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Massachusetts Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
Public Meeting Minutes for March 25, 2020
1000 Washington Street, Virtual Meeting
Boston, MA 02118-6110
10:00 AM

Board Members:

Dr. Stephanie Kube, Chair
Dr. Karen Patti, Secretary
Dr. David Diamond, Member
Lisa Kaufmann

Board Staff:

Eboni Lewis Associate Executive Director
Bruce Hopper Board Counsel
Tonia Tassinari, Acting Executive Director

Absent:

Public Present:

Alistair Cribb, Tufts
Mary Ann Walsh, MVTA
ED Carlson, MVTA
Bruce Chase, MVMA
Bob Shurtleff, MVMA
Erin, MVTA
Annmarie

Meeting Called to Order

10:13 a.m.: Dr. Kube, Chair, opened the meeting.

Board Business

All Board Business on hold until full board meeting. The purpose of this meeting is discuss telemedicine and practice adjustments during state of Emergency

COVID19 Policy:

Telemedicine

Dr. Diamond made a motion to establish a telemedicine policy to allow for virtual practice as a preventative to slow the spread of COVID19 during the state of emergency. In order to practice telemedicine a veterinarian must have a valid VCPR. The motion was seconded by Lisa Kaufmann. All in favor.



Practice Guidance

The Board recommends the following:

- Optimize use and preserve Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”)
- Postpone Non-Urgent and Wellness visits
- Postpone Elective surgeries, routine dentistry care, and vaccinations in accordance to public health considerations
- If on site examination and/or treatment is medically necessary, limit exposure of patient owners

The above guidelines are recommendations and veterinarians are encouraged to use their professional discretion when practicing during this time.

Continuing Education

- At this time the current requirements for continuing education will remain the same. The Board requires 15 CEUs per calendar year. A maximum of 6 CEUs can be completed via home study or other mediated instruction. The remaining 9 CEUs can be completed via online conferencing events, so called “webinars, interactive conferences, or online workshops,” offered live via the internet and require interaction between the licensee and the provider of the continuing education.

Licensees should review board Policy No. 13-02.

Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 PM



Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director