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

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2012**

OPEN SESSION

The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was called to order at 9:00 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, Leo Lariviere
Richard Hathaway, Robert Iacobucci, Kelly Orr**

Members Absent

Susan DeMonico

Staff Present

**Cathy Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz, Eden Li
(student)**

Call to Order

Chairman Jonathan Mundy called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on September 21, 2012 were reviewed.

Richard Hathaway moved that the minutes be approved. Kelly Orr seconded the motion.

The motion carried on unanimous consent.

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Communications:

DEA Recent Ruling for Pharmacies Faxing Refill Requests

DEA recently ruled that pharmacies can not fax a refill request to a prescriber that is

prepopulated with the prescription information so that the prescriber can authorize and

fax it back to the pharmacies. Prescribers must fax a new signed prescription to the

pharmacies or phone in a new prescription directly to the

pharmacy.

Continuing Education Inquiries: None

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Issued Pharmacy Licenses:

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

3.0 OLD BUSINESS

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

Cathy Cordy mentioned that notifications were sent out to pharmacists regarding

enrollment to the PMP Program. It is anticipated that the PMP Program will be in

full operation by the spring of 2013.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

Certificate of Appreciation Awards

Certificates of appreciation were given to outgoing board members, Kathleen Kettle and Karen

DiStefano, in acknowledgement of their years of dedication and commitment while serving as members of the Board of Pharmacy.

NABP Meeting - Skytop, PA

Jonathan Mundy gave a summary of the NABP District I and II meeting that was held

this past weekend at Skytop, Pa. The meeting was also attended by Patrick Kelly and Leo Lariviere.

Naloxone Collaborative Practice Agreement

Jeff Bratberg of URI and others from Miriam Hospital/Lifespan gave a presentation to the Board seeking a collaborative practice agreement in which several community pharmacies would serve as pilot sites to dispense Naloxone to patients or their caregivers who are at risk of opioid overdose. A motion was made by Chris Albanese and seconded by Robert Iacobucci to approve the establishment of a practice pilot program to dispense naloxone to those at risk of opioid overdose by way of collaborative practice agreement. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of Schedule III Quantity Limits on Topicals & Injectables

Discussion centered on the topic regarding the confusion by pharmacists as to what constitutes a unit dose of a topical or injectable schedule III medication. For example, what is a unit dose of a testosterone gel? What is the maximum numbers of dosage units that can be dispensed per prescription? It was decided to revisit this topic during the next Board review

of regulations.

Discussion -Compounding Facilities in RI

Topic was discussed that the State Of Massachusetts recently sent pharmacies in that state a form

to fill out attesting their compliance with state compounding regulations. It was suggested we

consider a similar action. A motion was made by Kelly Orr that the Board send a letter to

each Rhode Island pharmacy on which the Pharmacist In Charge would attest as to whether their

pharmacy practices compounding, if so sterile or non-sterile, and attest that their pharmacy

is in compliance with all applicable compounding regulations, then return the attestation to the

RI Board of Pharmacy. The motion was seconded by Leo Lariviere and passed on unanimous consent.

5.0 PIC APPEARANCES

There were no new Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC) appearing before the Board of Pharmacy

for the month of October.

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). Kelly Orr seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Richard Hathaway made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 1:23 p.m. Chris Albanese seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

(DIS00845)	Medisca, Inc.	#12-021(a)	6 mos. Probation
(DIS02268)	Medisca, Inc.	#12-021(b)	6 mos. Probation
(DIS02198)	Medisca, Inc.	#12-021(c)	6 mos. Probation
(PH100431)	Helen Gongoleski	#12-027	Reprimand w/1 year stayed suspension

9.0 ADJOURN

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

the meeting at 1:25p.m. Richard Hathaway seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Albanese

**Chris Albanese, Secretary
Board of Pharmacy**