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

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 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

**Jonathon Mundy (Chairman), Chris Albanese (Secretary), Karen DiStefano, Richard Hathaway,
Michael Cacchiotti, Kelly Orr, Kathleen Kettle**

Members Absent

Susan Delmonico

Staff Present

Catherine Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Esposito, Pamela Schultz

**(Additionally, two staff members were present for New Business:
Steve Morris and intern Megan Elias)**

Call to Order

Chairman Jonathon Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on July 21, 2011 were reviewed. Richard Hathaway

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

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

Communications-NABP/ISMP Letters re: 15 minute dispensing

The Institute for Safe Medication Practices (ISMP) sent a letter to NABP expressing concern about what they considered a safety issue that has been illustrated by recent national advertising-promoting and rewarding the speed at which community pharmacies dispense prescriptions for patients, such as a “15-Minute Prescription Guarantee”. NABP responded that their Executive Committee understands their concerns and requested that ISMP work with the profession and industry to secure additional information for presentation to the boards of pharmacy.

Continuing Education Inquiries

Vincent D'Adamo wrote to the Board to explain that due to medical issues he was unable to obtain his 15 credits for the license year ending 6/30/11. Karen DiStefano made a motion to waive those 15 credits

for last year, however Mr. D'Adamo will be required to obtain his 15 credits as usual for license year ending 6/30/12. Kelly Orr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Taft (RPh#03211) responded to an inquiry from the Board regarding the fact that he answered "No" on his license renewal to the question pertaining to obtaining the required 15 credit hours of CE.

He responded that when filling out the renewal, he realized he didn't obtain the required 15 credits. He stated in his response that he has since obtained the 15 credit hours. Kathleen Kettle made a motion to accept the 15 credits he has completed and to require Mr. Taft to complete a total of 30 credit hours for

license year ending 6/30/12. The motion was seconded by Michael Cacchiotti and passed unanimously.

3.0 NEW BUSINESS

DEA's policy regarding missing information from schedule II prescriptions

The DEA sent a written response to NABP's letter seeking clarification on DEA's policy regarding

information a pharmacist may provide when it is missing from a prescription for a schedule II

control substance. The DEA stated that they "expect that when information is missing from or

needs to be changed on a schedule II controlled substance prescription, pharmacists use their

professional judgment and knowledge of state and federal laws and policies to decide whether it is

appropriate to make changes to that prescription. To this end, pharmacists and other practitioners must be

mindful of what dispensing-related activities violate the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)."

Cathy Cordy pointed out that the patient's name, prescriber's signature and the name of the medication

must be written on the prescription by the prescriber and can not be added in or changed by the

pharmacist.

Appointment of members to the BOP/BMLD committee to discuss physician dispensing

Jonathon Mundy and Kelly Orr volunteered to be on the committee. Michael Cacchiotti also volunteered

if his schedule permits his availability at the meeting times.

Board members also suggested Susan

Delmonico, who was not present today, be on the committee.

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:

Jennifer Mechailides, Quality Pharmacy, Woonsocket

Kenneth Powell, Roger Williams Medical Center, Providence

5.0 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). Richard Hathaway seconded the motion.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN Meeting session adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Karen DiStefano made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 10:13 a.m. Richard Hathaway seconded

the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

Regulatory Review-Final

Board members reviewed final draft of amended regulations.

8.0 RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Kathleen Kettle made a motion to close the OPEN session at 10:36 a.m. The motion was seconded by Karen DiStefano. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

9.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Kelly Orr 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 12:13 p.m.

10.0 FINAL ACTIONS

(RPh01655)	Paul G. Pierpaoli	Voluntary
Surrender		
(PHA00532)	Quality Pharmacy	Formal
Reprimand w/one year probation		
(PHA00280)	Quality Pharmaceutical Services, Inc	Formal
Reprimand w/one year probation		
(RPh03736)	Jennifer Michailides	Suspension
Stayed 3 months w/two hour		
law CE requirement and Formal Reprimand		
(RPh04200)	Andrea Bianco	Formal
Reprimand		

11.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Chris Albanese made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 12:21 p.m. Kathleen Kettle seconded the motion. The motion

carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris M. Albanese

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Secretary, Board of Pharmacy