

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

THURSDAY, February 07, 2013

**Health Regulations and Licensing
Administration
899 North Capital Street, NE 2nd Floor
Washington, D.C. 20002**

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 9:40 a.m.

PRESIDING: Dr. Daphne B. Bernard PharmD RPh, Chairperson

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Daphne B. Bernard PharmD RPh, Chairperson
Dr. Tamara Foreman PharmD RPh, Board Member
Mr. James Appleby, RPh, Board Member
Mr. Paul Beringer, RPh, Board Member
Alan Friedman, RPh, Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Darwin Curry, Consumer Member

QUORUM: The February 7, 2013 Board meeting had a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Patricia D'Antonio, Executive Director of Pharmacy and Program Manager of the Pharmaceutical Control Division
Deb Moss, Board Investigator
Karin S. Barron, Health Licensing Specialist
Abena Osae-Addo, Health Licensing Specialist
Shauna White, Pharmaceutical Control Division Pharmacy Inspector
Kofi Onumah, Pharmaceutical Control Division Pharmacy Inspector

BOARD COUNSELOR PRESENT: Carla Williams, Assistant Attorney General

VISITORS: Herb Kwash, DC Pharmacy Association
Don Zowader, Consumer
Tami Brown, MERCK
Barry Deutschman, Morgan Care Pharmacy
Atiba Madym, TMG
Craig Gill, Pfizer
Charley John, Walgreens
Ellen Varner, Public-Student
Elezabeth Skaria, Target
Robert Eagen, Public-Student

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Lanszie Jean-Pierre, Student
Alexandria Edwards, Student
Ryan Maxwell, Student
Kathleen Michel, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Ayube Omas Alley, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Derek Le, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Amanda Lam, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Jessica Cunanan, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Sunhan Amin, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Cedomir Micic, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Barry Jones, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Salome Weaver, Howard University College of Pharmacy Student
Soumi Saha, Kaiser Permanente
Dr. Beverly Mims, PharmD, RPh-Former Chairperson for the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy

**SENIOR DEPUTY
DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Senior Deputy Director, Feseha Woldu welcomed both Mr. Alan Friedman, RPh as a new District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy Board Member and new Chairperson, Dr. Daphne Bernard, PharmD, RPh for the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy.

Senior Deputy Director, Feseha Woldu reported to the Board of a hearing being held to define telemedicine and how telemedicine impacts health care professionals in general. Senior Deputy Director, Feseha Woldu further reported to the Board that the District of Columbia Board of Medicine has developed a task force to conduct a study around telemedicine. The District of Columbia Board of Medicine has made recommendations to work on a bill on how to reimburse for telemedicine. The hearing will be held at the Wilson Building 10:00 a.m. on the same day as today's Board of Pharmacy meeting (February 7, 2013).

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
REPORT:**

Executive Director, Patricia D'Antonio reported to the Board of the Pharmacist license renewals starting December 1, 2012. Executive Director, Patricia D'Antonio reported that the Board has received several questions from pharmacist inquiring about the criminal background check process. The Board has mailed and emailed information to all renewal applicants of the criminal background check process.

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As of February 7, 2013, the Board has renewed approximately 300 pharmacists. Executive Director, Patricia D’Antonio reported to the Board that this is not unusual to have little over a hundred pharmacists renew their license around this time as most licensees wait until after the holidays to renew. Executive Director, Patricia D’Antonio expects to see a jump in the number of pharmacist renewing in the month of February. Another reminder notification will be emailed to all licensed pharmacists that have yet to renew their license. Executive Director, Patricia D’Antonio recommended to extend the renewal for pharmacists that are pending renewal. This will allow Pharmacist time to complete the criminal background check and obtain results of the criminal background check. The requirement for pharmacist to obtain their continuing education by February 28, 2013 still stands. Pharmacists that pay for the renewal after February 28, 2013, will be penalized with a late fee of \$85.00. Executive Director, Patricia D’Antonio reported that several other District of Columbia Boards have also considered extending the renewals for their licensed health professionals.

