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Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

Minutes of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
Called Meeting for Regulatory Review
March 21, 2013
Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Room 202-02
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Board members present were:

Oswald H. "Sonny" King, D.V.M., Chairman
Bryan K. Cribb, D.V.M., Vice Chairman
Walter C. Robinson, D.V.M., Secretary
Vanessa B. Brooks, D.V.M.
Rebecca M. Hughes, D.V.M.
Albert W. Platt, III, D.V.M.

Board members with excused absences were:

Christine Hartman, L.V.T.
Cindy W. Nord, Ph.D.
David M. Oliver, D.V.M.

Staff and others present were:

Kate K. Cox, LLR Administrator
Gary A. Hagood, PPR Court Reporter
Magdalene Moton, LLR Administrative Assistant
Marie Queen, SCVA Executive Director
Sheridon Spoon. LLR Advice Attorney

CALL TO ORDER:

The Called Session of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners was held at the Synergy Office Park, Kingstree Building, 110 Centerview Drive, Room 202-02, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been noted as present, Chairperson Dr. King called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. All votes referenced herein were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Dr. Robinson to approve the Agenda as presented. Dr. Cribb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

LEGAL:

There was no legal business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Regulatory Review by Executive Order:

Sheridon Spoon reviewed the Executive Order issued by the Governor of South Carolina and the Stakeholder letter sent by the LLR Director to develop a report that evaluates South Carolina's current regulatory burdens on all sizes and types of businesses in South Carolina and proposes recommendations to relieve these burdens. A review discussion was held on all statutes, regulations and policies of the Board. Licensure requirements, multi-agency inspections of facilities, and redundancy in inspections by other state agencies were discussed.

Motion: Dr Platt made a motion that in order to reduce the burden on stakeholders and on staff that the licensure process be clarified for all applicants and have agendas arranged in a most time efficient manner with applications coming before disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion passed.

Motion: Dr Platt made a motion that in order to reduce the burden on practitioners, who sometimes get conflicting messages from state agencies that do inspections, that all state agencies inspecting veterinary facilities and veterinary records be required to give chapter and verse (section of law) on observations made, recommendations, or violations from the appropriate statutes/regulations, like LLR does with our inspections. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion passed.

Discussion followed on the motion.

Motion: Dr Platt made a motion that all South Carolina agency inspection reports, and whatever, include the appropriate references to statutes, regulations, and policies when any observations, recommendations, or violations are noted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cribb. The motion passed.

There was discussion on the inconsistency of DHEC inspections and inconsistency of DHEC decisions with the need for change. There was discussion to ask DHEC to clarify/publicize its rabies laws and require consistent compliance for the veterinarians in the state. There was also discussion on the ability already given for LLR to conduct inspections wherever veterinarians were practicing whether it is in a shelter or private practice. The Board agreed.

A Committee was formed to include Dr. Platt and Dr. King that is to gather any more suggestions. It was stated suggestions are to be sent Dr. Platt and, if any are submitted, there will be a conference call to vote on them. It was stated approved suggestions will be sent to Sheridon Spoon prior to the April 15th deadline.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Queen commented within the meeting on shelters and legislation being proposed.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

There was discussion about the USDA and accreditation.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

It was announced the next meetings of the South Carolina Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for 2013 will be May 9, August 8, and November 14, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business Dr. King adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kate K. Cox". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "C".

Kate K. Cox
Administrator