

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

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

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

**Leo Lariviere (Chairperson), Thomas Bourque, Robert Iacobucci,
Kelly Orr, Lorraine Quirk, Maybelle Reyes, Stacey Ranucci**

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Annmarie Arvanites, Dennis Riley

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

**Peter Ragosta
Scott Campbell**

Colleen McCarthy

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Kenny Correia, Dana Gagnon, Gerald Goulet, Gina Andrew, Olga Yankolina, Julia Tiberi, Jenna Solomon, Natasha Bidado, Jennifer Solomon, Wendy Davis, Kristina Carrero

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the RI Board of Pharmacy was held on 11/19/2015 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 8:45am on a motion by Kelly Orr and seconded by Tom Bourque. The motion carried.

2. Presentation of the 10/29/15 Open Session Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Stacey Ranucci to accept the Open Session minutes of 10/29/2015 meeting as read. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes. Motion carried.

3. Chief Administrative Officer Report

a. Dr. Nicole Alexander-Scott was not in attendance

b. Board was notified that PEP/HIV regulations will take effect 11/23/2015.

4. Old Business

There was no old business to report.

5. New Business

a. New Licenses: Lorraine Quirk made the motion seconded by Stacey Ranucci to approve the new licenses.

b. Implanted Pump Management: Gerald Goulet a consultant for Implanted Pump Management (IPM) presented to the board for approval for IPM to use an infusion pharmacy to send medication to the nurse who would then deliver it to the patient. The board generally feels it is acceptable but would like to research what other states are doing. Leo Lariviere will reach out to other states. There are also federal DEA issues that may apply if controlled medication is delivered to someone other than the ultimate user. Also the infusion pharmacy must be licensed in the state of RI.

c. Governor's OD Task Force: pharmacy areas of focus. Although the board is in agreement with the plan the RI Department of Health has developed and considers it a wonderful four point approach to dealing with the opioid overdose crisis, the Board is very concerned about the suggestion of adding naloxone to the RI Prescription Monitoring Program. The board will author a letter to the Department

of Health outlining their concerns.

d. Transitions of care: Tracey Taveira has asked the board to write a letter of support for her grant proposal to help heart failure patients who get discharged from the hospital to receive medication reconciliation at their pharmacy of choice. Ms. Taveira will use specially trained 6th year pharmacy students to do the medication reconciliation under her supervision. The board acknowledges the public health problem that occurs when patients get discharged from the hospital or rehabilitation center. The board would like to write the letter but will first seek legal approval for a state board to write such an endorsement.

Kelly Orr abstained from the vote

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Robert Iacobucci and seconded by Kelly Orr to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:40 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 proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

7. Return to Open session

Motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Stacey Ranuci at 11:45am 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.

8. Final Actions on all votes taken in Closed Session

- Five (5) Letters Of Concern, Two (2) Reprimands**

9. Adjournment at 12:20pm