



Board of Pharmacy

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Approved Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting

Thursday, October 29, 2020, at 9:00a.m.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M., by Mr. William Chatoff, RPh, Chair

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

Member(s) Absent: Corey Duteau, RPh (via web)

OPR Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer (via web); Gabriel Gilman, General Counsel (via web); Corey Young, Licensing Administrator I (via web); Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator III (via web, left prior to adjournment); Dylan Bruce, Policy/planning analyst (via web); Elizabeth St. James, Chief Prosecutor (via web, left prior to adjournment); and Agatha Kessler, Assistant Director (via web).

Guests: Emma Shouldice (via web); Chad Dufour (via web); and Kathleen Wobby (via web); Ademola Are (via web); Ali Porter (via web); Amy Yanicak (via web); Elizabeth Shepard (via web); Kevin Marvin (via web); Nate Awrich (via web); Jeff Hochberg (via web); Jeenu Philip (via web); Lauren Bode (via web); Sandra Rosa (via web); and Theo Kennedy (via web).

2. Approval of previous minutes:

The board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 23rd, 2020 board meeting.

3. Discipline: None

4. Topics for discussion:

- a. Mr. Chatoff spoke to the board about compiling a list of agenda topics for the 2021 meeting schedule. Mr. Gilman provided a "whiteboard" of significant topics from previous meetings.
- b. Ms. Phillips presented to the board her Executive Officer report and the recent pharmacy license approvals.
- c. Ms. Phillips informed the board of HHS's October 20th Guidance.
 - It authorizes pharmacy technicians to administer COVID-19 tests, COVID-19 vaccines and ACIP-recommended vaccines to persons ages three through 18.
 - Mr. Carpenter moved that drug outlets be required to report to the BOP if it implements pharmacy technician-administration of pediatric and/or COVID-19 vaccines, Mr. Arisman seconded; motion passed.

- d. The board tabled the National Coalition for Drug Quality & Security vote, as well as the FDA MOA vote until the December 2nd board meeting.
- e. Mr. Bruce and Ms. Phillips presented to the board the findings of the pharmacist Survey.
 - Mr. Chatoff moved to create additional surveys to be sent to pharmacy techs, employers and pharmacists, in collaboration with relevant individuals and associations outside the board, to gather additional, “whole-picture” data. Mr. Carpenter seconded; motion passed.
 - Ms. Phillips and Mr. Gilman will prepare a draft rule incorporating legislative efforts by other states to address the issues reported by survey respondents for BOP to review prior to December’s meeting.

5. Other business:

- Mr. Chatoff tabled the following items and asked for them to be placed on the agenda for the December 2nd board meeting;
 - Gabe’s “whiteboard”
 - FDA MOU
 - National Coalition for Drug Quality review
 - Pharmacist wellness survey
 - USP 795
 - Investigation trend data

6. Public Comment:

Jeff Hochberg supplied commentary about the role various challenges faced by pharmacy businesses may play in the issues reported by pharmacists via the survey and recommended create and issue a survey to pharmacy business-owners and corporations.

7. Adjournment:

Mr. Chatoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 P.M. Mr. Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting –Wednesday December 2nd, 2020
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