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

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2011**

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, Canon Building, Rhode Island Department of Health, PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended Jonathan Mundy, Chairperson.

Members Present

Jonathan Mundy (Chairperson), Chris Albanese (Secretary), Kathy Kettle, Karen DiStefano, Richard Hathaway, Susan DelMonico, Kelly Orr, Michael Cacchiotti

Staff Present

Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Linda Esposito, Cathy Cordy

Call to Order

Chairperson Jonathan Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on January 20, 2011 were reviewed. Richard Hathaway moved that the minutes be approved. Kathleen Kettle seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Issued Pharmacy Licenses – As Attached

A list of new pharmacy licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Kathleen

Kettle and seconded by Richard Hathaway, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

Process for returning product to stock

Cathy Cordy reported that the FDA responded back that federal regulations are silent on this issue and that it is up to the individual State Board of Pharmacies to interpret. Cathy handed out a sample of the regulations from Pennsylvania regarding return to stock. Our Board will review and discuss putting something similar into our regulations.

Medical Marijuana

Issue was discussed regarding patients being admitted to the hospital who are currently using medical marijuana. If the patients bring it to the hospital, the facility cannot hold and dispense it to the admitted patient. Suggestion that RISHP take lead role in inquiry to DEA regarding this issue.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

CSOS (Controlled Substance Ordering System)

Issue was discussed regarding automatic CII ordering (electronic) and if any additional paperwork needs to be retained for inspections. Cathy Cordy mentioned that the DEA will have copies of the electronic ordering for the facility in their possession when inspecting them and thus additional records needing to be possessed by the facility should not be needed.

Therapeutic Substitution by Pharmacists by Standing Order

Issue was discussed whether to allow pharmacists at long term care facilities to be able therapeutically interchange per facilities' formulary when filling prescriptions for inpatients. In the past this has been done in settings where collaborative practice was in place. Representatives from Omnicare spoke on the topic. The Board discussed the issue and determined that similar infrastructure exists in this setting as it does in hospitals. Therefore, therapeutic substitution should be permitted. Regulations will be drafted as well.

5.0 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: Carly Karthausser, Erin McCaffrey and Jared Tancrelle.

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.

Karen DiStefano made a motion to close the OPEN Meeting and adjourn to CLOSED Session

in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Kelly Orr seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN Meeting session adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Kathleen Kettle made a motion to reopen the OPEN Session. The motion was seconded by

Richard Hathaway. The motion carried on unanimous consent. The Board returned to

OPEN Session at 12:20 p.m.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

File #10-037 College Pharmacy - Ratification of C/O

A motion was made by Susan DeMonico to accept the amended Consent Order which

coincides with the C/O and probation period issued by the Colorado Board of Pharmacy.

Motion seconded by Kelly Orr. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

9.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Karen DiStefano made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 12:33p.m. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris M. Albanese

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Secretary, Board of Pharmacy