



Board of Pharmacy

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M., by William Chatoff, RPh, Chair

Members Present: Stephanie Ibey, RPh (via web); James Arisman, Esq., public member, Secretary (via web, late arrival); Michael Carroll, RPh, Vice Chair (via web); Robert Carpenter, RPh, (via web); William Chatoff, RPh Chair (via web); Corey Duteau, RPh (via web, early departure); Catherine Haraden, CPhT (via web); and Judith Wernecke, public member (via web).

OPR Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer (via web); Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel (via web); Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I (via web); Tara Grenier, Licensing Administrator III (via web); Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator III (via web, early departure); Jennifer Colon, Prosecutor (via web, left prior to adjournment); Elizabeth St.James, Chief Prosecutor (via web, early departure); Elizabeth Kneen, Docket Clerk (via web, early departure); Derek Everett, License Board Inspection Coordinator (via web); Christina DeLance, Inspector (via web); Lauren Hibbert, OPR Director (via web); and Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director (via web, early departure).

Guests: Emma Shouldice (via web); Ling Ling Huang (via web); Martin Irons (via web); Tiffany Bartke (via web); Jessica Adams (via web); Leah Giambarresi (via web); Sandra Rosa (via web); Jeenu Philip (via web); Lisa Hurteau (via web); Kathleen Wobby (via web); Willis Breen (via web); Nathan Awrich (via web); Andrew Cartmell (via web); and David Rochefort (via web).

2. Approval of previous minutes:

The board unanimously approved the minutes from the **January 27, 2021 meeting**.

3. Quarterly Inspection Report:

- a. Mr. Everett presented his quarterly inspection report to the board.

4. Discipline 9:32a.m.:

- a. James Dodds, Docket # 2020-14: Stipulation and Consent Order.

Mr. Carroll moved to accept the request as presented. Mr. Carpenter seconded. Ms. Haraden recused. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Topics for discussion:

- a. Ms. Phillips presented to the board her Executive Officer report and the recent pharmacy license approvals.
- b. Mr. Gilman & Ms. Phillips informed the board of legislative updates. Including:
 - OPR Bill
 - H.225 – *An act relating to possession of therapeutic dosage of Buprenorphine.*
 - H.212 – *An act relating to expanding the distribution and availability of opioid antagonists.*
 - H.50 - *An act relating to Pharmacists providing information on proper disposal of unused regulated drugs.*

- H.85 – *An act relating to requiring employment breaks.*
- c. 10.35(e)(1):
- Mr. Carpenter moved to approve draft language updating Rule 10.35(e), sections I & II. Mr. Arisman seconded the motion, motion passed.
- d. NCQDS:
- Mr. Carpenter moved to approve a draft rule updating Rule 17.1. Mr. Carroll seconded the motion, motion passed.
- e. Mr. Carpenter moved to proceed with rulemaking by designating two members with special interest to work with staff on discrete rule sections. Ms. Ibey seconded the motion. Motion passed. The assignments are as follows:
- Pharmacy Technicians – Catherine Haraden and Rob Carpenter (target meeting March)
 - Requirements for Drug Outlets
 - General – Stephanie Ibey and William Chatoff
 - Retail Pharmacy – Stephanie Ibey and Rob Carpenter
 - Institutional Pharmacy – Catherine Haraden and Corey Duteau
 - Compounding Pharmacy – Michael Carroll and William Chatoff
 - Home Infusion Pharmacy – Michaela Carroll and William Chatoff
 - Nuclear Pharmacy – William Chatoff
 - Requirements for Nonresident Drug Outlets – William Chatoff and Rob Carpenter
 - License Renewal and Continuing Education – Stephanie Ibey
- f. 9.18 – UVMHN White-bagging:
- Mr. Chatoff moved to refer a UVMHN question concerning white bagging to the Interdisciplinary Task Force. The Board understands the seriousness of the problem and believes it is best addressed in the Task Force’s process and subsequent recommendations. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- g. Proposed drafts of clinical pharmacy prescribing State protocols, pursuant to Act 178, were reviewed for consideration and public comment:
- Preliminary draft for Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptives
 - Final drafts for
 - Opioid Antagonists
 - Influenza Vaccines
 - COVID-19 Vaccines

Anyone wishing to provide feedback about these protocols may do so. Email carrie.phillips@vermont.gov or sos.opr.comments@vermont.gov, prior to February’s BOP meeting, at which final drafts will be presented.

6. Other business:

- Ms. Phillips presented a request for waiver of the two-year experience requirement for a pharmacist manager. The subject pharmacist was four months shy of eligibility for a pharmacist the manager position, and because of internship at the pharmacy, had well more than two years’ aggregate experience there.
Mr. Carpenter moved to accept the waiver; Mr. Carroll seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- The Board decided to place the following topics on the agenda for the March 24th board meeting:
 - Quarterly Inspections Report
 - Pharmacy Technician Rules
 - Review Final Versions of prescribing protocols
 - MPJE Discussion

7. **Public Comment:** Pharmacist Lauren Bode and attorney Theo Kennedy provided input on content of the draft state protocol for hormonal contraceptives, and the review approval process for state protocols, respectively.

8. **Adjournment:**

Mr. Carpenter moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:01pm; Ms. Ibey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting –Wednesday March 24th, 2021
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