

**RURAL VETERINARY INCENTIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**  
**2105 Kramer Lane**  
**Austin, Texas 78758**

**COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA**  
**May 17, 2022 10:00 A.M.**

1. Welcome and Call to Order Presiding Officer
2. Roll Call
3. Introduction of Committee Members, Administrative Staff, and other Participants
4. Rural Veterinary Incentive Program (Program) history, purpose, mission, and plans
5. Program administration and activity between the Committee, the Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), component agencies and universities
6. State and federal statutes, rules, and regulations related to the Program, including Tex. Educ. Code, Ch. 56 & 61; 7 U.S.C. Section 3151a; 42 U.S.C Sections 802, 2 CFR Part 200, 31 CFR Part 35, Tex. S.B. 8, 87<sup>th</sup>, 3d Called Sess. (2021) and TAHC, THECB, or university activity
7. Rulemaking Plans
  - (A) Establishing criteria to determine whether a person is an eligible participant as the Committee considers reasonable, including the person's
    - (1) background and interest in rural practice; and
    - (2) financial need;
  - (B) Providing for requesting the distribution of money from the account for the Program:
  - (C) Establishing criteria necessary for a community or political subdivision in a rural county to qualify as a student sponsor under Texas Education Code Section 56.105;
  - (D) Governing agreements of financial support between a rural sponsor and an eligible student; and
  - (E) Establishing other procedures necessary to administer the program.
8. Proposed Rules to Publish in Texas Register
  - (A) 4 TAC Ch.42. Rural Veterinary Incentive Program, including:
    - §42.1. Authority and Purpose
    - §42.3. Administration
    - §42.5. Definitions
    - §42.7. Dissemination of Information
    - §42.9. Eligibility
    - §42.11. Application Review for Initial Screening
    - §42.13. Application Evaluation and Selection Process
    - §42.15. Denial of an Application
    - §42.17. Rural Community Sponsors
    - §42.19. Eligible Lender and Eligible Education Loan
    - §42.21. Amount of Repayment Assistance
    - §42.23. Conditions of Award
    - §42.25. Disbursement of Loan Repayment Assistance
    - §42.27. Breach of Contract
    - §42.29. Satisfaction of Practice Obligations
9. Public Comment
10. Future meetings: agenda items, dates, and other arrangements
11. Adjournment

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