

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION**

**BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**3 CAPITOL HILL**

**DOC**

**PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**October 27, 2016**

**8:42AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES-Draft**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Thomas Bourque Jr., Robert Iacobucci, Jr., Leo Lariviere (Chairperson), Kelly Orr, Lorraine Quirk, Stacey Ranucci, Maybelle Reyes, Dennis Riley (Secretary)**

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Annemarie Arvanites**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Peter Ragosta (Chief Administrative Officer), Scott Campbell (Chief**

**Compliance Officer), Colleen McCarthy, Esq.(Legal Counsel)**

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Kris Redmond, Lorraine Curtis, Robert LiCalzi, Ann-marie Shea,  
Sarah Park, Bill Irvin,  
Brian Reyes, Camille Marzon, Kaylen Caba, Susan Plante.**

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

**A meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was held on October 27, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, DOC, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:42 a motion to open the meeting was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Maybelle Reyes, motion carried.**

### **2. Presentation of the September 15, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Dennis Riley. And seconded by Maybelle Reyes to accept the Open Session minutes of September 15, 2016 as amended. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as amended. Motion carried.**

### **3. Board Manager Report: Peter Ragosta**

**a) Legislative Update- Regulations can be submitted under the old format until 11/1/2016. Regulations after 11/1/2016 will need to be submitted under the new format.**

**b) Pharmacist off-site naloxone in Connecticut-Allow pharmacist to bring naloxone to an off-site location to dispense to patients. Need appropriate label and a signed CPA. Covered under the emergency naloxone orders**

### **4. New Business**

**a) New Licenses: A motion was made by Thomas Bourque Jr, seconded by Stacey Ranucci to approve the new licenses. Motion carried**

**b) New PICS: No appearances**

**c) New meetings:**

**d) Omnicare requesting extension of the variance. Kelly Orr made the motion to extend the variance for Omnicare. Stacey Ranucci**

**seconded the motion. Motion passed, with 2 recusals Leo Lariviere, and Thomas Bourque Jr.**

**e) Training of patients to use single dose vials of epinephrine with a syringe to treat anaphylaxis. The board of pharmacy does not support this initiative. Although it may save customers money, the board is concerned about proper training of caregivers for both storage of epinephrine and proper technique for drawing a syringe and injection.**

**Also there are lower costs alternatives to Epi-pens, and there are customer coupons which can lower the out of pocket expense of Epi-pens.**

**f) Dispensing from physician practices. Physicians may dispense prescription medications from their office as long as they follow all of the pharmacy regulations.**

## **5. Old business**

**No old business**

## **6. Motion to adjourn to closed session**

**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.**

**Motion was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Lorraine Quirk to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:25. The 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.**

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

**Motion was made at 12:20 by Kelly Orr and seconded by Stacey Ranucci 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.**

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

- The board accepted the following actions in closed session**

**3 No unprofessional conduct (NUPC)**

**5 letters of concern (LOC)**

**1 Suspension of license**

**2 reprimands with 5 extra continuing education credits approved by the department of health.**

## **7. Adjournment**

**The next Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held November 17, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 401, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion to close the meeting was made by Robert Iacobucci and seconded by Thomas Bourque Jr. to adjourn at 12:24. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Scott Campbell, RPh.**

**Chief Compliance Officer**

**RI Board of Pharmacy**

**Peter Ragosta, RPh.**

**Chief Administrative Officer**

**RI Board of Pharmacy**

**Dennis Riley, RPh.**

**Secretary**

**RI Board of Pharmacy**