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

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday-May 19, 2011**

OPEN-SESSION

The OPEN Session Meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 8:30 a.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI 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

Cathy Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips and Linda Esposito

Call to Order

Chairperson Jonathan Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on April 8, 2011 were reviewed. Karen DiStefano

moved that the minutes be approved. Michael Cacchiotti 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.

Communications

- NABP Meeting – several Board members intend on attending the upcoming NABP meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

- MPJE – Cathy Cordy mentioned that there will be new competency guidelines for the MPJE and thus Board members will be asked to help come up with/review new exam questions to satisfy those new guidelines.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

DRAFT REGULATION REVIEW

Dispensing by Non-Pharmacists-ER/Ambulatory Surgery Exemption Request:

Board again discussed issue of ER/Ambulatory surgery setting physicians who

administer multidose unit of use medications to patients for immediate use and

their request to allow patients to take home the remaining unused portion with

them upon discharge. Currently the physicians are not allowed to

dispense the unused portion to the patients upon their discharge from the facility. A sample of proposed amendment to regulations to allow this was passed out to the Board members for review. Discussion followed. It was decided that the Board members would review and revise the proposed amendment for further discussion at our June meeting.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

Prescription Wait Time-Rebate Issue-Public Safety Impact: The topic was discussed regarding that some pharmacies are advertising that they can fill a customer's prescription within 15 minutes. If not filled within 15 minutes, the pharmacy will give the patient a store gift card up to a certain dollar value. Discussion followed questioning if such practice is a safety issue to the public since pharmacists may feel pressured to fill the prescription too

quickly and thus cause a higher incident of errors. It was mentioned that some states do not allow pharmacies to give out gift cards pertaining to wait times. Topic was tabled for now.

AMDA Meeting Regarding LTC and Rx's: Cathy Cordy and Patrick Kelly met with representatives of AMDA who were looking for clarification regarding prescription processes at LTC's. Cathy and Patrick were able to clarify and answer AMDAS's questions and concerns.

DEM Hazardous Waste/Prescription Waste: Cathy Cordy mentioned that DEM will be working with several groups including DOH, BOP and EPA to discuss and perhaps form focus groups on how to better handle hazardous waste and prescription waste. Linda Phillips will represent the BOP as part of this discussion group. Linda has previous work experience in the hazardous waste related field.

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:

Lindsey Desrosiers, Ashly Hall, Stephanie Kruk, Susan Lim, Adedayo Olayanju, Colette Rahill and Melissa Todd.

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.

Richard Hathaway made a motion to close the OPEN Meeting and adjourn to CLOSED Session

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

The OPEN Meeting session adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Susan Delmonico 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 11:27 a.m.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

None

9.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Susan Delmonico made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:28a.m. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris M. Albanese

**Chris M. Albanese, R.Ph.
Secretary, Board of Pharmacy**