



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

**Washington State
Veterinary Board of Governors
April 17, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes**

A meeting of the Washington State Veterinary Board of Governors was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 2020, by Kirk Breuninger, Chair. The meeting was held via conference call.

Board Members

Present: Kirk Breuninger, VMD, MPH, DACVPM, Chair
Aja Senestraro, DVM, Vice Chair
Kim Morgan, LVT
Dordor Vang, DVM, MPH
Sue Moriyasu, DVM
Becky Knoke, Public Member

Board Members

Absent: Liz Davies, DVM

DOH Staff Present: Brad Burnham, Executive Director
Chris Wright, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)
Loralei Walker, Program Manager
Sarah Beckham, Program Support
Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor

Guests Present: Candace Joy, WSVMA
Gary Marshall, WSVMA
Karen Norton, WSAVT
Teresa Stefan, WSAVT
Benita Altier, WSAVT
Ashley Byrne, WSAVT
Paul Carkeek
Randy Phelps, DVM
Caitlin Hatfield, DVM
Mark Schrag, DVM
Dan Haskins, DVM
Katy Kuhl
Sarah Parker, Blue Pearl

Open Session

Call to Order and Introductions – Kirk Breuninger, Chair

Dr. Breuninger took roll call and outlined the topics to be discussed during today's meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Vang made a motion to approve the agenda for this meeting. Kim Morgan, LVT, seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Board Business

2. Open Forum (limited to 10 minutes)

Candace Joy, WSVMA, asked about the status of the client communication rule. Lorelei Walker said the CR103 has been delayed due to the current health crisis.

3. Issues Related to COVID-19 Outbreak (Discussion/Action)

The board reviewed and discussed three documents – Veterinary-client-patient relationship (VCPR) policy statement, the continuing education (CE) policy statement and the essential services guidance statement.

VCPR policy statement

Brad Burnham explained the process for policy statements and our office director's preferred format for policy statements. Dr. Senestraro made a motion to approve the draft policy statement as written and move it forward for approval. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CE policy statement

After discussion, Dr. Senestraro made a motion to approve the draft policy statement as written and move it forward for approval. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Essential Services Guidance statement

The board discussed what comments/notes should be included in the client's record. The board agreed that each provider can decide what should be put in the record. Dr. Senestraro made a motion to accept language as written and move it forward for approval. Dr. Moriyasu seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After further discussion, Dr. Senestraro made a motion to amend the previous motion to now approve all language in the document except the paragraph mentioning medical records. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. Motion carried. DOH staff will work with Jeff Wise, policy analyst, to decide the best way to disseminate this guidance.

The board discussed changing the meeting times for the next two special meetings to begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 9:30 a.m. Dr. Moriyasu made a motion to change the meeting time to begin at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Vang seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. Agenda Development (Discussion/Action)

The board identified possible agenda items for the next meeting.

- Supervision of veterinarian technicians and staff
- Dispensation of prescriptions
- Transmission of COVID-19 from animal/animal or animal/human
- Update on communications statement
- Status of VCPR policy statement and CE policy statement

Adjournment of Open Session

Dr. Vang made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Becky Knoke, public member, seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.