

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

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2015
8:30 AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Chris Albanese, Susan Del Monico, Richard Hathaway, Kelly Orr
(Chairperson), Dennis Riley**

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Annmarie Arvanities, Robert Iacobucci, Leo Lariviere

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Peter J. Ragosta, Scott Campbell, Maria Di Nitto

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gina Bencivenga, Christine Collins, Raymond Fogarty, Justi Lemery, Brian Widmek

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the RI Board of Pharmacy was held on 02/19/2015 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room #401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02903. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:40 am on a motion by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Susan Del Monico. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the 01/15/2015 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Dennis Riley and seconded by Chris Albanese to

accept the Open Session minutes of January 15, 2015. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes. Motion carried.

3. Chief Administrative Officer Report

a. Issued Pharmacy Licenses – Motion to accept by Chris Albanese and seconded by Richard Hathaway. The motion passed.

b. DQSA Regulations update – Peter Ragosta completed first draft and will bring to sub-committee for review.

c. Discussion on creating specific regulations for fines, it was agreed to benchmark with other states.

d. Bill for naloxone in schools – board questioned if it could be optional similar to epinephrine; discussed proposed training by URI College of Pharmacy.

e. Discussion- Drug Take Back in police departments; educating the public on disposing unused drugs in the household setting using kitty litter/coffee grind method; pharmacists should be involved in educating on proper disposal and this is contained in the regulations on sharps disposal. Company in MA is incinerating for the state of MA for free; company is Covanta.

f. Discussion on adding schedule V to PMP- board discussed the benefits of seeing a complete history of controlled substance use; asked if other states are including this in PMP reporting: should we mandate checking of PMP.

g. Meningitis outbreak update – Peter Ragosta updated the Board and

acknowledged JB Pharmacy for fast response in providing prophylactic doses of ciprofloxacin and pharmacists who vaccinated at PC during the mass vaccination.

h. PTCB Update – representative from PTCB updated the board on new requirements for nationally certified technicians.

i. Pharmacist to check PMP as a standard of practice was discussed and acknowledgement that PMP is becoming a data source that boards of pharmacy are focusing heavily on as a tool that should be utilized by pharmacists in fulfilling their corresponding responsibility when filling prescriptions for controlled substances. RI is looking at what other states are doing.

j. Pharmacist as a provider – legislation is being drafted; Mark Rogers from Westerly Hospital is a contact.

k. Zero fill affidavit – ok to use this for inpatient hospital pharmacies; will deal with emergency situations as they arise.

4. New Business

a. Collaborative Practice Agreement (CPA) proposed changes and Board of Pharmacy composition of members-Appearance and presentation by Ewa Dzwierzynski and Sarah Thompson did not occur as presenters did not attend meeting.

b. Michelle McKenzie from PONI and ACOS – appearance to discuss

the process of distributing naloxone to various ACOS sites; No longer a fixed site at Community Access; training the trainers now occurs at various sites; because there is no fixed site any longer, the 12 sites need AIDSCARE to reach many high risk people; have agreement with Hospira, drug kept at The Miriam Hospital in temperature monitored locked cabinet; Dr. Rich and Dr. Taylor are ordering through office; will dispense to staff at various sites and plan to follow labeling regulations; will discuss further at next BOP meeting after reviewing Opioid Overdose Prevention regulations.

5. Motion to adjourn to closed session

Motion was made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Chris Albanese to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:40 am. 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 proceeding regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

6. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Chris Albanese and seconded by Dennis Riley at 1:12 pm 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 nine (9) letters of concern and ratified zero (0) consent orders, denied two (2) applications; and proposed action on twelve (12) cases.**

8. Adjournment

Motion was made by Richard Hathaway and seconded by Chris Albanese to adjourn at 1:15 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan DeIMonico, Board Member

Peter J. Ragosta, RPh.

Chief Administrative Officer

Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy