



Veterinary Board of Governors Regular Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2022

Board members present: Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair
Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH, Vice Chair
Aja Senestraro, DVM
Kathryn Haigh, DVM
Becky Knoke, Public Member
Debra Sellon, DVM

Board members absent: Andrea Sanchez, DVM

Staff members present: Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager
Trina Crawford, Executive Director
Deonna Chartrey, Case Manager
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Poppy Budrow, Finance Officer
Taifa Peaks, Pharmacist – Investigator
Lisa Kelley, Assistant Attorney General
Sara Kirschenman, Supervising Staff Attorney
Stephania Greenwood, Staff Attorney
Madi Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On March 21, 2022, the Veterinary Board of Governors met via web conference. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Veterinary Board of Governor's website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

OPEN SESSION:

9:30 a.m. Open Session

Call to Order, Mission and Introductions – Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair

1. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Vang moved to switch the Rules Petitions Concerning Veterinary Telemedicine item to the end of the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Board Business

2. Rules Petitions Concerning Veterinary Telemedicine

The board reviewed a rule petition from Dr. Sean Sanders, which proposed amending the definition of what constitutes a Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) as defined in [WAC 246-933-200](#). Kim Morgan moved to grant the petition and open a CR-101 regarding establishing a VCPR. The motion was seconded and adopted.

The board reviewed a rules petition from Tyler Hendricks, ARM, Risk Management Consultant, Capital Insurance Group, requesting a modification to veterinary telemedicine rules. Mr. Hendricks suggested that the board reconsider requiring in-person veterinary visits for preventative prescriptions. Dr. Senestraro moved to grant the petition and open a CR-101 regarding establishing a VCPR. The motion was seconded and adopted.

3. Humane Society Focus Groups – Report Out

The subcommittee for rulemaking and implementation of [Substitute Senate Bill 5004](#), which allows registered humane societies and shelters to provide veterinary services to income-qualified families, reported their findings from recent focus groups.

The subcommittee found that many agencies offer attestation regarding low-income status. For those that do require documentation, they do not make or retain copies proving low-income status. Agencies reported concerns regarding stigma, effort, and cost.

10:00 a.m. Rules Hearing

4. Veterinarian and Veterinary Technician Suicide Prevention Education and Removal of HIV/AIDS Training Requirement

There were no public comments regarding the adoption of rules on suicide prevention education to implement [Engrossed Substitute House Bill \(ESHB\) 2411 \(Chapter 229, Laws of 2020\)](#), and removal of the requirement for HIV/Aids training to implement [ESHB 1551 \(Chapter 76, Laws of 2020\)](#).

Dr. Senestraro moved that the board adopt the veterinarian and veterinary technician suicide prevention education and removal of the HIV/AIDS training requirement and repeal WACs [246-935-130](#) and [246-937-080](#). The motion was seconded and adopted.

Authorizing Animal Care and Control Agencies and Nonprofit Humane Societies to Provide Veterinary Services

The board considered public comment and the adoption of rules to implement [SSB 5004 \(Chapter 142, Laws of 2019\)](#).

Amanda Arrington, Senior Director, Pets for Life, The Humane Society of the United States, spoke in opposition of rule 246-933-501-550 due to the rule increasing barriers to care.

Emily Purvis, DVM, MBA, Director of Veterinary Services, Auburn Valley Humane Society, spoke in opposition of rule 246-933-501-550 due to the laborious and stigma inducing nature of the rule.

Jessica Reed, DVM, Chief of Veterinary Medicine, Seattle Humane, spoke in opposition of 246-933-501-550 due to the veterinary community not having the resources to meet the needs of the public currently. This rule adds an increased burden.

Stuart Earley, Chief Executive Officer, Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County, suggested that agencies note that they have verified proof of income, but not retain record of the client's proof of income.

Barbara Hodges, DVM, MBA, Program Director, Advocacy and Outreach, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, spoke in opposition of 246-933-501-550 due to the rule increasing barriers to care.

Hilary Hager, Senior Director of Volunteer Engagement, The Humane Society of the United States, spoke in opposition of 246-933-501-550 due to the burden of extensive record keeping.

The board discussed written comments from the Humane Society/Shelter Vet Services.

Dr. Senestraro moved that the board deny the current version of the proposed rule. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Dr. Vang moved that the subcommittee discuss the proposed changes to the rule at a future meeting and consider filing a CR-102. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Adjournment of Open Session

Dr. Vang moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Submitted by:
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Veterinary Board of Governors

Approved by:
Kim Morgan, LVT, Chair
Veterinary Board of Governors

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