

MINUTES

**UTAH
Veterinarian Physician Licensing Board
MEETING**

June 4, 2009

**Room 402 – 4th Floor - 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:06 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:15 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Terry Shields, DVM
Vaughan Park, DVM
Joe Roundy, DVM
Gary Peterson, DVM

Board Members Absent:

Bonnie East

Guests:

DOPL Staff Present:

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Announcement of Division Director Change

Mr. Ormond explained that Mr. F. David Stanley had retired from the Division at the end of April. Mr. Mark Steinagel will become the new Division Director as of June 8, 2009.

APPOINTMENTS:

9:15 a.m. Tom Harper – Controlled Substance Database

Mr. Harper explained that the Division will be beginning to offer Continuing Education Courses to individuals licensed in one of the following professions: Physician & Surgeon, Dental, Pharmacy, Nursing, Physician Assistant, Veterinarian, Optometry, Osteopathic Physician & Surgeon, and Podiatrist.

The Continuing Education courses will instruct the attendees regarding the purpose, use and benefits of the Controlled Substance Databank. It was then added that the courses will begin in August or September 2009, and will be free of charge to Division licensees.

Mr. Harper clarified that the Division hopes that by instructing licensees in this area it will reduce the potential of a patient to abuse prescription drugs. The Board explained that minimal prescriptions are written for controlled substances from this profession.

The Controlled Substance Databank website was given to the Board Members for review, and comment. It was also explained that Mr. Harper may attend a future meeting to insure the content of the courses will be beneficial to this profession.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Define "Surgery"

Mr. Ormond explained that the term "Surgery" is used numerous times in the Statue and Administrative Rule for this profession. He questioned if "Surgery" should be defined.

After a detailed discussion it was determined that "Surgery" could not be defined, based on the Board's concern that a definition may restrict the "Scope of Practice".

Mr. Ormond then questioned if pulling teeth is considered to be surgery. The majority of the Board agreed that if surgical instruments are needed to extract teeth, or perform a procedure, it is surgery. However, if a tooth falls out, or no surgical tools are needed, it is not surgery. It was further explained that each issue should be reviewed on a case by case basis to determine if the procedure is surgery or not.

Dr. Park then added, if any individual working under the supervision of a Veterinarian, "botches" a procedure, it is the Supervising Veterinarians responsibility.

Proposed Rules Change

At the last meeting on February 5, 2009, the Board determined, R156-28-503 should be amended to

define the content, and length of time a Veterinarian shall retain medical records.

It was questioned if this amendment would apply to deceased animals, and a concern arose regarding meeting this requirement, in relationship to Herd Care. After a brief discussion it was determined that all medical records shall be retained in a manor which would allow another Veterinarian to treat the animals.

Dr. Park seconded by Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the proposed changes to R156-28-503, the motion carried unanimously.

University of Tennessee – Questionnaire

A questionnaire was received by the Division regarding Utah's requirements related to unlicensed/other professions practicing under a Veterinarians scope of practice.

The Board reviewed the questionnaire, and answered the questions, Mr. Ormond will respond with the appropriate answers.

Internships

Mr. Ormond questioned if there were any restrictions regarding the number of Interns a Veterinarian could supervise.

It was determined there were currently no restrictions.

Client Information Sheet – Requirements

A letter was received, by the Division, regarding Utah's requirements related to issuance of "Client Information Sheets" for pharmaceuticals, prescribed by Veterinarians.

There is currently no requirement, within this State, regarding this issue.

Phenylbutazone

The Division had received a document explaining that Phenylbutazone was illegally distributed with in the United States, and the Utah Veterinarians are using this drug without appropriate approval. The Board explained that Phenylbutazone is an apple flavored Ibuprofen, product for animals.

After a brief discussion the Board determined, due to this product not being a controlled substance, this was not an issue for this Board. It was then added, if this

drug is illegally being distributed, it should be investigated by the Federal Drug Enforcement Agency.

CORRESPONDENCE:

AAVSB – 2008 Discipline Report	Reviewed, no further discussion ensued.
Veterinary Technician National Examination	Reviewed, for informational purposes only.
Animal Legal Reports	Reviewed, no further discussion ensued.
AAVSB Proposed Bylaws Changes	Reviewed, no further discussion ensued.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: September 3, 2009

ADJOURN: 10:15 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

September 17, 2009	(ss) Terry D Shields
Date Approved	Chairperson, Veterinary Physician Board

September 17, 2009	(ss) Sally Stewart
Date Approved	Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing