

VERMONT BOARD OF PHARMACY–Approved Minutes

Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402

March 26, 2014 at 9:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM, by Jeffrey Firlik, chair.

Members Present: Mr. Jeffrey Firlik, RPh, Chair; Mr. Larry Labor, RPh, Vice Chair; Ms. Judith Wernecke, Public Member, Secretary; Mr. James Arisman, Esq., Public Member; Mr. King Milne, RPh; Ms. Stephanie Ibey, RPh; and Mr. Robert Carpenter, RPh.

OPR Personnel Present: Mr. Ronald Klein RPh, Executive Officer; Mr. Dan Vincent, Inspector; Mr. Larry Novins, Board Counsel and Ms. Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist.

Others Present: Todd Pikor, Anthony Otis, Drew Anderson, Julia Eaton and Chris Paquette.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting as presented. Mr. Labor made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ms. Wernecke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Hearings/Stipulations *et al*:** None

4. **Report of Concluded Investigation:** None

5. **Guests:**

11:00 AM – Julia Eaton requested to meet with the Board to discuss the findings of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) task force on Pharmacy Benefit Managers. On behalf of the task force Ms. Eaton requested the Board add a link on their website to publicize the NABP PBM data reporting system when this system is up and running.

6. **Case Manager's Report:** There are currently 28 active cases. Thirteen (13) are under investigation, three (3) are with the Chief Investigator, one (1) is pending closing report, three (3) are pending hearing, two (2) are pending charges, five (5) are pending investigative team meeting and one (1) is in the intake process.

7. **Legislation/Rulemaking:**

Mr. Klein informed the Board that the OPR Bill (H.656) has passed the House and moved to the Senate for review.

1:00 PM – The Board held a public comments session on proposed rule amendments, additions and deletions. One person provided oral comment and the board received two written comments. Mr. Novins informed the Board of the next steps regarding the proposed administrative rules.

8. **Review Applications for licensure:** None

9. **Executive Officer Report:**

The Board reviewed the applications approved by Mr. Klein since the previous meeting. Discussion items by the Executive Officer were covered under the discussion items on the agenda.

10. Discussion Items:

FDA meeting in Washington – Mr. Firlik presented a power point presentation and spoke to the Board about the topics covered at the FDA meeting in Washington that Mr. Klein, Mr. Vincent and he attended.

Facility licensing – Mr. Vincent addressed the Board regarding the licensure of correctional facilities as institutional facilities in Vermont. Currently there are eight (8) facilities that are licensed. Mr. Vincent questions why they are licensed at all. The Board requested that Mr. Vincent draft a letter to send to these facilities requesting additional information and informing them that if they wish to remain licensed they will need to meet all requirements for Vermont licensure such as having a pharmacist on staff and more. Once Mr. Vincent has drafted the letter he will share it with the Board for their input. Mr. Vincent also questions whether K-9 training facilities would need to be licensed. The Board stated as long as they are not a drug outlet then licensure is not required.

Pharmacy Repackaging for unit dose/multiple doses – Mr. Klein provided the board with a handout regarding suggested language for possible inclusion the next Administrative Rules re-write.

Jacob Patterson – request for intern hour approval. Ms. Ibey made a motion to deny Mr. Patterson's request to use project hours toward the mandatory 1,740 intern hour requirement. Mr. Arisman seconded the motion. Mr. Firlik recused from voting. Motion passed. Mr. Klein will respond to Mr. Patterson.


Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) – Sublingual Immunotherapy concerns. The Board discussed RRMC's request and found that the Pharmacy Board does not have regulatory authority over this practice. Mr. Klein will respond to RRMC.

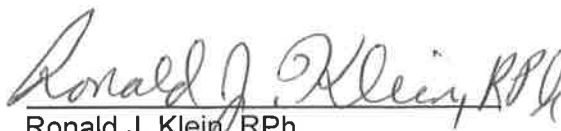
Technician Certification - Mr. Klein provided the Board with a handout regarding suggested language for possible inclusion in the next Administrative Rules re-write.

Question: May someone who has been enrolled in pharmacy school, and has either left school or been dismissed, be registered as a pharmacy technician or continue to hold a pharmacy technician registration? The Board agreed that an individual could still hold or apply for a pharmacy technician registration if they are no longer enrolled in or were dismissed from pharmacy school.

11. The Board will hold a teleconference meeting on Tuesday April 15, 2014 at 7:45 AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 30, 2014**, at 9:00 AM.
12. Mr. Labor made a motion to adjourn at 2:04 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arisman. Motion Passed.

Respectfully Submitted:


Judith Wernecke, Secretary
Vermont Board of Pharmacy


Ronald J. Klein, RPh
Executive Officer
Vermont Board of Pharmacy