

VERMONT BOARD OF PHARMACY– Approved Minutes
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
89 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
June 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m., by Mr. Robert Carpenter, RPh, Vice-Chair.

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

Member(s) Absent: Corey Duteau, RPh; Stephanie Ibey, RPh, Chair, and Michael Carroll, RPh

OPR Personnel Present: Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist

Guests: Joe Lavino, Susanna Sperry, Ayoola Frejimi, Luca Pompei and Tom Fortier

2. The Vice-Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the April 26, 2017 meeting. Mr. Arisman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Wernecke seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Case Manager's Report:** There are currently one hundred and ninety-one (191) cases. Six (6) are set for hearing, one hundred and seventy-four (174) are ready for Investigative Team meetings (the majority of these are reciprocal discipline), five (5) are under investigation and six (6) the Investigative Team has recommended charges being filed.

4. **Continuing Education Requests:**

The following request was submitted for Pharmacist Continuing Education, “**APN 615 Nutrition & Metabolism**” by Karl Granskog, RPh. Requesting fifteen (15) hours of live (didactic) continuing pharmacy education credits. The course will be held August 30, 2017 through October 22, 2017. Mr. Arisman made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Milne seconded the request. Motion passed.

The following request was submitted for Pharmacist Continuing Education, “**Understanding Pathophysiology: It's Direct Impact on Patient Care**” by Marc Semperebon, PharmD. Requesting six (6) hours of live (didactic) continuing pharmacy education credits. The course will be held July 18, 2017. Mr. Arisman made a motion approve the request. Mr. Milne seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. **Hearings/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigation:**

A Petition for Modification of Board Conditions in the matter of Thomas Fortier, docket # M2013-26 was presented to the Board for review. Mr. Carpenter made a motion to deny Mr. Fortier's request for modification of his current conditions. Mr. Milne seconded the motion. Motion passed. Mr. Duteau is the Investigative Team member.

6. **Discussion Items:**

Executive Office Introduction. Mr. Colin Benjamin, OPR Director and Ms. Lora Nielsen, OPR Assistant Director, introduced Ms. Carrie Phillips to the Board as the new Executive Officer for the Vermont Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Phillips will be transitioning from her current position into the Executive Officer position over the next couple months. Ms. Phillips primary focus will be on the Inspection process as well as updating the current Administrative Rules.

A communication was received from Stephanie Donlon with Notch Pharmacy regarding prescription transports. The Board reviewed Ms. Donlon's request and asked that Ms. Morrision reach out requesting additional information and inviting Ms. Donlon to the next Board meeting for further review of the request.

The Board received question from Mark DiParlo regarding the new opioid prescribing rules that go into effect July 1, 2017. The Board would like to confer with general counsel, Gabriel Gilman, as well as the Vermont Department of Health regarding clarification on the new Opioid Prescribing Rules.

Mr. Carpenter reviewed the new Opioid Prescribing Rules with the Board and guests present.

7. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.
8. Mr. Arisman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 am. Mr. Milne seconded the motion. Motion passed.