

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

**3 CAPITOL HILL  
CONFERENCE ROOM 401  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**THURSDAY, October 16, 2014  
8:30 AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Chris Albanese, Annmarie Arvanites, Susan DelMonico, Richard Hathaway, Robert Iacobucci, Leo Lariviere (Secretary), Kelly Orr (Chairperson), Dennis Riley.**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**N/A**

## **STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Scott Campbell RPh. (Chief Compliance & Regulatory-Board of Pharmacy), Maria Di Nitto (Health Case Manager)**

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Shannon Baker (Rhode Island Hospital), Heather McCaffrey (Walmart)**

### **1. Establishment of a quorum**

**A meeting of the RI Board of Pharmacy was held on 10/16/2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room #401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:32 am on a motion by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Chris Albanese. Motion carried.**

### **2. Presentation of the 9/18/2014 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Susan DelMonico and seconded by Richard Hathaway to accept the Open Session minutes of September 18, 2014.**

**The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.**

### **3. Board Manager Report**

**a) Thank you Attorney Corrigan - Reassigned**

**b) Welcome Attorney Coleman**

**c) New regulations/laws (PMP, HCP) – New PMP regulations went into effect on Monday, October 15, 2014. Reporting now must be done within 72hours and practitioners and pharmacists can assign a person to access the PMP for them.**

**d) RPh considered as a healthcare professional (Opioid O.D. Emergency Regs) – Still need to follow up on the non patient specific order.**

**e) CE Audits – 2100 licensed pharmacists, picked 10% to audit. Results pending.**

**f) Issued Pharmacy Licenses – Continued. Board expressed interest in having a spreadsheet of number of NABPLEX examinees and the pass/fail rate. Asked for a timeline as to when hard copy licenses will be mailed to licensees.**

### **4. New Business**

**a) NABP Technician II Position – Jim Melfi, PhD. – Dr. Melfi did not attend.**

**b) b. Out of State Compounding – Annmarie Arvanites – Discussion around “office use compounding” by out of State pharmacies. It was proposed to form a subcommittee on 797 and 800 USP compounding regulations and NABP verification (or other accredited organization as approved by Board). Annmarie Arvanites asked about sending letters to veterinarians emphasizing that compounded products must be patient specific. It was brought up if BOP inspectors can go into VET practices where drugs are involved.**

#### **5. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Annmarie Arvanites and seconded by Richard Hathaway to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:20am. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.**

#### **6. Motion to return to Open Session**

**Motion was made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Robert**

**Iacobucci at 10:08am to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.**

## **7. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session**

- The board reviewed and approved zero and denied zero applications; and proposed action on zero cases.**

## **8. Adjournment**

**The next Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held 11/20/2014 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Robert Iacobucci to adjourn at 10:09am Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Leo Lariviere, Recording Secretary**

**Peter J. Ragosta, RPh.**  
**Chief Administrative Officer**  
**RI Board of Pharmacy**