

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

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

**THURSDAY January 21, 2016
8:30 AM**

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anmarie Arvanites, Thomas Bourque, Robert Iacobucci, Leo Lariviere, Kelly Orr, Lorraine Quirk, Stacey Ranucci, Maybelle Reyes, Dennis Riley

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Peter Ragosta, RPh.

Scott Campbell, RPh.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Gina Andrew

Jessica Corio

Dana Gagnon

Dona Goldman

Marie Larouche

Jacob Magiera

1. Establishment of a quorum: A meeting of the RI Board of Pharmacy was held on January 21, 2016 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 8:30 A.M. on a motion by Marie Arvanites and seconded by Lorraine Quirk. The motion carried.

2. Presentation of the 12/17/15 Open Session Meeting Minutes

The motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Stacey Ranucci to accept the Open Session minutes of 12/17/15 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 discussed scheduling of the next meeting. Because of the

inability to have a quorum the February 2016 meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting of the Board will be on the 3rd Thursday in March.

c. There was a discussion regarding proposed law and regulation updates. The Board of Pharmacy is an Advisory Board to the Department of Health and Director. It was requested that board members be informed of proposed regulation changes at monthly meetings or by e-mail from the Chief Administrative Officer. The Chief Administrative Officer agreed to provide the update as often as possible.

4. Old Business

a. Test for Pharmacist-in-Charge: There was extensive discussion regarding requiring an exam for any new Pharmacist-in-Charge (PIC). The State of New Hampshire now requires such an exam focusing on Pharmacy Law. It was decided that no exam for a new Pharmacist-in-Charge will be required in the State of Rhode Island. Instead it was decided that a new PIC will be asked to appear before the Board of Pharmacy where the duties and responsibilities of the position will be explained and reviewed with the new PIC.

b. Sterile Compounding: According to USP, Pharmacies that conduct sterile compounding must perform regular environmental testing. In the interest of patient safety, Board of Pharmacy staff from DOH proposes the addition of a requirement to have sterile compounding pharmacies notify the Department of Health of any contaminations

(i.e. mold or bacteria) that are present. The notification may be in the form of an email per Board staff recommendation. Board of Pharmacy members suggested that a Board sub-committee be established to discuss criteria for reporting. The sub-committee will report back to the full Board with proposed criteria.

5. New Business

a. New Licenses: Kelly Orr made a motion seconded by Marie Arvanites to approve the new licenses.

b. MTM Services: Donna Goldman of the RI Department of Health presented a new program designed to directly incorporate qualified pharmacists into Medication Therapy Management (MTM) workgroups, group clinical practices, with a focus on Diabetes and Hypertension. This initiative is looking for pharmacists to develop ideas, thoughts, and potential plans on current and future practice landscapes. She and others recognize that pharmacists are an underutilized resource and that recognition as providers is key to the proposed process. Anyone who would like to participate in this project is encouraged to contact her.

c. Continuing Education Requirements: The potential addition of Sterile Compounding and Pharmacy Law to the current CE requirements for both Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians was discussed. Such a change may require an update in current Pharmacy regulations and will be discussed further at the next monthly Board meeting.

d. Name of PIC: A question of making public the name of each Pharmacist in Charge by establishing a database was discussed. Since each new PIC will appear before the Board it was decided that publishing or establishing a database of the names is not necessary.

e. Collaborative Practice Agreements: A question regarding the distribution of Naloxone by Emergency Rooms was discussed. Allowing an ER to distribute Naloxone to its' patients may prevent overdoses. There may be a huge barrier when a patient or their family/caregiver is told to "pickup Naloxone" at a pharmacy and it is not picked up. ER must follow prescription labeling requirements.

6. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Tom Bourque and seconded by Lorraine Quirk to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:30am. 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 Ranucci 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

- **Six (6) Letters Of Concern,**
- **One (1) Reprimand,**
- **One (1) No Unprofessional Conduct,**
- **Two (2) Continued**
- **Three (3) Consent Orders**

9. Adjournment:

The next Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held March 17, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, R.I. 02908.

Motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Robert Iacobucci to adjourn at 11:50am.

Submitted By;

Dennis M. Riley, R.Ph. (Secretary)