

Board of Pharmacy
Secretary of State, Office of Professional Regulation
National Life Building, North, Floor 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Unapproved Minutes
Meeting of May 18, 2011

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

Members present: Julie A. Eaton, R.Ph., Chair; Judith Wernecke; Earl W. Pease, Pharm.D.; Steven M. Vincent, R.Ph. and Larry Labor, R.Ph.

Members absent: Jeffrey P. Firlik, R.Ph., Vice-Chair and Emma J. Pudvah.

OPR Personnel present: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Peter Comart, Unit Administrator; Carla Preston, Case Manager and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant.

Others Present: Anthony Otis, representing the Vermont Community Retail Pharmacy Coalition.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the April 27th meeting. Mr. Vincent made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to approve the Minutes of the April 27, 2011 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Guests:**

4. **Hearings/Stipulations *et al.***

a. The Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Philip J. Hoeppe, Docket Number 2011-1. Larry S. Novins presided for the Board. The Respondent and the State Prosecuting Attorney were not present. The Board went into deliberative session at 9:47 A.M. and out at 10:03 A.M. Mr. Labor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Wernecke, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. The question was called and the motion passed. Mr. Vincent, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

b. The Board considered a Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Michael J. Pinsonneault, Docket Number 2010-683. Larry S. Novins presided for the Board. The Respondent and the State Prosecuting Attorney were not present. The Chair made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to accept the Stipulation and Consent Order. The question was called and the motion passed. Mr. Vincent, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

5. **Reports:** (None)

6. **Follow-up Cases**

Carla Preston, Case Manager, provided updates on current and follow-up cases. There are currently 47 pending cases.

7. **Legislation/Rulemaking:**

8. **Complaints/Reports of Concluded Investigations:** (None)

9. **Applications for Licensure as Pharmacists:**

Mr. Labor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to approve the following applicants for licensure as a pharmacist. Motion passed unanimously.

Matthew W. Hinton, PharmD (Endorsement)
Andrea N. Lafasciano, R.Ph. (Endorsement)
Danielle E. Perretta, PharmD (Endorsement)

Applications for Registration of Out of State Telepharmacy Pharmacists: (None)

10. **In-State Drug Outlets:**

The Board reviewed the following applications for in-state pharmacies and took action as indicated.

- a. Pharmacy Network, LLC, **d/b/a Community Health Pharmacy**, 4 Slapp Hill, Hardwick, VT, submitted an application for a new remote location. The facility has successfully passed its initial inspection. A temporary license has been issued and is set to expire on April 12, 2011. Further documentation and a final initial inspection are required. Based on the information provided, Mr. Labor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Vincent, to extend the applicant's temporary permit to June 30, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. **AADCO Medical Inc.**, 2279 Vermont Route 66, Randolph, VT, submitted an Application for Licensure for Wholesale Distribution of Drugs. Further documentation and an inspection are required. The Board tabled review of the application until further documentation is submitted.
- c. Kinney Drugs, Inc., **d/b/a Kinney Drugs, Inc. #105**, 16 Church Street, Barton, VT, submitted an application for a new remote pharmacy pilot project. Further documentation and an initial inspection are required.

11. **Change in Pharmacist Managers:** (None)

12. **Non-Resident Pharmacies:**

Several non-resident wholesale distributor applications with no record of prior disciplinary actions were approved since the last meeting based on their completed applications. The Board was provided with a list of these facilities and found no issues.

13. **Non-Resident Wholesaler/Manufacturer Drug Outlets:** (None)

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14. **Drug Outlet remodeling, changes in Officers/Directors, hours of operation, closures, etc.:**

(None)

15. **Continuing Pharmacy Education Requests:**

Mr. Vincent made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to approve the following continuing pharmacy education requests. The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- a. **“VtSHP Clinical Pearls Meeting”** submitted by Clare Coppock, R. Ph. With Rutland Regional Medical Center, requesting approval for one and one half (1.5) live (didactic) continuing pharmacy education credit. The meeting will be held on May 25, 2011. The Board issued approval number CPE-054(L)-0511
- b. **“Alteplase for Stroke: How long do we really have?”** submitted by Erica Counter with Fletcher Allen Health Care, requesting approval for one (1) live (didactic) continuing pharmacy education credit. The lecture will be held on June 21, 2011. The Board issued approval number CPE-055(L)-0511
- c. **“Clinical Pearls: Learning from Medication Events”** submitted by Erica Counter with Fletcher Allen Health Care, requesting approval for one (1) live (didactic) continuing pharmacy education credit. The lecture will be held on June 2, 2011. The Board issued approval number CPE-056(L)-0511

16. **Intern/Preceptor application(s):**

Joshua A. Blomgren – The Board reviewed Mr. Blomgren’s Intern’s Evaluation of Internship Period and Preceptor’s Affidavit of Internship Hours regarding the 909 hours he earned from December 19, 2009 through February 28, 2011, while working at Hotel Pharmacy Inc., located in Brattleboro, Vermont, with Mary Giamartino as His Preceptor. Mr. Labor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to approve the **909** internship hours Mr. Blomgren has earned. Motion passed unanimously.

Angela A. Aubin – The Board reviewed Ms. Aubin’s Intern’s Evaluation of Internship Period and Preceptor’s Affidavit of Internship Hours regarding the 42 hours she earned from September 19, 2009 through October 17, 2009, while working at McGregor’s Medicine on Time Pharmacy, located in Winooski, Vermont, with Rita Baglini as her Preceptor. Mr. Labor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to approve the **42** internship hours Ms. Aubin has earned. Motion passed unanimously.

Tsedale T. Legesse – The Board reviewed Mr. Legesse’s Intern’s Evaluation of Internship Period and Preceptor’s Affidavit of Internship Hours regarding the 139 hours she earned from September 23, 2010 through March 17, 2011, while working at Kinney Drugs Inc. #35, located in Milton, Vermont, with Jeremy M. Scott as his Preceptor. Mr. Labor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pease, to approve the **139** internship hours Mr. Legesse has earned. Motion passed unanimously.

17. **Pharmacy Technicians:** Total number of Active Registered Technicians is **1, 610** (1,484 Resident, 126 Non-Resident).

18. **Newsletter Topics!**

The Board noted that the next Newsletter is due to be sent in September.

19. **Miscellaneous Correspondence**

- a. The Board reviewed the May 4, 2011 email from Yvette Windham regarding the administration of non-patient specific physician ordered bulk medication by and RN or LPN within a correctional facility. The Board has not issued any guidance on this and recommended that Ms. Windham contact the Vermont Board of Nursing.
- b. The Board reviewed the May 9, 2011 email from Sara Horne asking whether or not Vermont allows teaching schools to receive a teaching exemption in order to purchase sodium chloride or sterile water. The Board indicated that it does not regulate schools nor does it give teaching exemptions.
- c. The Board reviewed the May 17, 2011 email from Grant Chester asking if Vermont allows unit dose or modified unit dose drugs to be repackaged multiple times. The Board indicated that no Vermont Rule allows for repackaging.

20. **National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Correspondence:**

The Board reviewed various documents from the NABP.

21. **Public Comment:** (None)

22. **Other Business Introduced**

- a. Ms. Kemp spoke with the Board regarding several issues with some students of Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in Colchester, VT. Some of the students had previously started earning hours towards the Board's 500 non-classroom hour requirement for licensure as a pharmacist without properly notifying the Board. The Board requires that all interns notify the Board immediately in writing of any change in preceptor and/or employment. Such changes are subject to review and approval by the Board. Hours earned prior to the Board's receipt of such notification are not typically accepted. Due to the confusion of several students the Board has agreed to allow the students to submit their changes and hours for Board consideration through July 31, 2011. Mr. Comart and Ms. Kemp will send a letter to the Associate Dean for the Vermont campus as well as the Schools' Preceptor to make them aware of the situation so that they can help inform the students of the requirements. A letter will also be sent to the students of the college.
- b. Mr. Comart provided the Board with an update on the Consultant position. Director Winters is working on drafting the Request for Proposal (RFP). The Office is planning on having the recruitment period close by the end of June.

23. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.**

Meeting dates for 2011 are as follows: July 27th, August 24th, September 28th, October 26th and December 7th.

24. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation