

Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine  
Wallace State Office Building  
DNR Third Floor East & West Conference Room  
Open Session Meeting Minutes  
March 25, 2021, amended April 29, 2021

Dr. Dewayne Rahe called the Board Meeting to order at 10:02 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; Meghan Orr, Administrative Assistant, and Ginny Eason, staff. Mr. Jacob Larson, Assistant Attorney General attended by telephone.

Guest(s) attending by telephone

Cody Branstad, DVM, Keota, Iowa  
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 March 25, 2021, Board Meeting and striking agenda item 16. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

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

Dr. Branstad addressed the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine with concerns regarding the current definition of the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. The definition is very vague in his opinion and the reasonable amount of time inhibits good and timely medicine. Dr. Brandstad stated in his opinion the farm visits should be every six to twelve months and is driven by antimicrobial issues. The issue of prescribing antibiotics is an issue and a timeline would be better to promote good stewardship to the animals. Antimicrobial resistance will become an issue if timely farm visits is not addressed in the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. There are many livestock barns in the area and that some veterinarians only visit one or two barns and then prescribe for all of the barns that the producer owns.

Dr. Youngs thanked Dr. Branstad for bringing this issue to the attention of the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Burkgren fully agreed the pork industry has heightened the role of the veterinarian, and the veterinarian, is not on the farm as they should be due to the owner's directive of the swine.

Dr. Branstad stated there should be a specific time between visits for every animal, every farm, and every year. The sow farms should be visited every month, feedlots every six months, and cow-calf operations every month. Sheep and poultry would be determined by the busy season and perhaps it could be quarterly. Some farms could be monthly or quarterly depending on the farm operation.

Dr. Rahe thanked Dr. Branstad for his input and concerns regarding the Veterinary Client Patient Relationship. Dr. Branstad stated he is always happy to address and work with the Board.

Dr. Wheeler brought to the Board's attention information on the COVID-19 vaccination workforce is expanding to include many more licensed healthcare professionals and is now including veterinarians and healthcare students.

Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes

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

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#### 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.

#### Correspondence

The amount of active ingredients in CBD varies tremendously and there is no guarantee of how much is in the products. There is no lawful extra-label use for animals or pets in Iowa.

The Rabies Vaccine is under Code 351, and that code is under Public Health and not the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

#### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

Board staff was waiting for comments from Mr. Larson on the proposed guidelines were discussed.

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. 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.

1. SSB 1090 – ~~State~~ Statute of Limitation for veterinary medicine malpractice – informational only.

Virtual Meetings - Mr. Larson will draft the policy for review at the ~~March 5, 2021~~, March 25, 2021, Board Meeting.

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

#### Executive Secretary Report

Dr. Kaisand explained he was on a conference call when the meeting started and does not have any new information to report.

#### Chairperson Report

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medications and that it is for services, which does not provide as much cash flow. Dr. Rahe stated in many cases when hogs are shipped to the barns ~~in a case of~~ the medication ~~also~~ accompanies the load.

### Correspondence

The Board Members expressed concern that the examination fee continues to increase.

### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

HF2627 and SF2120 – Mr. Larson stated the rules have been placed on noticed for public comment.

The proposed rules can be ~~subtracted~~ separated and ~~moving~~ move forward with less contentious rules. The scope of all the rules to be changed ~~is~~ was discussed. Then the Board would be able to determine what to move forward and what rules to submit later.

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### Assistant Attorney General Report

Mr. Larson stated he did not have a report since Dr. Wheeler reported on the PREP ACT – COVID-19.

Mr. Larson reported he would be at the April 29, 2021, Board Meeting.

