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

**Minutes of Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2013**

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), Susan DelMonico,
Richard Hathaway, Kelly Orr, Michael Cacchiotti, Leo Lariviere,
Robert Iacobucci**

Staff Present

Cathy Cordy, Patrick Kelly, Linda Phillips, Pamela Schultz, Matthew Raymond

Call to Order

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

1.0 MINUTES

The minutes of the OPEN Session Meeting held on April 26, 2013 were reviewed.

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

2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Communications: 2012 District Meetings Resolutions -NABP

A motion was made by Kelly Orr to add NABP District Resolutions to today's agenda

for discussion purpose only. The motion was seconded by Leo Lariviere. The motion passed on unanimous consent.

Continuing Education Inquiries: None

Issued Pharmacy Licenses:

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

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

3.0 OLD BUSINESS None

4.0 NEW BUSINESS:

Experiential Learning Hours for 2014 Graduates -Kathleen Fisher

Kathleen Fisher from the URI College of Pharmacy spoke to the Board with concerns that pharmacy colleges will be requiring students to have completed 1740 hours of experiential education upon graduation. Her concern is whether these hours earned through the college will suffice for the non-academic internship hours required by

the Board for students to receive their pharmacist license.

Auto Refill Programs -Practitioner Perspectives on Auto Requests for Refills

The topic of Auto Refill programs was discussed again. Some practitioners have mentioned concern over these programs. They have, for example, received refill requests for patients that are recently deceased or for medications that have been discontinued. This seems to be a growing concern. It was mentioned there are interested parties in the community that have been discussing this topic. It was mentioned that perhaps it would be appropriate to have some Board members attend these discussions.

Remote Order Entry -Pharmacist Located at Practitioner's Office

Based on an inquiry, pharmacists are asking if this process is permitted according to the regulations. It was mentioned that in some rare cases pharmacists are being utilized in practitioners offices to enter prescriptions for patients into the practitioner's computer and often sending these prescriptions to the pharmacy that the pharmacist is employed by. Discussion centered on the possible legal and ethical issues raised by such an arrangement.

5.0 PIC APPEARANCES

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

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.

Leo Lariviere 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 9:30 a.m.

7.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Richard Hathaway made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 11:22 a.m. Leo Lariviere seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

8.0 FINAL ACTIONS

RI Village Pharmacy (PHA00328/CPHA00328) – Voluntary Surrender

RI Village Pharmacy (PHA00519/CPHA00519) – 1 year Probation

9.0 ADJOURN

Being no other business before the Board, Susan DeIMonico made a motion to adjourn

the meeting at 11:26 a.m. Leo Lariviere seconded the motion. The motion

carried on unanimous consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Albanese

**Chris Albanese, Secretary
Board of Pharmacy**