



# **Board of Pharmacy**

## **Office of Professional Regulation, Vermont Secretary of State**

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### **Approved Meeting Minutes**

#### **\*Remote Meeting\***

**Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at 9:00a.m.**

**Members Present:** Robert Carpenter, RPh, Chair; Catherine Haraden, Secretary, CPhT; Michael Carroll, RPh; Stephanie Ibey, RPh; Corey Duteau; Wendy Magee, public member; Olivia Sprague, RPh; and James Arisman, Esq., public member.

**OPR and SOS Personnel Present:** Carrie Phillips, Executive Officer; Emily Tredeau, Staff Attorney; George Hasselback, Prosecuting Attorney; Wesley Lawrence, Administrative Law Officer; Julie Bowen, Docket Clerk; Beth Kneen, Case manager; and Kara Shangraw, Licensing Administrator II.

**Public:** Jessica Adams; Wesley Crockett; Grace Sesi; Julie MacDougall; Emma Shouldice; Daniel Anderson; Taylor Robichaud; Gary Davis; Lisale Gette; Justin Graves; David Shailja; and Wes McMillian.

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

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Mr. Carpenter.

#### **2. Changes to the Agenda:**

#### **3. Approval of previous minutes:**

- The Board approved the minutes for August 23rd, 2023, as presented.

#### **4. Discipline:**

- The Preliminary Denial Hearing In re: Farmakeio Outsourcing, Docket No. 2023-71; was granted a continuance. The Board will be notified of the future hearing date.

#### **5. Executive Officer Update**

- Ms. Phillips shared her EO report and recently licensed entities with the Board.

#### **6. Topics for Discussion:**

- Reviewed the updated draft State Pharmacist Prescribing Protocol for Emergency Contraception. Based on the discussion, Ms. Ibey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Carroll, to approve the draft. Motion passed.
- Reviewed the draft State Pharmacist Prescribing Protocol for ACIP-Recommended Vaccines. Based on the discussion, Mr. Carroll made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sprague, to approve the draft, with noted numbering corrections. Motion passed.
- Reviewed the request for the Board to Determine Eligibility to Test - Jaijujit Singh Kang. Based on the discussion, Ms. Magee made a motion, seconded by Mr. Arisman, to not grant Jaijujit Singh Kang's request to sit for the examination for the NAPLEX a sixth time. Motion passed.

#### **7. Topics for Discussion – Continued:**

- Reviewed the request for Clarification of language regarding Rule 10.26 in the Board's 2014 "Policy on

Hydrocodone Combination Products as Schedule II Drugs” that limits future fill prescriptions to two. Based on the discussion, Mr. Carroll made a motion, seconded by Ms. Sprague, to discontinue the 2014 policy. Motion passed.

- Reviewed the request from the Department of Vermont Health Access – do blood pressure monitors qualify as “accessory devices” within pharmacists’ prescriber authority described in [26 V.S.A. § 2023\(b\)\(3\)](#)? The Board discussed and interprets the pharmacist prescribing described in [26 V.S.A. § 2023\(b\)\(5\)](#), “Over-the-counter Availability,” to include pharmacist prescribing of OTC blood pressure monitors.
- Mr. Carpenter discussed the NABP District meeting report.
- Ms. Phillips gave the Rules revision update. Once final edits to the revision are made, to reflect items introduced in Act 77, the revision will be filed with the Interagency Committee on Administrative Rules, the first stage of the formal rule revision process.

**8. Correspondence:**

- Open Letter to Front Line Pharmacist, from APhA Executive Vice President and CEO. Ms. Phillips also informed the Board of the FDA’s recent decision to issue a one-year delay until November 27, 2024, for the requirements under the Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) that had been set to go into effect this year, re interoperability.

**9. Other Business:**

- The Election of Officers has been tabled until next month’s meeting.

**10. Public Comment:** none

**11. Next Meeting topics:**

- Election of Officers
- Draft Pharmacist State Prescribing Protocol for Influenza and COVID-19 Vaccines to ages 5 years and older, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 2023(b)(2)(A)(viii)
- Possible continued Hearing

**12. Adjournment:**

Ms. Haraden moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 am. Mr. Duteau seconded; motion passed.

Next Scheduled Meeting – October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Please check the [OPR Meeting Calendar](#) for update.