

Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THIRD MEETING

At approximately 9:00 a.m., May 5, 2004, the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Rosellen Condon and Ms. Tiernee Murphy. Board President Tom Dickson conducted the meeting.

The Board first reviewed and approved the agenda for this meeting. The Board then convened the closed, quasi-judicial portion of the meeting.

The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the request for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy by Mr. Daniel B. Astrup. Ms. Condon presented the Board with a proposed Order of Reinstatement and Probation in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Astrup. Mr. Astrup's license to practice pharmacy is currently suspended and Mr. Astrup now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss his petition for reinstatement.

After discussing Mr. Astrup's current situation and his request for reinstatement, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the Board accept the proposed Order for Reinstatement and Probation and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The second item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Ms. Susan S. Ahlquist. Ms. Condon first presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Ms. Ahlquist. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to a conference held with Ms. Ahlquist on April 14, 2004, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Ms. Ahlquist. Ms. Ahlquist now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order with Ms. Ahlquist, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board accept the proposed Stipulation and Order and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The third item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Ms. Kathy Ann Fedie. Ms. Condon first presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Ms. Fedie. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to a conference held with Ms. Fedie on April 7, 2004, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Ms. Fedie. Ms. Fedie now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order with Ms. Fedie, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board accept the proposed Stipulation and Order and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The fourth item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Mr. Lyndon W. Schultz. In this case, Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Schultz. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to a conference held with Mr. Schultz on April 7, 2004, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Schultz. Mr. Schultz now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order with Mr. Schultz, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the Board accept the proposed Stipulation and Order and that Mr. Holmstrom sign the Order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The Board now returned to its open session.

The Board next turned its attention to the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2004. Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the minutes of the meeting of March 24, 2004, be approved as written. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next introduced, to the Board, Mr. Ken Wittemore of SureScripts Corporation. Mr. Wittemore made a presentation to the Board regarding electronic prescribing and the role SureScripts can play in facilitating computerized physician order entry, which will result in prescriptions being transmitted directly from a physician's office to the computer system of participating pharmacies. No formal action by the Board was taken regarding Mr. Wittemore's presentation.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Austin Compounding Specialties, in Austin, Minnesota, by Mr. John Engelhardt, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that this pharmacy proposes to be located within another already existing pharmacy, the Board has several questions regarding staffing and the relationship of the two pharmacies which could not be answered at the present time. As a result, the Board deferred taking final action on this application.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Faircare Rx #1, in Crystal, Minnesota, by Ms. Stephanie Dauer, Pharmacist-in-charge, and Mr. Daniel Lannon, Owner. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the pharmacy had already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Byron Opstad, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Faircare Rx #2, in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Ms. Cheryl Dobs, Pharmacist-in-charge, and Mr. Daniel Lannon, Owner. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Byron Opstad, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Faircare Rx #3, in West St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. James Korson, Pharmacist-in-charge, and Mr. Daniel Lannon, Owner. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Byron Opstad, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Faircare Rx #4, in Roseville, Minnesota, by Ms. Theresa Jones, Pharmacist-in-charge, and Mr. Daniel Lannon, Owner. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Byron Opstad, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Faircare Rx #5, in Burnsville, Minnesota, by Mr. Kendall Peterson, Pharmacist-in-charge, and Mr. Daniel Lannon, Owner. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Byron Opstad, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Moob Pharmacy, in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Pao Kue, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The eighth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Prairiestone Pharmacy, in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Steve Pauli, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and after noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The ninth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens #02460, in Cambridge, Minnesota, by Mr. Charles Lander, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Gary Schneider moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The tenth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens #02316, in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, by Mr. Tim Affeldt, Temporary Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The eleventh and final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens #01951, in Faribault, Minnesota, by Ms. Jennifer Walker, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff to assure compliance with pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with special attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient-counseling area. The motion passed.

The Board next welcomed Mr. Gary Boehler, Vice President of Pharmacy Operations for Thrifty White Drug Stores, to the meeting. Mr. Boehler outlined a proposal for telepharmacy services to a location in Karlstad, Minnesota, that is currently a licensed pharmacy but which is in the process of being purchased from the current owner by Thrifty White. Mr. Boehler's proposal would connect the Karlstad location with a Thrifty White pharmacy in Fargo, North Dakota, and would operate as an extension of the Thrifty White Pharmacy in Thief River Falls, Minnesota. After discussing the various issues associated with this proposal with Mr. Boehler, the Board determined that it was not yet in a position to make a final decision on the matter and deferred the matter until its June Board meeting.

Mr. Holmstrom next led a discussion of the reductions in expenditures that will be necessary in order to balance the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year, given the refusal by the Governor and the Legislature to authorize the spending of already collected license fees to fund the union negotiated salary "step increases" of most of the Board's employees.

Mr. Holmstrom indicated that he hopes to have up-to-date financial numbers for the Board for the upcoming fiscal year at the June meeting.

Among the items that will need to be scaled back during the next fiscal year is the number of Board meetings. Mr. Holmstrom provided the following recommended meeting dates for the period July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005:

July 21, 2004	-	Business Meeting
October 20, 2004	-	Business Meeting
January 4, 2005	-	Board Examination
January 5, 2005	-	Business Meeting
March 23, 2005	-	Business Meeting
June 7, 2005	-	Board Examination
June 8, 2005	-	Business Meeting

After briefly discussing the proposed meeting dates for fiscal year 2005, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board reduce the number of meetings in conformity with the proposed schedule. The motion passed.

The Board next began consideration of reports from its standing committees.

