

VERMONT BOARD OF PHARMACY– Approved Minutes

Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
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March 22, 2017 at 9:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m., by Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair.

Members Present: Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair; Mr. King Milne, RPh,; Mr. Robert Carpenter, RPh, Vice Chair; James Arisman, Esq., public member; Michael Carroll, RPh and Ms. Judith Wernecke, Secretary, public member

Member(s) Absent: Corey Duteau, RPh

OPR Personnel Present: Mr. Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel; Robert Enos, Executive Officer, and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist

Guests: Luca Pompei, Greg Danyow, Jeenu Philip and Julie Francis

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the February 22, 2017 meeting. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes with an addition of Robert Enos under OPR Personnel. Mr. Milne seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Case Manager's Report:** There are currently one hundred and eighty-five (185) cases. One (1) is set for hearing, two (2) are recommended for closing, one hundred and fifty-nine (159) are ready for Investigative Team meetings (the majority of these are reciprocal discipline), nineteen (19) are under investigation, and four (4) are pending charges being filed.
4. **Hearings/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigation et al:**

Summary Suspension Hearing in the matter of Julie Francis, Docket #2016-519. After a deliberative session Mr. Carpenter informed Ms. Francis that the Board approved Prosecution's order to summarily suspend Ms. Francis' pharmacy technician registration. Mr. Carroll did not participate in the hearing as he was the Investigative Team member. Ms. Ibey recused from participating in the hearing.

Summary Suspension Hearing in the matter of Bernadette Lourie, docket # 2017-22. After deliberative session Ms. Ibey informed Prosecution that they approve the order to summarily suspend Ms. Lourie's pharmacy technician registration. Mr. Carpenter did not participate in the hearing as he was the Investigative Team member.

Petition for Removal of Conditions in the matter of Gregory Danyow, docket #2015-162 and follow up docket # M2015-73. After deliberative session Ms. Ibey informed Mr. Danyow that the Board supports the Prosecution's request to deny removal of the conditions imposed on Mr. Danyow's pharmacist license at this time. Mr. Duteau is the Investigative Team member for this case and was not present at the meeting today.

5. **Discussion Items:**

Pending Legislation. Mr. Gilman informed members present of the legislative bill S.71 that was reviewed by the Board and discussed at the February meeting. Mr. Benjamin was able to testify at the legislative hearing regarding the Board's concerns with vaccinations on minor children and the committee presenting the bill has decided to do more research on this proposal. Mr. Gilman also discussed with members the bill proposed by the House Committee on Healthcare that

suggested several changes be implemented in pharmacies, such as work conditions for pharmacists, limited work hours and scheduled breaks, and a pharmacist technician ratio. The office will monitor the bill and contact the Board should they see the bill moving forward this legislative session. Ms. Ibey asked about the OPR Bill, H.506, and Mr. Gilman informed the Board that the only changes in the OPR Bill for the Pharmacy profession were clerical changes to the statutes and general clean up.

Pharmacy Technician Implementation. The Board and Mr. Gilman discussed the implementation of the upcoming requirements for pharmacy technician registration and certification. Ms. Morrison will work with Mr. Enos on creating a letter to send to currently licensed technicians as well as a verification of employment for that will need to be completed by any technician, along with their Pharmacy Manager, in order to be grandfathered into certification.

Naloxone Protocol. Mr. Enos updated the existing Naloxone protocol that is posted on the Pharmacy website. The Board approved Mr. Enos' changes and Mr. Gilman will move this forward for posting.

6. **Public Comment:** None
7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
8. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 am. Mr. Arisman seconded the motion. Motion passed.