Motion: Board Member, Mr. James Appleby moved that the Extend the license renewal period by 60 days, hut require that all Pharmacists still initiate the renewal process by the established 02/28/2013 deadline.

Seconded by: Dr. Tamara Foreman, Board Member

Motion Carried

BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS
SWEARING IN
CEREMONY/
PRESENTING OF
PLAQUE:

Executive Director, Patricia D’Antonio reported that Dr. Beverly Mims, PharmD. RPh has step down of her duties as the Chairperson for the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy. During the February 2013 open session meeting, the Senior Deputy Director presented a plaque to Former Chairperson for the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Beverly Mims, PharmD.RPh, for her many years of service to District Columbia Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Daryl Gorman from the Boards and Commissions swore in Dr. Daphne Bernard, PharmD RPh, to be the next Chairperson for the District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy.

During the February 2013 meeting, Mr. Gorman from the Boards and Commissions swore in Board members Dr. Tamara Foreman PharmD RPh, Mr. James Appleby, RPh, and Mr. Paul Beringer, RPh for their reappointed terms. Executive Director, Patricia D’Antonio reported that Alan Friedman was previously sworn in before the meeting and is now a new Board member for District of Columbia Board of Pharmacy.

ATTORNEY GENERAL
REPORT:

0207-O-01 Legislation Chart Verbal Report

0207-O-02 Pharmacy Technician Bill B-190293

(a) Board of Pharmacy Testimony

Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams reported to the Board that the Pharmacy Technician Bill (B-19-293) has been transmitted to the Mayor for mayoral review and signature on January 28, 2013. The mayoral review period will end on February 11, 2013. From there the Pharmacy Technician Bill will go on to Congress for congressional review.

0207-O-03 Prescription Monitoring Legislation

Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams reported to the Board that she was unable to receive updated information regarding the District of Columbia Prescription Monitoring Legislation. Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams attempted to receive new information by calling the Committee on Health Office, but was unable to receive a return phone call in time for February 2013 meeting. The Prescription Monitoring Legislation was introduced to Council on September 28, 2012.

0207-O-04 Health Practitioner Dispensing Permit Legislation

The Health Practitioner Dispensing Permit Legislation is pending with the District of Columbia Pharmaceutical Control Division for further review.

0207-O-05 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Chapter 5 (Safe Disposal of Unused Pharmaceuticals in the Health Care Facilities)

Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams reported to the Board that the proposed rulemaking for Safe Disposal of Unused Pharmaceuticals in the Health Care Facilities are pending completion of the legal sufficiency review by the Office of the Attorney General Legal Counsel Division. From there the proposed rulemaking will go to the Mayor's Office of Policy and Legislation Affairs for policy review and then to the Office of the secretary to be published in the register for a 30 day comment period.

0207-O-06 Collaborative Care Expansion Act of 2012

Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams reported to the Board that the Collaborative Care Expansion Act was passed as DC law effective October 22, 2012 (L19-0185). Executive Director, Patricia D'Antonio reported to the Board that the Legislation Subcommittee will need to work with the District of Columbia Board of Medicine to develop regulations regarding collaborative care. Executive Director, Patricia D'Antonio recommended to distinguish which Board members that will work within the legislation committee and will help to develop the Collaborative Care Expansion regulation. Once the Board member legislation subcommittee is established, the next step will be to setup a meeting with the District of Columbia Board of Medicine.

OLD BUSINESS:

0207-O-07 Inquiry Regarding Continuing Education Requirement for a Pharmacist- “If a student attends a school of medicine, can that count towards the District of Columbia Pharmacist continuing education?”

