that time there have been additions:
 - BCC compensation – bring all boards and commissions to category 5, \$250/day (rather than category 3, \$50/day)
 - US Citizenship – the requirement of US citizenship is being removed.
 - Quorums – defined as the majority of members instead of citing a number.
- **Board Recruitment**
 - Three candidates were interviewed for the large animal position. The packet of recommendations was submitted for DOH management review on July 21.
 - Recruitment notice posted for VBOG positions expiring December 24, 2021 (Breuninger and Moriyasu). Applications are due September 24, 2021. Interview Panel: Drs. Sue Moriyasu and Dordor Vang.
- **HELMS** – no update

5. **Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General** – no update

6. **Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)**

Candace Joy, WSVMA – Chiropractic Veterinary Laws – Will the board provide guidance on the terminology on the recent interpretation of these laws (for example, what words are appropriate to use for each profession)? The board has yet to decide what guidance they intend to give on this recent interpretation of this law. VBOG will watch this as things develop, discuss, and disseminate information to stakeholders if appropriate.

7. **Veterinary Technician Apprenticeship Programs**

The board responded to specific concerns as detailed in the meeting handouts. Also, the board announced they need to hear specific concerns from stakeholders about the Cascade Veterinary's program not meeting CVTEA standards and lack of oversight. Further discussion will take place at the special meeting on October 15, 2021.

Candace Joy (WSVMA) and Ashley Byrne (WSAVT; NAVTA) both urgently reiterated their significant concerns about the program.

8. **Suicide Prevention Training Program Development**

Emma Mallonee has been working closely with Carrie La Jeunesse to develop this program in accordance with [Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2411](#). Legislation requires the training to be completed by June 30, 2022. There are three separate modules planned. Module 1 can be recorded. Emma also requested members of the veterinary community to volunteer to teach these modules.

1. Suicide Prevention and Awareness
2. Mental Health and Well-being
3. Imminent Harm by Lethal Means

VBOG will reconvene its subcommittee to investigate what pieces of this program VBOG will fund/administer.

9. Humane Society Rulemaking and Auditing Process

MOTION – Kirk Breuninger motioned to edit form as detailed below; Kim Moriyasu, seconds; motion carries, 5:0.

- Add Checkbox: “we have documentation on file demonstrating that client served meets low-income status.”
- Add Checkbox: “we have used the following resource to appropriately qualify clients per income limits set in law.”
- Add line for total number of attestations and separate text box to describe reasons attestations were used (due to homelessness, eviction, etc).
- Accept added verbiage as highlighted in meeting packet on WAC 246-933-520 Registration, household eligibility, and auditing: *An entity may use its discretion when screening and approving households who request to sign an attestation. Attestations must document the reasons for providing services to the client. Entities should prioritize resources for those most in need.*

MOTION – Kirk Breuninger motioned to accept the rule language and any minor housekeeping items that may occur on WAC 246-933-520 Registration, household eligibility, and auditing. Kim Moriyasu, seconds; motion carries, 5:0.

10. Delegation of Signature Authority and Decision-Making Forms

MOTION – Kirk Breuninger moved to approve the signature of Authority and Decision-Making forms; Kim Moriyasu, second; motion carries, 5:0

11. American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Upcoming Conference.

Delegates will be voting virtually during the conference. Brad Burnham will update board if more information is available.

12. Issues Related to COVID-19 Outbreak

MOTION – Kirk Breuninger motioned to change verbiage on both the Continuing Education Requirements During the COVID-19 Response (VBOG 20-01) policy to state “as long as emergency rules are in place, plus 90 days.” Dordor Vang, second; motion carries.

Action: Lorelei Walker will develop a GovDelivery communication to be reviewed by Aja Senestraro and Jeff Wise.

13. Meeting Dates for 2022

MOTION – Dordor Vang motioned to accept the 2022 quarterly meeting dates as detailed below; Kim Moriyasu, second; motion carries 5:0

- March 21-22

- June 6
- September 12
- December 5

14. Strategic Planning

- December meeting – reexamine subcommittees.
- Suicide Prevention GovDelivery
- Humane Society Rulemaking and Auditing Process – Stuart Early
- Veterinary Technician Apprenticeship Programs – call for feedback with specific issues and potential solutions related to the proposed program. Have this ready for October 15th special meeting.
- Board members Sue Moriyasu and Kirk Breuninger plan to stay on VBOG until replacements are found for their position.

MOTION – Kim Moriyasu motioned we adjourn the meeting; Dordor Vang, second; motion carries, 5:0.

Meeting adjourned 12:28 p.m.