



# **Board of Pharmacy**

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### **Approved Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**

#### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair

Members Present: Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair; Mr. Robert Carpenter, RPh, Vice Chair; Mr. James Arisman, Esq., public member; Mr. Corey Duteau, RPh; Mr. Michael Carroll, RPh, and Mr. William Chatoff, RPh

Member(s) Absent: Ms. Judith Wernecke, Secretary, public member

OPR Personnel Present: Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer; and Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator I

Guests: Amber Schreiner, Kathleen Wobby, Joseph Lavino, Marjorie DesLauriers and Cheri L'Esperance

#### **2. Approval of minutes from January 23, 2019 meeting**

The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the January 23, 2019 meeting. Being there were no changes the minutes were approved as written.

#### **3. Discipline**

- a. Carla Preston entertained questions from Board members regarding the NGLP licensing system the office is now using. The only questions put forth was regarding the "piggyback" discipline that there is currently an abundance of with enforcement. Ms. Preston informed members that the enforcement division is currently working on resolutions with those cases and will be in touch with the members that were assigned those cases.

#### **4. Board Budget**

- a. Lauren Hibbert, director of OPR, met with the Board to discuss fee increases mostly pertaining to entity applications and renewals, however some individual fees will also be increased. The Board accepted the Office's recommendation to raise licensing and renewal fees.

#### **5. Topics for Discussion**

- a. Executive Officer Report.
  - i. Ms. Phillips informed members present of the activities, applications and correspondence she has been engaged in since the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Board of Pharmacy meeting.
- b. Request from Carol Novick re: sale of pharmacy and reconciliation of drugs.
  - i. The Board discussed Ms. Novick's questions and since Ms. Novick already informed the Board of the closure date the license cannot be extended beyond that date. Ms. Phillips will respond to Ms. Novick.
- c. Update Board on correction of answer supplied about electronic transfer of CII substance.

- i. Ms. Phillips brought to the Board's attention that unfilled electronic prescriptions for CII substance may be transferred, per the DEA
  - d. Pharmacist Changes to CII Prescriptions
    - i. Until the DEA provides promised follow-up guidance about what changes to CII prescriptions pharmacists' may make after oral consultation with the prescriber, the Board would like a policy created allowing VT Pharmacists to make the reasonable changes to CII prescriptions that were in place prior to 2008 when DEA created confusion. A draft will be prepared for review and approval at the March BOP meeting.
  - e. Review replies from other State Boards of Pharmacy to the questions distributed from NABP regarding the licensing of virtual or remote pharmacy service companies.
    - i. Vermont BOP decided it does not wish to require licensure for companies that provide remote/"virtual" pharmacist order entry services. However, the individual pharmacists working for such companies would be required to be licensed in Vermont as Out-of-State Tele-Pharmacists, as they are currently.
  - f. Request from Cutis Pharma
    - i. Cutis Pharma sent the Board a request regarding their FDA approved oral vancomycin drug product and how best to disseminate information to Vermont pharmacies. It is not in the Board's purview to coach companies on marketing.
  - g. Review proposed resolutions, NABP 115<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, May 16-18, 2019.
    - i. Ms. Phillips will send Board members the resolutions packet and it will be a discussion item on the agenda for the March/April meetings.
  - h. Board application review
    - i. The Board would like a discussion with Lauren Hibbert, Gabriel Gilman and Beth St. James at the March meeting regarding the Board review of pharmacy entity applications for preliminary denial and also clarification of the preliminary denial process itself
    - ii. The Board would like a listing of entities approved each month, to include the license type, to accompany Ms. Phillips' executive officer report each month.
  - i. NABP September meeting
    - i. Mr. Carpenter informed members present of the progress made toward the September NABP meeting that Vermont will be hosting.
  - j. Stakeholder meeting – Mike Carroll
    - i. Mr. Carroll informed members present that he attended a stakeholder meeting in New Hampshire regarding USP standards. An extensive study was sponsored by the Texas Board of Pharmacy looking at the literature and data upon which USP based their standards for non-antineoplastic hazardous drugs when creating USP <800>. He reported that it resulted in discussion about the use of "blanket" requirement, by reference, of USP <800> and to lesser degree, USP <795> and <797>.
- 6. **Adjournment:** Mr. Carpenter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 am. Mr. Arisman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
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