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As chief executive officer of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, I am confident you will find this Media Guide to be an asset as you work on a wide variety of subject matter that relates to human health, animal health and veterinary medicine. From zoonotic diseases and disaster planning to emergency veterinary medicine and pet nutrition, our MVMA veterinarians are a resource to you: highly trained, skilled and knowledgeable in a wide array of topics to answer even the most difficult and obscure of veterinary questions.

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If you are not able to find exactly what you are looking for, please give the MVMA a call and we will locate a veterinarian who can help you. It is our mission to be THE one voice promoting professional excellence in veterinary medicine and advancing animal well-being and public health.

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About the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association

The Michigan Veterinary Medical Association works statewide to promote the standards, science, practice and value of veterinary medicine for the benefit of animal and human health. It strives to improve the business and work environment for veterinarians and advocates for and is the public voice of veterinary medicine in Michigan.

Facts about the MVMA

- The MVMA monitors state legislation and regulations that pertain to veterinary medicine.
- There are more than 2,200 MVMA member veterinarians and veterinary students statewide.
- The organization is more than a century old; it was founded in 1883.
- It provides more than 200 hours of educational programs each year for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and support staff.
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As chief executive officer of the more than 2,200-member Michigan Veterinary Medical Association, Karlene B. Belyea directs an active, vibrant organization dedicated to promoting the standards, science, practice and value of veterinary medicine for the benefit of animal and human health.

"Today's Michigan veterinarian provides knowledgeable, compassionate care to animals while helping to protect the health and well-being of communities statewide," says Belyea. "More than ever, our veterinarians are integral to healthy, safe communities."

Belyea, a native of Lansing, was named executive director of the MVMA in November 2003. Prior to joining the MVMA, Belyea was chief operating officer of the Michigan Nurses Association. She previously served as associate director for finance and information systems and director of finance and business for the nurses' association. She served as executive director of the Michigan Nurses Foundation. She also has worked as a financial analyst at General Motors and as a marketing director with American Collegiate Marketing.

Under her direction, MVMA has undertaken a strategic planning initiative designed to increase awareness of the important role that veterinarians play in Michigan. MVMA is actively seeking to engage veterinary students in the organization and the profession and to educate the public, media and legislators on important animal issues. The organization also is expanding its Web services and advocating for mandatory continuing education for Michigan veterinarians.

Belyea holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in telecommunications from Michigan State University and a master of business administration from the University of Michigan. She is an active member of the American Society of Association Executives and the Michigan Society of Association Executives.