

Background

1. The MVMA Council has identified that the current Practice Inspection Practice Standards By-Law needs to undergo a thorough review to address a number of issues including, readability, new practice types, enforcement issues and generally to ensure that the standards speak to today's practice of veterinary medicine.
2. The MVMA created an Ad Hoc Committee to draft a plan for this large undertaking. On the basis of that review, the MVMA Council has set forth the following Terms of Reference for the Ad Hoc PIPS Rewrite Committee.

Purpose

1. The Committee will provide a report to the MVMA Council that contains a draft Practice Inspection Practice Standards By-Law to replace the existing PIPS By-Law.

Committee Structure

1. 1-2-year term
2. Various disciplines

Guiding Principles

The draft PIPS By-Law will focus on:

1. A principles-based approach
2. Establishing minimum standards
3. Minimizing/managing the risk to the public
4. Being forward thinking and allowing for non-traditional practice types
5. Ensuring that Manitoba standards are in line with neighboring Canadian jurisdictions

Authority

1. The committee has the authority to create subcommittees and pull from membership, clinic staff and members of the public to form subcommittees
2. The committee has the authority to access The POST and the MVMA volunteer list to circulate surveys and calls for interested members
3. The committee cannot enter into agreements or contracts.

Reporting

1. The committee chair will provide a quarterly report to the MVMA Council

Initial Tasks for the Committee:

1. The committee shall determine the format of PIPS:
 - A. Based on type of practice - similar to current format, small animal practice, large animal practice, etc; or,
 - B. Task based - if you do surgery then certain rules apply, etc; or,
 - C. Another format.
2. Based on the PIPS format chosen by the committee, the committee will survey membership for practice types or tasks that PIPS should address
3. The committee shall review and redraft Practice Standards
 - A. The committee may establish working groups to do this
 - B. A single person may be appointed or hired to write the bylaws which would then be reviewed by the committee or a subcommittee(s)
4. The committee shall determine a pass/fail or other type of compliance system
 - A. Revoking PIPS certificate process
 - B. Referral to PRC process
5. The committee shall set up a review and inspection system for PIPS
 - A. Consider yearly self inspections
 - B. Consider 3 year on site inspections or longer
 - a) Consider same year or staggered inspections
 - b) Consider having one inspector or multiple inspectors
 - C. Set qualifications for inspectors
 - D. Set process to ensure uniformity of inspections
 - a) Consider auditing inspectors / inspection process
6. The committee shall set up and define the composition and purpose of a PIPS review committee
 - A. Purpose of PIPS review committee
 - a) Consulting committee for the registrar when issues not covered by PIPS
 - b) Grant exemptions for non-traditional practices or when reasonable
 - c) Review higher risk inspection failures
 - B. Composition of PIPS review committee
 - a) Similar to PRC, knowledgeable of standard