### Board Member Report

No report

### Correspondence

The Board Members discussed the NAVLE Contract with the International Council for Veterinary Assessment. The Board Members expressed concern that the examination fee continues to increase. Section 4 of the contract states the Board is notified in writing by February 1 of a fee increase during the term of the contract. The Board directed Dr. Kaisand to contact the International Council for Veterinary Assessment regarding the increase of the examination fee and the change of language in Section 4 from the current contract to the upcoming contract. The Board Members discussed dropping the administrative fee, which the Board receives \$25 per candidate from the \$55 fee that is charged. The Board Members

also would like to know if other state licensing boards have a similar administrative fee agreement with the International Council for Veterinary Assessment.

### Rulemaking/House/Senate Files

HF2627 and SF2120 – Mr. Larson stated the rules have been placed on noticed for public comment. There have been comments made regarding the veterinary technician certificate. The comments will be presented at the April 29, 2021, Board Meeting.

The Board Members discussed the proposed Veterinary Medicine Ethics Guidelines. Thank you to the Ethics Subcommittee for preparing the proposed guidelines. The Board Members made several changes to the proposed guidelines. The Board Members and Mr. Larson discussed adopting rules as cited in the proposed guidelines. The Board could adopt the ethics document as the Board's own ethics policy and change the current Administrative rule from the Principles of the American Veterinary Medical Association Ethics Guidelines to the Veterinary Medicine Ethics Policy Guidelines by the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Mr. Larson asked if the Board Members want to proceed with a very large rule package or smaller rule submissions for separate rule making processes. The proposed rules can be ~~subtracted~~ separated and ~~moving~~ move forward with less contentious rules. The scope of all the rules to be changed is was discussed. Then the Board would be able to determine what to move forward and what rules to submit later.

Mr. Larson will bring forward a draft of the changes to Chapter 811 for the April 29, 2021, Board Meeting. Mr. Larson will also do a narrowed down version of the Proposed Ethics Guidelines for rule making.

The proposed rules for veterinary technicians in Chapter 169 is not favorable from changing from lifetime certificate to a certificate issued every three years. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship bill had changes made from the Senate version and the House has their own version. The veterinary technician portion may be removed from the department bill.

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### Miscellaneous

Telemedicine is the same and no changes made.

Virtual Meeting – Mr. Larson presented a proposed policy guidance for the Board Members to review due to the proclamation of March 22, 2020, by Governor Kim Reynolds. The proposed language allows the veterinarians to obtain all their hours for the current triennium (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023) online. In-person coursework will not be required. The veterinary technician continuing education reporting deadline for the current triennium is December 31, 2023. Veterinary technicians may obtain all of their hours for the current triennium online. In-person coursework will not be required.

The Board Members discussed the paragraph for the veterinary technicians and this language should be the same as the veterinarians. The veterinary technicians to obtain all their hours for the current triennium (January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023) online. In-person coursework will not be required.

Dr. Youngs moved to adopt the amended online continuing education hour policy guidance. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion carried unanimously.

The Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine requested the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association post the new policy guidance for continuing education to the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association website and to state this is a "temporary provision change due to the pandemic".

Dr. Wheeler addressed the Board Members regarding the rural veterinary shortage. The Iowa Veterinary Medical Association members would like direction or for a program that would allow veterinary practices to hire ~~not only fourth-year veterinary students as preceptors. The paid internships could perhaps be~~ first-year to third-year veterinary students, providing more availability to practices and for future employment. Ms. Dorman stated the internships in practices is not a formal program and the PLIT may not cover first-year to third-year veterinary students for liability insurance coverage. The first-year to third-year veterinary students would be veterinary assistants under Administrative Rules Chapter 811-8. Thank you to the Iowa Veterinary Medical Association and their members in trying to find a way to provide the students with a real world experience.

Dr. Kaisand inquired of the Board Members if the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine wanted to continue purchasing the badge holders for the fourth-year veterinary students badge certificate. The discussion held and was decided not to purchase the badge holders.

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 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). Motion seconded by Mrs. Werner.

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 11:35 a.m.

### Open Meeting Session

The Board reconvened into the Open Meeting Session at 1:56 p.m.

