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

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, May 17, 2012**

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 (Chairman), Chris Albanese (Secretary), Michael Cacchiotti, Karen DiStefano,

Richard Hathaway, Kathleen Kettle, Susan DelMonico

Members Absent

Kelly Orr

Staff Present

Cathy Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Esposito, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz

Call to Order

Chairman Jonathon Mundy called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on Feb 16, 2012 were reviewed. Karen DiStefano

moved that the minutes be approved. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Continuing Education Inquiries:

Waiver Request-Meghan Marshall: Meghan Marshall, RPh requested a one time waiver for her CE credits for July 2011 through June 2012. She is pregnant with twins and is on mandatory bed rest and thus has limited access to her computer. Her due date for delivery of the twins is the end of May.

After discussion, Kathleen Kettle made a motion to allow Ms Marshall to have until September 1st, 2012 to obtain her CE credits and submit them to the Board for review. The motion was seconded by Richard Hathaway and passed unanimously by the Board.

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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 Kathleen Kettle, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

BMLD/BOP Subcommittee on Physician Compounding; Committee reviewed and passed their position paper.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

Pharmacy Compliance-Requirement for scanned or original RX for final verification: It was

discussed that some pharmacies do not currently have scanners and thus an extra burden of having to pull

hard copies for every fill will slow the filling process. Some pharmacies have asked for waivers

until they can obtain scanners. Unfortunately a waiver can not be done, however the Board will delay

enforcement until Sept 1st of this year.

Interns hired as technicians-credit for intern hours: A potential issue for student interns was brought to

the attention of the Board by the URI College of Pharmacy. Some students hired as interns and licensed

as interns may be categorized as “technicians” on their paystub by their employer’s payroll dept or

payroll company. The question is whether this technicality of payroll classification poses a conflict for

student interns who need to accumulate intern hours prior to

graduation from their respective pharmacy

college? After lengthy debate, it was decided to table the discussion and to ask the advice of the Board's legal department.

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:

None

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 9:36 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Richard Hathaway made a motion to reopen the open session at 12:01 p.m. Karen DiStefano seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

(RPh04216) Ed Sullivan

Reinstatement

(DIS02344) Allergy Laboratories Inc

Reprimand with 1

year probation

(RPh02043) Richard Backer

Stayed

Suspension 6 months & Probation 6 months

(PHA00209) East Side Prescription Center

Stayed

Suspension 6 months & Probation 6 months

(PHA00525) New England Home Infusion

Reprimand

**(PHA00524) Apothecare Compounding
Solutions**

Reprimand

9.0 ADJOURN

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

**the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Kathleen Kettle seconded the motion.
The motion
carried on unanimous consent.**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Albanese

**Chris Albanese, Secretary
Board of Pharmacy**