

**DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY  
3 CAPITOL HILL  
DOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

**THURSDAY AUGUST 17, 2017**

**8:30AM**

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES-Draft**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

**Robert Iacobucci Jr., Dennis Riley**

**STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Peter Ragosta (Chief Administrative Officer), Scott Campbell (Chief Compliance Officer), Colleen McCarthy, Esq. (Deputy Chief Legal Counsel)**

## **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Alex Balkum, Joshua Hendrickson, Robert LiCalzi, Lisa Rodriguez**

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

**A meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was held on August 17, 2017 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 8:30 am motion to open the meeting was made by Kelly Orr and seconded by Lorraine Quirk motion carried.**

### **2. Presentation of the July 20,2017 Open Session Meeting Minutes**

**Motion was made by Lorraine Quirk, and seconded by Maybelle Reyes to accept the Open Session minutes of July 20, 2017. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes.**

### **3. Executive Director Report: Peter Ragosta, R.Ph.**

**a) Draft of the new draft regulations was passed out to the board for their review. It was relayed to the Board that the Department needs to work on a finalized version to move the process forward. The Board suggested identifying sections of the draft regulations where continued discussion needs to take place, with the goal of recommending agreed upon language to the Department for inclusion into the draft for submission to ORR. The Board agreed to review sections for LTC pharmacy, “tech-tech check”, and “tele-pharmacy” at the September meeting. The board further agreed that they would finalize their recommended language to the Department at this meeting. The Board is recommending that the Department consider removal of the new section draft language relating to practitioner dispensing on Block Island. It is permissible for practitioners to administer and dispense medications from health centers and clinics, and therefore the Board agreed that these regulations were not needed. The Department will consider this recommendation upon meeting internally with the Director of Health or her designees.**

### **4. Old Business**

**a) Review and draft changes to RI rules and regulations for pharmacy**

### **5. New Business**

- a) New Licenses- A motion was made by Lorraine Quirk, seconded by Maybelle Reyes to approve the new licenses. Motion carried**
- b) New PICS-Lisa Rodriguez**
- c) BOP Calendar- October 19, 2017 meeting 10AM in auditorium. December 14, 2017 will be held at URI**
- d) Ellen Balasco Esq.-Chief Professional Boards, Commissions, & Licensing-could not attend**

#### **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 Lorraine Quirk and seconded by Stacey Ranucci to adjourn to Closed Session at 9:38am. 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.**

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

**Motion was made at 10:10 AM by Stacey Ranucci and seconded by Maybelle Reyes 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 accepted the following actions in closed session**

**1 Administratively closed**

**1 Reprimand**

## **8. Adjournment**

**The next Board of Pharmacy meeting will be held September 21, 2017 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, DOC conference room, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leo Lariviere and seconded by Kelly Orr at 11:07 AM. Motion carried.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Scott Campbell, RPh.**  
**Chief Compliance Officer**  
**RI Board of Pharmacy**

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