### Action on Closed Meeting Session Sanctions

Dr. Youngs moved to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order for case 19-001. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Youngs moved to close case 21-007. Motion was seconded by Dr. Burkgren. Motion carried unanimously.

### Veterinary License Application(s)

Gretchen Muhonen, DVM submitted a veterinary license application by endorsement along with a Petition for Waiver due to the lack of not having the required number of continuing education hours for licensing in Iowa. Dr. Muhonen stated in Pennsylvania the continuing education requirement is less than Iowa's requirement of 60 continuing education hours. The Board Members discussed the continuing education

hours and stated Dr. Muhonen could obtain the additional 13 hours of continuing education on line and would be able to obtain the license by endorsement if she chooses to follow this path. The Board has 120 days to review the waiver and either approve or deny the waiver. Dr. Muhonen also submitted the application of Verification by Licensure application that is incomplete as of now since the Pennsylvanian State Board of Veterinary Medicine has not submitted the verification of licensure portion of the application to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine. The Verification of Licensure application does state the applicant must provide documentation of being a resident in the state of Iowa. The Board Members requested Dr. Muhonen be notified the Board expressed concern about denying the Petition for Waiver due to Dr. Muhonen would be able to obtain 13 hours of continuing education for online credit. The Board also stated if Dr. Muhonen wanted to pursue the Verification by Licensure, she would have to provide documentation of Iowa residency and the full and completed application be submitted to the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine.

Enoch Brandao de Souza Meira Jr., DVM submitted a Limited License Veterinary Application for review and consideration for a license to practice as a tenure-track faculty Assistant Professor at the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. The offer letter signed by Dr. Patrick Halbur, Department Chair, Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory is documented in the application being hired as a tenure-track faculty Assistant Professor.

Dr. Tom Burkgren moved to approve the application submitted by Enoch Brandao de Souza Meira Jr., DVM for a Limited License to practice at Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory. Motion was seconded by Dr. Bean. Motion approved unanimously.

Review of Veterinary Licensing / Veterinary Technician Registration Applications per HF2627

Licensing applications will be included at the April Board Meeting.

Continuing Education

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

Danelle Bickett-Weddle, DVM	Swine FADs: African Swine Fever and Classical Swine Fever and the US Swine Health Improvement Plan Overview (4.13.2021 Live, Virtual)	1		<b>1</b>
Danelle Bickett-Weddle, DVM	Foot and Mouth Disease - Awareness and Vaccination Plan (4.21.2021 Virtual)	1		<b>1</b>
Danelle Bickett-Weddle, DVM	Got Biosecurity? Resources to Protect Your Herd/Flock Now (5.5.2021 Live, Virtual)	1		<b>1</b>
Danelle Bickett-Weddle, DVM	Resource Coordination Center Support during COVID-19 Supply Chain Disruption: Role of IDALS, ISU Extension, and Industry (5.18.2021 Virtual)	1		<b>1</b>
Amelia Dohlman	Pain Assessment in Practice: A case based approach. What if it is not pain? (5.17.2021 Ames, IA)	1		<b>1</b>
Amelia Dohlman	The Pathophysiology of Pain in Veterinary Patients (4.5.2021 Ames, IA)	1		<b>1</b>
Amelia Dohlman	Assessment of Pain in Dogs and Cats (5.3.2021 Ames, IA)	1		<b>1</b>
Kay Mohling	Agricultural Safety and Health: The Core Course (6.14-18-2021 Iowa City, IA)	32		<b>32</b>

Ms. Eason asked the Board if they would consider posting the approved Open Meeting Minutes on the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine website.

Dr. Youngs moved to post the approved Open Meeting Minutes of the Iowa Board of Veterinary Medicine on the Board's website. Motion was seconded by Dr. Burkgren. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board Meeting is April 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Dr. Bean moved to adjourn the Board Meeting at 2:13 p.m. Motion seconded by Mrs. Werner. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Kaisand, DVM  
Executive Secretary