

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, October 20, 2004

OPEN-SESSION

The Open Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at

8:30 am on the above date in Room 401 Conference Room at the Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended S. Delmonico, Chairperson, presided.

Members Present

Susan DelMonico, Chairperson

Richard Hathaway, Secretary

Michael Cacchiotti

Stephen Kogut

David Bettencourt

Robert Boisvert

Felix Baez

Charles Haytaian

Kathleen Kettle

Staff Present

Catherine Cordy

Lynn Garberg

Greg Madoin, Esq

Maureen Hobson, Esq

Call to Order

Chairman S. DelMonico called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

1.0 Minutes

The minutes of the Open Session Meeting held September 15, 2004 were reviewed. S. Delmonic moved to accept the minutes, as amended. D. Boisvert seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2.0 Administrative Issues

Announcements

Administratively Issued Licensees

3.0 Old Business

Canadian Pharmacies

Cathy Cordy discussed revisions made to the Regulations. Grey Panthers expressed support for the regulations and commended HEALTH for its effort to promulgate regulations permitting the licensing of Canadian pharmacies. Jack Hutson, Executive Director of the RI Pharmacists Association and the Executive Director of the Arthritis Association also opposed the regulations.

BC/BS Proposal

Board discussed Office of Managed Care/HEALTH response regarding BC/BS MedVantx Program. Ms. DeCosta, Chief/Managed Care stated that Blue Cross is currently in compliance with the Rules and Regulations and will revisit the issue if and when a formal complaint is filed. FDA has not yet responded to formal request for advisory opinion on the program and compliance with PDMA.

4.0 New Business

New Appointments – PICS

Board appearance by new Pharmacist's-in-Charge :

Michael Watts

BMLD/BOP Policy Statement

Joint policy statement between the BOP and BMLD issued and posted on Board websites to provide guidance for the prescribing of 60-day supply of Schedule II stimulants in the absence of insurance coverage.

5.0 Adjourn to Executive Session

Pursuant to Sections 42-26-4 and 42-46-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees; and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an open meeting.

S. DelMonico moved to close the Open Meeting and adjourn to Closed Session Meeting, in accordance with Section 42-46-5(a)(1) and (4). R. Hathaway seconded the motion which was carried by nine ayes.

The Open adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

6.0 Return to Open Session

The Open Session resumed at 10:15 a.m.

7.0 Final Actions

Elizabeth Durnan – Relief from Probation

CVS #1042 – Relief from Probation

Cynthia Cruser – One year probation, CE in Law and Ethics

Cameron's Pharmacy - Deferred to November meeting

Pet Med Express -Termination of remaining probationary period to comply with Florida action

David Corvese – Relief from Probation

Adjourn

S. DeMonico moved to close the Open Session. R. Hathaway seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The Open session adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Garberg, Confidential Secretary