

Minutes' Insertions for August 3, 2017 Meeting.

I will call shortly with certain changes, but the following is being sent to you via email (and as an attachment):

X. Policy, Procedure, and Rules

A. General Update-

1. Substance of failed SB 75/2017 Regular Session (Senator Mills) will, to an unknown extent, be attempted again in 2018 Regular Session. Perhaps, a professed attempt at addressing *NC Dental's* legal effects.
2. Information regarding national RVT Association's forthcoming effort to change nomenclature from RVT to "Nurse."
3. Update on pending federal bill regarding Fairness to Pet Owners with regards to prescription authority with no fee allowed for issuance.
4. Act 76 (Senator Mills) enacted in 2017 Regular Session regarding Pharmacy Board's CDS registrants required to obtain 3 hours of CE in drug related areas to be enforced. Permissible for the 3 hours to be part of the annual regular CE hours required for veterinarians and lead CAETs. Promulgation of Rules to follow.
5. July 2017 Declaration of Emergency by Governor Edwards regarding further rain damages. Standard protocol was successfully implemented with contact to State Veterinarian. No need for out-of-state veterinarians and/or RVTs.

B. Policy and Procedure.

1. None.

C. Practice Act, Rules/Related Matters/Declaratory Statements.

1. *N.C. Dental* decision was again discussed with regards to Board's function and mandate. Still waiting on assistance/direction from the State.
2. Based on the receipt of an additional scenario/information regarding "pre-sedation blood work, or at a minimum, the documented offer to the client," further review of this as a required standard of practice occurred. After careful consideration, it was unanimously decided,

by motion made by XXX, second by YYY and carried, the proper standard of care is whether pre-sedation blood work would be required by the same degree of care, skill, and diligence as are ordinarily used in the same or similar circumstances by average members of the veterinary medical profession (Rule 1023). In the additional scenario, the professional judgement of the attending veterinarian was considered regarding the close proximity of the earlier blood work and radiographs without the need for new blood work prior to the specific sedation/procedure in this case does meet the proper standard. Such would also obviate the requirement to offer further blood work/testing to the client for the punch/biopsy sedation. It was concluded that such scenario meets the required standard in Rule 1023.

Accordingly, an article in the upcoming *Winter 2017/Newsletter* will reflect the new standard and correct the wording of the last article on the subject matter in the *Winter 2016/Newsletter*.

NOTE: The requirement for pre-general anesthesia/surgery blood work (or at a minimum, the documented offer to the informed client) will be unaltered and thereby remain in effect as the proper standard of veterinary care per Rule 1023.