

VERMONT BOARD OF PHARMACY– Approved Minutes

Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
May 27, 2015 at 11:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM, by Larry Labor, Chair.

Members Present: Mr. Larry Labor, RPh, Chair; Mr. King Milne, RPh, Vice Chair; Mr. Robert Carpenter, RPh; Mr. Corey Duteau, RPh; James Arisman, Esq., public member and Ms. Judith Wernecke, Secretary, public member.

Member Absent: Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh

OPR Personnel Present: Mr. Larry Novins, General Counsel, and Ms. Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting. With a correction to the time Mr. Naum addressed the Board, the Chair approved the minutes as written.
3. **Case Manager's Report:** There are currently 28 cases. Six (6) are ready for closing, one (1) is ready for Investigative Team meetings, four (4) have had charges filed, ten (10) are under investigation, one (1) is pending a hearing and six (6) are pending charges being filed.
4. **Hearings/Stipulations et al:** None
5. **Guests:**

11:30 am – Barbara Cimaglio, Deputy Commissioner with the Vermont Department of Health. Ms. Cimaglio addressed the Board regarding the current limitations of Naloxone dispensing. The Department of Health currently has a pilot project with ten distribution sites and is fielding calls from the community regarding the ease of accessibility to Naloxone. The Board informed Ms. Cimaglio that they cannot mandate pharmacies to carry Naloxone and while they feel many pharmacies would willingly stock the product there is an issue of payment as well as dispensing that put limitations on pharmacists dispensing. The Board requested Ms. Cimaglio provide Mr. Novins with a brief article to be included in the September newsletter to raise awareness to pharmacies around the state. Ms. Cimaglio also wanted to speak to the Board about the DEA changes with drug take backs and see if there were any thoughts on making this easier to get unused prescriptions out of the public. The Board explained that this is a substantial financial burden on pharmacies and without the help of other agencies the ability for pharmacies to provide this service is limited. Ms. Cimaglio informed the Board that the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS) now has a new software vendor and hopefully many of the previous "bugs" with the system will be worked out shortly.

6. **Legislation/Rulemaking:**

The Board holding a public hearing today at 1:00 pm to discuss the public comments to the proposed changes to the administrative rules, that have been made, in writing, thus far as well as hear comments from anyone choosing to attend the hearing.

7. **Continuing Education Requests:**

Frank Foti, RPh, requests approval for one and a half (1.5) hours of live (didactic) continuing pharmacy education credits for the course "**Pharmacy and Therapeutics**" that was held on

February 25, 2015. Hearing no objection from members present, the Chair approved the course.

8. **Newsletter Topics:** The next submission deadline for the September newsletter is August 1st.

9. **Discussion Items:**

Mr. Labor and Mr. Carpenter attended the NABP National Conference in May and reported to the Board about up and coming events and areas of interest with NABP.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 9:00 am.

11. Mr. Arisman made a motion to adjourn at 12:08 pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Milne. Motion Passed.