

Amended 3/25/2021
Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine
Wallace State Office Building
~~Second~~ Third Floor East & West Conference Room
Open Session Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2021, Amended 3/25/2021

Dr. Dewayne Rahe called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. with the following Board Members in attendance: Dr. Chris Bean; Dr. Tom Burkgren; Dr. Dewayne Rahe; Mrs. Ann Werner, and Dr. Curtis Youngs. Also present were Dr. Jeff Kaisand, DVM, Executive Secretary and Ginny Eason, staff. Mr. Jacob Larson, Assistant Attorney General attended by telephone.

Guest(s) attending by telephone

Jenny Dorman, Legal Counsel, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association
Chris Gruenhagen, Iowa Farm Bureau
Randy Wheeler, DVM, Executive Director, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association

Approval of the Agenda

Dr. Youngs moved to approve the amended agenda for the February 25, 2021, Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comment (Public comment period is open and limited to two minutes)

Dr. Wheeler, Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, stated the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association Virtual Winter Conference was successful. There were 435 participants that attended the conference. Dr. Wheeler stated there are individuals that plan to become a member of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association in the near future. The platform the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association used for the virtual conference was Matchbox through a Canadian company.

Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes

It was stated several changes to the Open Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021, were needed in the following sections:

Public Comment

The bills Dr. Wheeler mentioned is concerns the Statute of Limitation regarding Malpractice and proposed legislation for amending Chapter 169.20 Veterinary Assistants.

Dr. Wheeler stated members of the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association, the veterinary community, students and staff at Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine regarding the priority of the COVID vaccine distribution are unsure where their profession is placed for receiving the vaccine.

Correspondence

Veterinary Technician National Examination scores for the testing window December 1, 2020 – December 15, 2020, was were received and discussed by the Board Members.

Sue Mears, R.Ph emailed an inquiry ~~question~~ regarding medications being used and dispensed that has exceeded the manufacturer's stated expiration date.

Miscellaneous

There ~~is~~ appears to be a need for telemedicine and the Board could work towards changing Code Chapter 169.

If the veterinarian is not licensed in Iowa, ~~and generally speaking~~ the Board refers to a criminal prosecutor.

Dr. Youngs moved to go into Closed Session (closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential or to be kept confidential as a condition for that governmental body's possession ~~or continued receipt of federal funds~~ and 21.5(1)(d) to discuss the contents of a licensing examination or whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings if the governmental body is a licensing or examining board).

Dr. Youngs moved to approve the amended Open Session Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2021. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand and Dr. Rahe both mentioned there is a PRRS outbreak in Minnesota. The sow mortality rate is at 20% and is one of the ~~worse outbreak~~ worst outbreaks of PRRS in many years.

Dr. Kaisand reported the Emergency Manager Coordinator has been hired. Ms. Amanda Chipman is currently with the pork industry. She will be a tremendous asset to the department.

Dr. Kaisand reported Ms. Rylie Waite, Administrative Assistant to the State Veterinarian will be leaving the department on March 5, 2021. Ms. Meghan Orr has been hired to replace Ms. Waite. Ms. Orr is currently the receptionist for Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

Dr. Kaisand received an email from a veterinarian that is in a large animal practice and wanted to know if there is a specific time frame for the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. The veterinarian expressed concerns their practice makes farm visits every 12 months and see farms in the area that do not have farm visits and it may be years that a veterinarian is at those farms. The veterinarian stated products are being prescribed for those farms with no current farm visit. The farms are not just one species, it is all large animal species being referenced. Dr. Kaisand stated the veterinarian also mentioned in the email how this affects the rural veterinary practices and the farm visits. The concern is not having enough rural veterinarians, the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship, and telemedicine.

Dr. Youngs stated the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship is not a one class fits all and will not be an easy task to develop.

The Veterinary Client Patient Relationship definition states timely and appropriate visits. Dr. Rahe mentioned a group of Canadian veterinarians that use telemedicine. The field staff will contact the veterinarians and conduct the work using telemedicine. The Canadian veterinarians provide the medical expertise to the field staff.

The question is asked how many states are having the discussion of the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship and have a one-year Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. Dr. Youngs reminded everyone the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine must protect the food supply, consumers, and producers regarding the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship requirements.

Chairperson Report

No report

Assistant Attorney General Report

No report

Board Member Report

Dr. Bean stated she participated in the American Farm Bureau Meeting. Dr. Bean stated discussion was held regarding the cell culture proteins being used to develop food that tastes like real meat. There is real concern regarding this new development of food which may hamper livestock production.

Correspondence

The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association provided information on the AAVSB Proposed CBD Guidelines that is Open for Comment and a brochure of the product. The amount of active ingredients in CBD varies tremendously and there is no guarantee of how much is in the products. The product is not legal in Iowa and it has not been approved for animals. There is no lawful extra-label use for animals or pets in Iowa.

AAVSB sent an email regarding the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Model Regulations Scope of Practice for Veterinary Technicians for review.

Ms. Lisa Nelson sent an email regarding suggested changes and information for updating Code and Rules for Veterinary Technicians. The Rabies Vaccine is under Code 351, and that code is under Public Health and not the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. More discussion regarding the suggested changes will be held under agenda item 7d Proposed Rulemaking Iowa Code Chapter 169.

Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

HF2627 – Mr. Larson stated the rules for licensure by verification and work experience for veterinary technicians were submitted on February 10, 2021 for comments. If any comments are received the Board may consider those comments and make any changes to the rules for final publication.

SF2120 – Mr. Larson stated the rules have not been published for comment. This is for the rules for patient records. Dr. Kaisand stated several of the department's rules will be in front of the Administrative Rules Committee on Friday, February 26, 2021.

