Progress Report – June 2013 – Lead Veterinary Medical Education

Strategic Plan Implementation Team Progress Report (May 2013)
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Summary of Activities:

(1) Through the Consortium of Western Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine which is supported by Zoetis, representatives from the five veterinary schools in this consortium (UC Davis, Western University College of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University, Washington State University, and Colorado State University) will be meeting at this summer’s AVMA Convention to further explore and advance development of a Center of Excellence in Ruminant Health. The deans and two faculty representatives from each of these schools will participate at this meeting on July 22 in Chicago to create a vision and share ideas for this Center of Excellence relative to each school’s existing strengths and resources in food animals and ruminant health. Along with Dean Lairmore, Drs. Joan Rowe and Terry Lehenbauer will be representing UC Davis. Dairy cattle and small ruminant health and production medicine are among the areas of strength that UC Davis will likely be able to contribute to the development for the Center of Excellence in Ruminant Health.

(2) The Consortium of Western Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine has established its Teaching Academy as planned. The inaugural meeting will be in Corvallis, OR on July 24-26, 2013. Founding members were nominated by each of the five western veterinary schools in the USA (UCD, OSU, WSU, CSU, Western). UC Davis SVM will be represented by Dr. Cowgill, Chugurwa, Watson, Pauchner, Hunt, Mellema, Meyers, Brian Murphy, Jan Ilkow, and Bill Vernau. This interactive two-day conference is designed to help bring people together with common interest areas and promote interaction and collaboration between schools. This will be accomplished through professional development workshops, formal presentations, idea exchanges, and formal and informal small group discussions. A goal of the conference is to form one or two working groups whose work will represent the next big projects of the regional Teaching Academy.

The Academy has 43 members from five western region colleges of veterinary medicine. Academy members represent several unique areas – Pathology, Neuroscience, Communication, Anatomy, Pharmacology, Physiology, Surgery, Immunology, Epidemiology, Toxicology, and Molecular Biosciences. The membership ranges from assistant to full professor, and includes department chairs, associate deans, directors, and clinical faculty.

The Teaching Academy has established a website which may be accessed at the following URL: http://www.teachingacademy.westregioncvm.org/

(3) Advances have been made in the school’s efforts to promote and advance veterinary telehealth (VTH) and distance learning. Through the lobbying efforts of Dr. Cowgill, Dr. Mellema, and Frank Labonte, we have succeeded in having the issue of veterinary telehealth taken up by the California Veterinary Medical Board (CVMB). The CVMB has assigned the issue to its Multidisciplinary Committee (MDC), which has stated that VTH will be its primary agenda item for the near future. On March 18th, 2013, Dr. Mellema, Dr. Cowgill, and Frank Labonte travelled to Sacramento to meet with the MDC. Dr. Linda Kilday was present to represent the interests of WUHS. At that meeting, the legal and regulatory barriers to veterinary telehealth delivery were detailed and a plan of action created to move forward. Dr. Mellema, Dr. Cowgill, and Frank Labonte will next be meeting with the MDC in Long Beach on June 20th, 2013.

(4) The Schools of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Nursing announced the beginning of a monthly journal club focused on health sciences educational issues (e.g., assessment, curriculum planning, e-learning, lifelong learning, research, etc.). Michael Wilkes from the UCD SoM hosted the first meeting at his home. The School of Veterinary Medicine was represented by Jan Ilkow, Pat Conrad, and Matt Mellema. The initial meeting served to establish preferences regarding goals and format. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17th at 12:00pm-1:00pm and will be video-conferenced between two locations (Genome Building, Room 6202 (Davis) and Education Building, Room 2102 (Sacramento)). This upcoming meeting will be focused on an article entitled “Lecture Halls without Lectures – A Proposal for Medical Education”.

(5) Dr. Karl Jandrey has been appointed the Director for Continuing Veterinary Medical Education and his efforts to re-tool and restructure the school’s CE programs are ongoing.

(6) Through an award from AVMA/SAVMA obtained by Karl Jandrey, the school has been able to extend an invitation to John Boyce from the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. Thus the school will be offering two workshops on item writing for Multiple Choice Questions. The workshops are scheduled for Wednesday August 7th from 2-4 PM and Thursday August 8th from 10-noon.

Resource Materials/Data Analysis

Not applicable to this progress report

Upcoming Activities/Initiatives

June 20th, 2013 (Long Beach, CA): SVM representatives meeting with CVMB-MDC to continue evaluating the role of veterinary telehealth in California.

July 24-26th, 2013 (Corvallis, OR): Inaugural meeting of the Consortium of Western
**Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Academy**

August 5-8th, 2013 (Davis, CA): Item writing workshops for multiple choice question exams with John Boyce from the National Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners

**Accomplishments**

1. Establishment of the Consortium of Western Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine Teaching Academy

2. Agreement by the Consortium of Western Regional Colleges of Veterinary Medicine to meet to explore the establishment of a Center of Excellence in Ruminant Health

3. Successful lobbying and advocacy efforts in advancing the school’s interests in veterinary telehealth and distance learning

4. Establishment of the Health Sciences Education Journal Club collaborative working group by members of the UCD Schools of Medicine, Veterinary Medicine and Nursing.

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