

Oklahoma Senate Committee on Appropriations

2015-16 Performance Report

Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

AGENCY MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Oklahoma Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners is to protect the public by regulating the practice of veterinary medicine through the licensure of veterinarians, veterinary and euthanasia technicians and investigations of complaints to ensure licensees are practicing within the provisions of the law.

The mission statement was adopted approximately 1998 and implemented by Executive Director Cathy Kirkpatrick

LEAD ADMINISTRATOR:

Cathy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director – 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd. Ste C, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 (405)-522-8831 – cathyk@okvetboard.ok.gov.

GOVERNANCE:

The Executive Director is selected by the 6 member Board and those members are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Members:

JIM P. LEE, DVM
CHRISTINE KUNZWEILER, DVM
KEITH FUCHS, DVM
CAROLE DULISSE, ESQ
LAWRENCE F. MCTAGUE, DVM
CLINT J. GARDNER, DVM

Animal Technology Advisory Committee which is overseen by the State veterinarian of the Department of Agriculture – This Committee is to examine, investigate, discuss and determine any new or evolving technology procedure or method. The Board appoints two veterinarians to be members the 2 veterinarians are Joe Carter, DVM and Charles MacAllister, DVM.

Examination Committee for the Non-veterinary reproductive service technician is overseen by the Board and consists of 3 members – John Myers, DVM – Dr. Bob Wettman – Glenn Engellend, DVM.

Probable Cause Committee of the Board consisting of the Board's secretary/treasurer, Board counsel (Assist. Attorney General) will negotiate and settle disputes.

GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTABILITY:

Per Board statutes – A Board member may be removed by the Governor if the member fails to attend three successive Board meetings without just cause as determined by the Board.

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MODERNIZATION EFFORTS:

Ability to pay for renewals, applications, licensing exam fees, verifications, etc. through the online store set up on our Board website.

Converting the board packets from a bound paper binder to all information available on a flash drive and each board member is reviewing files on a board provided laptop.

Modernized Board website - providing agendas, exam dates, and documents. Scanned all of our files (consisted of 16 file cabinets) and now utilize OMES Application Xtender for storage of these files. Routinely provide continuing education for the licensees.

Moved office to state owned building - have many shared services with OMES such as IT system (phones, servers, emails, website, etc.), Financial services, Payroll services, etc. We also share office space with Dentistry Board.

Permit non-veterinary equine dental care providers (Title 59 698.30). No burden or cost savings.

Register non-veterinary reproductive service technician (title 59, 698.30a). Additional burden required the creation and maintenance of a certification examination.

We share an office space with the Board of Dentistry after moving into the state owned Building, Pharmacy Board. Condensed our office space, share a board room with the other two agencies. We are sharing our copier, printer, fax with another state agency, share making bank deposits with another agency. Reduced a full time FTE position to half time. We share an FTE position; the person works for the Dentistry Board in the morning and then works for us each afternoon. Assisting and receiving assistance from other law enforcement agencies on serving search warrants, etc.

CORE MISSION:

The Board is the only regulatory agency for the practice of veterinary medicine. There is one area where the Department of Agriculture compliments the services provided by the Board of Veterinary Medical examiners which involves complaints received against non-veterinary equine dental care providers. The Veterinary Board certifies the providers but complaints are administered by the Department of Agriculture, who can refer the complaint back to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners for investigation and prosecution.

PRIVATE ALTERNATIVES:

The Board is the only regulatory and non-regulatory agency for the practice of veterinary medicine.

We have not been approached to privatize any of the functions of the agency.