Proposed Veterinary Medicine Ethics Guidelines was discussed. Board staff was waiting for comments from Mr. Larson on the proposed guidelines were discussed. Mr. Larson did indicate that the guidelines imply rules would have to be created or make them as a policy. Mr. Larson will prepare a document for review at the March Board Meeting.

The Board Members discussed Ms. Nelson's suggestions proposed in her email. Currently a veterinary technician does not sit on the Board. If the Board was expanded to six members the Chairperson would

not vote so there would not be a tie vote of the Board. Discussion was held regarding the title veterinary assistant, veterinary technician, and veterinary nurse. The Board would have to contact the Nursing Board to determine if “nurse” is defined in their code and rules. If so, then the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine would not be able to use that term.

Dr. Rahe stated he attended the American Association of Veterinary State Boards Finance Committee Teleconference Meeting. He stated the number of individuals sitting for the Veterinary Technician National Examination administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards has ~~reduced~~ declined in number for the past five-years. Dr. Rahe stated the American Association of Veterinary State Boards administers the Veterinary Technician State Examination for five states and there is a big difference in what Iowa charges the individuals versus the other states. Dr. Rahe asked the Board Members to review the amount charged for the examination at the next renewal contract.

Dr. Wheeler stated Texas ~~Tex~~ Tech has a Veterinary Assistant Program that is distance education and the individual may go through one level or two levels of study. Once the individual has graduated from the program they would be considered a Certified Veterinary Assistant. Dr. Wheeler stated there are approximately 20 individuals that participated in the program through the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association.

Dr. Rahe suggested each Board Member make a list of changes for Chapter 8, Auxiliary Personnel and Chapter 169. The Board Members should email the list to Dr. Kaisand and Ms. Eason for the March Board Meeting. Any duplication would be removed prior to providing the list to Mr. Larson and the Board Members.

Dr. Wheeler provided information regarding the veterinary medicine legislative bills proposals for review by the Board Members.

1. SSB 1090 – ~~State~~ Statute of Limitation for veterinary medicine malpractice – informational only.
2. HF 132 – Unlimited online continuing education – the Governor’s proclamation addresses the unlimited online continuing education.
3. HSB 95 – Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship vet assistants certification (registration and identification for commercial establishments – the Veterinary Administrative Rules would have to be changed regarding the veterinary assistant certification.
4. HSB 75/SSB 1121 (House/Senate study bills) Disciplinary matters involving complaints.

Miscellaneous

Telemedicine – The Board Members discussed drafting rules permitting telemedicine for small animal medicine during the COVID-19 pandemic, but not for the food animal per the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. The Veterinary Client Patient Relationship was developed in 1994 by the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA). Discussion by the Board Members should be held at length regarding the telemedicine for food animal medicine. If telemedicine is used for the food animal medicine then the local veterinarian may be bypassed. The Board Members would have to place conditions on the food animal telemedicine and the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship with that animal.

When the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine rescinds the Telemedicine Policy, the Board would need to provide ample lead-time in notifying the veterinarians of the expiration date. The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine would ask the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association to include the policy being rescinded in their member newsletter and the information will be included on the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine’s website.

Virtual Meetings – Currently all continuing education may be obtained online until June 30, 2021 by the Governor’s proclamation and HF2627. An individual asked once they have obtained the continuing education hours as online (60 hours for veterinarians or 30 hours for veterinary technicians) would they be able to obtain more continuing education hours online (up to 20 hours for veterinarians or 10 hours for veterinary technicians) after June 30, 2021? The Board will issue a brief policy regarding the online continuing education requirement being lifted for the current triennium for both the veterinarians and veterinary technicians. Mr. Larson will draft the policy for review at the ~~March 5, 2021~~, March 25, 2021, Board Meeting.

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Roll call vote by Board Members: Dr. Bean, aye; Dr. Burkgren, aye; Dr. Rahe, aye; Mrs. Werner, aye; Dr. Youngs, aye nay – 0. Motion passed at 11:40 a.m.

Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:10 p.m.

Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

No action taken

Review of Veterinary Licensing / Veterinary Technician Registration Applications per HF2627

No action taken

Continuing Education

The continuing education applications were reviewed by the Board Members for approval.

Kasey Smith	Otitis Externa - Selecting the Best Topicals for your Patients (3.11.2021 Johnson, IA)	2		2
Linda Kahler, DVM	WAVD Foundation Course in Veterinary Dermatology (webinar series)	9.75		9.75
Danelle Bickett-Weddle, DVM	Foreign Animal Diseases of Poultry - Recognition and Response (3.10.2021 Virtual)	1		1
Danelle Bickett-Weddle, DVM	Key Elements of an FAD Response - State, Federal, and Producer Perspectives (3.17.2021 Virtual)	1		1
Chris Rademacher, DVM	Pork Quality Assurance Version 4.0 Advisor Training (4.9; 6.11; 8.13; 10.8; 12.10.2021 Virtual)	5		5

Jane Wengert, RVT – Requested consideration for continuing education hours for the OSHA courses that she enrolled and studied. The Board Members are requesting the bios for each presenter and specifically how many continuing education hours she is requesting. As soon as the additional information is received the Board will review the request.

Julie Hines, RVT - Requested consideration for continuing education hours for courses that she took at a community college as graduate level courses. The courses that Ms. Hines submitted are not from a graduate level college. The current Administrative Rules state Credit for qualified graduate college courses may be approved on the basis of multiplying each college credit hour by 10, to a maximum of 15 hours during any one triennial. The Board Members would have to change the administrative rule to include advanced undergraduate college courses or graduate level college courses. The submitted request does not meet the requirements of the qualified graduate college courses.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Dr. Bean moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 1:20 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM
Executive Secretary