During the January 2013 meeting, it was the Board's consensus to contact the applicant for clarification of the courses that are currently being taken. On January 08, 2013, an email was sent to the Pharmacist making the inquiry to provide clarification of the courses. Health Licensing Specialist, Karin Barron reported to the Board that she has contact the Pharmacist to follow-up regarding the Pharmacist response to the inquiry. The pharmacist decided not to submit clarification because the pharmacist noticed that this will be his first renewal. The continuing education requirements do not apply to applicants for the first renewal of a Pharmacist license.

COMMUNICATION
FROM NABP:

0207-O-08

1. NABP November E-Newsletter

- Texas Board Survey's Pharmacies About Compounding Practices, Will Seek Legislative Support for Additional Inspectors
- Rx Response Offers Support for Areas Affected by Flu Outbreak
- FDA Issues New Guidelines for Sleep Aids Containing Zolpidem
- ISMP Launches Program to Track Vaccine Errors with Aim to Protect Patient Safety

- Difference in Generic Pills' Color May Affect Patient's Adherence
- Tennessee Task Force Reviews State's Compounding Pharmacy Regulations
- Massachusetts Close to Completing Surprise Inspections of Compounding Pharmacies, FDA Joins Investigation of One Pharmacy
- USP Seeks Candidates for Expert on General Chapter <798> Pharmaceutical Compounding-Sterile Preparations
- Canadian Citizen Sentenced to Four Years for Role in Internet Drug Outlet Operation
- New York City Hospitals to Follow New Prescribing Guidelines Intended to Reduce Abuse of Painkillers.

2. MPJE Item-Development Workshop-March 21-22, 2013

The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) will host the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) Item-Development Workshop on March 21-22, 2013, at NABP Headquarters in Mount Prospect, IL. The two-day meeting will begin with an overview of the MPJE program, followed by an instructional session on item writing led by NABP staff. Members from the MPJE Review Committee will be in attendance to assist item writers and to facilitate the meeting. The item-writing process is a collaborative effort and NABP encourages all MPJE participating states to attend this important event!

3. Financial Assistance to Attend the University of Utah School on Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies

Held annually on the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City, UT, the school is recognized internationally and provides training on current issues and trends in substance abuse education, prevention, and treatment. The Utah School continually expands its scope to keep pace with increased awareness of the health and social problems of alcoholism and other drug dependencies. Group sections, including for pharmacists, provide specialized information and techniques for working effectively with substance abuse problems in various disciplines. The next session is scheduled to take place **June 16-21, 2013.**

4. Recognition Resolution

In May 1996, the NABP Executive Committee directed NABP to annually adopt a “Recognition Resolution”. NABP would appreciate your assistance in advising of any board member, executive officer, or compliance staff that is seriously ill or who has passed away. A copy of the resolution is attached for your use.

OLD BUSINESS:

0207-O-09 Guidance Statement on Responsibility of Pharmacist involved in preparation and dispensing of a prescription.

During the December 6, 2012 Board meeting, Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams reported to the Board that she will work with the Board’s Subcommittee to develop a written policy statement.

Assistant Attorney General, Carla Williams reported to the Board that once the Board’s subcommittee is established, a meeting will be scheduled to develop a written policy statement.

0207-O-10 Uniform Electronic Prior Authorization Form Amendment Act of 2012 Bill (19-1324)

During the December 6, 2012 Board meeting, Board Member, Dr. Tamara Foreman reported to the Board that the hearing has already been held regarding the Electronic Prior Authorization Form Amendment Act of 2012. The Board’s subcommittee will inquire if there is a possibility that the Board of Pharmacy can still give feedback with regards to the bill.

The Board is in support of the bill will continue to monitoring the Uniform Electronic Prior Authorization Form Amendment Act of 2012 Bill (19-1324) of any updates.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

This item is for Board review and approval.

0207-O-11 Minutes from the January 3, 2013 Open Session Meeting

Motion: Board Member, Mr. James Appleby moved that the Board of Pharmacy approve the January 3, 2013 Open Session Minutes.

Seconded by: Mr. Paul Beringer, Board Member

Motion Carried

THIS CONCLUDES THE OPEN SESSION OF THE MEETING

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