

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
MINUTES: PHARMACY BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 08, 2006
239 CAUSEWAY STREET, ROOM 206
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114

Present: George Cayer, R.Ph., Pres., Karen Ryle, R.Ph., M.S., Marilyn M. Barron, MSW, Public Member, Sophia Pasedis, R.Ph., Pharm.D., James M. DeVita, R.Ph., Steven Budish, Public Member, and Kathy Fabiszewski, R.N., Ph.D.

Absent: Harold Sparr, R.Ph., M.S., Willim Gouveia, R.Ph., M.S., Joel Berman, R.Ph. and Donald Accetta, M.D., MPH

Staff : Charles R. Young, R.Ph., Ex. Dir., Leo McKenna, R.Ph., Pharm.D., CQI Surveyor and James Emery, C.Ph.T., Investigator

1. 8:30 a.m. Call to Order - Pres. Cayer
2. 8:35 a.m. New Business - Patient Safety Subcommittee
Discussion regarding formation of subcommittee to work with colleges of pharmacy to ensure that patient safety is incorporated into curriculum, per NABP recommendation to ACPE. Pres. Cayer appointed Jim DeVita, Marilyn Barron and himself to committee.
3. 8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. - File Review
Office of Investigations: Investigator Emery and CQI Coordinator McKenna reviewed 14 cases with the Board. The Board specified next steps on each
4. 9:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. - Pharm. Tech. Training Programs and Examinations.
Leo McKenna reported he spoke with Department of Education (Dr. Faye) regarding assessment and education approval process. Annual renewal for assessment but no expiration for educational programs at his time.

Ex. Dir. inquired if Board would consider requiring all pharmacy technicians to take either the ExCPT or PTCB, effective January 01, 2007 for registration (grandparent current technician registrants). Jim DeVita stated concern that many technicians could not pass EXCPT or PTCB because of difficult calculations and there should be a basic level pharmacy tech to "cut, paste and pour". The discussion ended with an understanding that the subject will be reviewed at a future meeting

5. 9:45 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. - Continuation of Discussion - Examination for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT)
Ken Schafermeyer, Ex. Dir. of IACP, attended the meeting, described examination to Board and answered questions of members.

Schafermeyer stated renewal period will commence in 2007. Schafermeyer that IACP, Betty Cataldo are the program directors.

Motion by DeVita to approve: a) ExCPT as a "Board approved national technician certification examination" for registration as a pharmacy technician in accordance 247 CMR 8.03; and b) IACP as a "Board -approved certifying body" for certification of pharmacy technicians in accordance with 247 CMR 8.04, effective October 1, 2006. Second/Pasedis. Unanimous in favor.

6. 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Paula Griswold, Ex. Dir., Mass. Coalition for the Prevention of Medical Errors and Effie Brickman, Coalition member.
Discussion of recently released Institute of Medicine (IOM) report highlighting Consumer Medication List and Coalition model Medication List developed as part of ambulatory patient safety practices project. Strategies for publication and distribution of list were discussed, including pharmacists advising patients about list. Board recommended additional contacts for Coalition, such as state prescription program, Board newsletters, Board website, and pharmacy counters.
7. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Discussion re: 247 CMR 8.01 - 1500 "practical experience" internship hours required for pharmacist registration.

Paul DeFrancisco, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (MCPHS) described an experiential program as constructed and organized to include three areas:

- a. cognitive - to critique information and process;
- b. psychomotor skills - such as taking B.P.; and
- c. affective skills - ability to problem solve and be life-long learner.

DeFrancisco reported that the total of experience hours at Boston and Worcester campuses exceed the 1500 hours required by Board regulation; that the experience produces an entry level practitioner at graduation; and that it takes several years after graduation to have a fully functional practicing pharmacist..

Board will continue review of matter through Patient Safety Subcommittee and look to the NABP Task Force recommendations due December 07, 2006.

8. 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. - Report of Offices- Legal/Board Counsel Susan Manning

11:30 a.m. - Motion/Barron to enter adjudicatory session. Second/Pasedis.
Unanimous in favor.

11:40 a.m. - Motion/Barron to exit adjudicatory session. Second/Pasedis.
Unanimous in favor.

- a. Overview of proposed regulations pertaining to bases for discipline and pharmacy inspections - to be reviewed at Sept. meeting.

b. In the Matter of Mary E. Desrochers, Pharm. Tech. No. 6333 – Docket No. PH-PT-06-047. Motion/Pasedis to adopt Final Decision and Order by Default and revoke pharmacy technician registration. Second/Budish, Unanimous in favor.

c. In the Matter of Margaret Freedman, Tech. No. 5248- Docket No. Ph – PT-05-084. Motion/Pasedis to adopt Final Decision and Order by Default and revoke pharmacy technician registration. Second/DeVita. Unanimous in favor.

Wholesale Distribution definition discussion – Ex. Dir reviewed NABP Model Rule Definition of Wholesale Distribution permitting 5% distribution to other pharmacy. Board requested NABP Executive Director Mailbox request for other state activity on 5% sales to pharmacies or to MD office.

9. 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - NABP District Meeting discussion
 - a) District I & II Meeting October 12-14, 2006 - Baltimore, MD
 - b) 2008 Meeting: scheduled for Massachusetts Board to be host
10. 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. - New Business
 - a) Follow-up re: Cutis Pharma Unit of Use Prescription Compounding Kits- Ex. Dir. clarified that these types of kits should be considered compounding and must be compounded in compliance with USP Ch. 795 re: non-sterile compounding.
 - b) Reinstatement Request - Michelle Williams. Board reviewed request for reconsideration of prior decision. Members remain concerned as to current preparedness to practice pharmacy. Motion/DeVita to affirm decision. Second/Pasedis. Motion carried with Barron abstaining.
 - c) RPh Applicant Joel A. Jerome – Motion/ Pasedis to require MPRS evaluation. Second/DeVita. Unanimous in favor.
 - d) RPh applicant (IA score transfer) James N. Fleming - Motion/Devita for MPRS evaluation with 5 year probationary period if enrolled. Second/Pasedis. Unanimous in favor
 - e) N.U. Bouve College of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy announcement regarding designation of Dr. John “Jack” R. Reynolds as Interim Dean effective 08/01/2006. Board requested that administrative staff forward a letter of congratulations.
11. 12:15 p.m. Motion/Pasedis to adjourn meeting. Second/DeVita. Unanimous in favor.

Respectfully submitted:



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11:30 a.m.

Administrative Counsel Susan Manning reviewed proposed Final Decision and Orders regarding Pharmacy Technicians Margaret Freedman and Mary E. Desrochers with Board.

11:40 a.m.

Motion to exit adjudicatory session Marilyn Barron, seconded by Pasedis, motion carried.

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