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

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Thursday April 22, 2010**

**OPEN-SESSION**

**The Open Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 8:40 am on the above date in Conference Room 401, Rhode Island Department of Health, PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Kathy Kettle, Chairperson.**

**Members Present**

**Kathy Kettle (Chairperson) Jonathan Mundy (Secretary), Chris Albanese, Richard Hathaway, Karen Distefano, Susan Delmonico, Kelly Orr.**

**Excused members: Michael Cacchiotti**

## **Staff Present**

**Catherine Cordy, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz, Stacey Valli URI Student Intern.**

## **Call to Order**

**Chairperson Kathy Kettle called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.**

## **1.0 Minutes**

**The minutes of the Open Session Meeting held on March 18, 2010 were reviewed. Susan Delmonico moved that the minutes be approved as written. Kelly Orr seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

## **2.0 Administrative Issues**

### **- Announcements:**

**Cathy Cordy advised the Board on the following items:**

**NABP Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held on May 22-25 in Anaheim, CA and Cathy Cordy, Susan Delmonico and Karen Distefano indicated that they would be attending.**

**New Position:** The State recently approved hiring of a Chief of Regulatory Compliance and Cathy is looking to fill position as soon as possible.

**Open Board Position:** One Public member position still exists. Cathy indicated a person has been nominated and is pending approval.

**Board Reappointment:** Michael Cacchiotti has been appointed to another 3-year term on the Board.

**- Communications:**

**None**

**- Continuing Education Inquiries:**

**None**

**- Issued Registrations (NAPLEX™/TOS/REC Candidates):**

**None**

**- Issued Pharmacy Licenses – As Attached**

**A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Chris Albanese, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.**

**3.0 Old Business**

## **· PONI – Preventing Overdose Naloxone Intervention – Sub Committee Appointees**

**Cathy indicated that she and Bruce McIntyre met and it was decided to put together a joint sub-committee comprised of members from the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline to discuss this issue further. Chris Albanese and Michael Cacchiotti will be representing the Board of Pharmacy.**

## **· Legislative Update**

**Cathy informed the Board that if Senate Bill S2421 (Electronic Reporting of Schedule II, III, IV, and V Prescriptions) does not pass, this will have an adverse affect on the Prescription Management Program for Rhode Island. RI will not be able to “piggyback” onto Connecticut’s PMP system. Currently this bill is being held in Committee for further study. Cathy urged all Board members and interested parties to send letter of support to HHS (Health and Human Services) Committee urging passage of this legislation.**

## **4.0 PIC Appearances**

**The following new Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) appeared before the Board of Pharmacy to receive advice from Board members and also receive a current copy of Rules and Regulations governing the**

**practice of Pharmacy in Rhode Island.**

**Jonathan Dion, Holly Mattoes, Daniel Leftkowitz**

## **5.0 New Business**

### **· DEA Rules – Electronic Signature/Transmission of Controlled Substance Prescriptions**

**Cathy Cordy informed the Board that beginning June 1, 2010, new DEA regulations governing electronic prescribing will go into affect. As noted by Cathy, a concern has developed with these new regulations on who (Pharmacist or Physician) would be ultimately responsible if a Pharmacy received and processed an electronic prescription from a Physician's office who is not compliant.**

### **· Review – Draft Regulations/PMP Program**

**William Dundulis from the Department of Health reviewed with the Board legislation that would allow RI to “piggyback” onto the Connecticut's PMP system. With legislative approval, this program should be in place by October 2010.**

### **· PMP Update**

**Cathy informed the Board that the State of Rhode Island has come to an agreement with the State of Connecticut to “piggyback” onto their system for a period of 3-years. The ultimate goal and end result will be to have a regional database for prescription monitoring. Additionally the system will get us back to the intended seven-day reporting requirement.**

## **6.0 Adjourn to Executive Session**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; 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.**

**On a motion made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Susan Delmonico, Mr. Hathaway moved to closed the Open Meeting and adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a)(1) and (4). The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

**The Open Meeting session adjourned at 10:05 a.m.**

## **6.0 Return to Open Session**

**Chris Albanese made a motion to open the Open Session. The motion was seconded by Richard Hathaway. The motion carried on unanimous consent. The Board returned to Open Session at 12:55 p.m.**

## **7.0 Final Actions**

**Michael Quarles, Pharm. Tech. I Ratification/CO 1 year probation with random drug testing**

**Adina DeSenna, Pharm. Tech. I Ratification/CO Reprimand**

## **8.0 Adjourn**

**Being no other business before the Board, Chris Albanese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jonathan M. Mundy**

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**Secretary Board of Pharmacy**