The Board first addressed the report from the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force. Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with a list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of March 9, 2004 and April 13, 2004. Mr. Gary Schneider then moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that those programs recommended for approval by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force be so approved and that those programs for which the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force recommended denial of approval be denied. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed the report of the Examination Committee. Mr. Holmstrom presented the Board with scores of candidates for licensure by reciprocity and by examination. After a review of the performance of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that, having passed the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination required of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
8577	Jeanne Marie Leoni	IL
8578	Peter Clare Boldingh	ND
8579	Roxanne Rena Weng	IL
8580	Roy Daniel Balinski	IL
8581	Stephen Michael Monroe	IA
8582	Erin Elizabeth Patten	SD
8583	Paul Frederick Van De Rostyne	TX
8584	Preeti Saini Ajmani	AZ
8585	Julianne Marie Beckman	KS
8586	William Thomas Crow	NE
8587	Cheryl A. Fowler	OK

The Board next turned its attention to performance of candidates for licensure by examination that have now completed all parts of the January 2004 Board Examination. For Full Board Examination candidates, the Board determined that, in grading the examinations, the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination weighted at 20% of the total, the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, and that the minimum passing score on each of those parts, as well as the minimum overall score, would be 75. With the passing level thus established, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the following candidate be granted licensure as a pharmacist:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Thao Q Ngo	8534	117917-6

The motions passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented information to the Board regarding a reciprocity candidate who recently took the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination and achieved a passing score, but who had voluntarily appeared before the West Virginia Board of Pharmacy regarding a controlled substance diversion and chemical dependency situation. The candidate is currently participating in a chemical dependency recovery program through the state of West Virginia. After discussing this situation, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Gary Schneider seconded that the Board establish a committee consisting of one Board member, Mr. Holmstrom, and the Board's attorney to meet with the candidate to determine whether licensure restrictions would be in order in Minnesota. The motion passed.

The Board next reviewed a letter from Ms. Renee Kirkeby requesting an opportunity to take the Board's Practical examination scheduled for June 8, 2004, even though she will not officially graduate from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy until after that date. After a brief discussion, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board deny Ms. Kirkeby's request, in that graduation from an accredited college of pharmacy is the cornerstone of the prerequisites required for licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed a letter received from Ms. Rekha Vengal requesting the Board to tell her whether she was successful in passing the NAPLEX portion of the Board exam, even though she had not yet taken the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination and Practical portions of the exam. The Board briefly discussed its ongoing policy of not providing partial scores but to provide all the scores at once upon completion of all three parts of the licensure examination. Mr. Vern Kassekert then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board deny Ms. Vengal's request and that she be informed that all of the scores will be provided once she has completed all parts of the examination. The motion passed.

The Board next considered a letter from Mr. Michael Hillmeyer, who is requesting an opportunity to seek licensure by reciprocity without having to take and pass the Board's Practical examination. Mr. Hillmeyer has not been engaged in pharmacy practice for many years and, in order to reinstate his license to practice pharmacy in Georgia so that he may use it as a basis for reciprocity, Mr. Hillmeyer is being required by the Georgia Board of Pharmacy to obtain approximately 400 hours of experience as a pharmacist-intern. Mr. Hillmeyer is requesting that he not be required to participate in the Board's Practical examination in light of his having worked the 400 hours required for the reinstatement of his Georgia license.

After discussing the Board's reciprocity requirements and the requirement that candidates for licensure by reciprocity have been actively practicing pharmacy for the two years immediately preceding their application for reciprocity, the Board noted the significant difference between two years of practice immediately preceding applying for reciprocity and Mr. Hillmeyer's 400 hours of such practice. Ms. Betty Johnson then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board deny Mr. Hillmeyer's request and require him to take the Board's Practical examination as part of his reciprocity process. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with the report from the Rules and Legislation Committee, which included a letter from Ms. Mary Ann Wagner of NACDS requesting Board clarification of the language in MN Rule 6800.1010 in view of the work being done by the Drug Enforcement Administration to move from a paper system of recording controlled substance purchases to an electronic system. After a brief discussion of the issue on the language in the rule, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to inform Ms. Wagner that it is the position of the Board that the rule language would cover electronic forms of the Drug Enforcement Administration 222 form.

The Board next reviewed the report of the Variance Committee. After a brief discussion of the Variance Committee report, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Variance Committee report be approved as submitted. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next reported to the Board on meetings he has had with representatives of the Park Nicollet Medical Center regarding the prescriptions being printed from an electronic medical records system being implemented at Park Nicollet and whether the Board's rules would require such prescriptions to be manually signed by the prescribing practitioner. At the conclusion of Mr. Holmstrom's report, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to invite representatives from Park Nicollet Medical Center to attend the June meeting of the Board to further discuss the issues surrounding the signing of prescriptions being produced by the electronic medical records system employed at Park Nicollet.

The Board next discussed the programs presented at the NABP Annual Meeting which, in large part, focused on the issue of reimportation of drugs produced in the United States, shipped to accounts in Canada, and redispensed back to U.S. citizens, and programs intended to provide Boards of Pharmacy with tools and new ideas to reduce medication errors within the pharmacy medical and nursing professions.

There being no further business requiring action by the Board at this time, President Dickson adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:10 p.m.

PRESIDENT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
April 14, 2004

New Variances

Dan Halverson
Will attend the May Board meeting

Chronimed Inc. (Minnetonka)
David Busch, PIC
Request permission to allow the utilization of the ScriptPro SP 200 Robotic Prescription Dispensing System in the pharmacy
Approved – one year (pending policies and procedures are written to be specific for this pharmacy; and address the loading and certification indicated in the guidelines)

Coborn's Pharmacy (Sauk Centre)
Dennis Heinen, PIC
Request permission to provide St. Michael's Nursing Home emergency stock box with a supply of morphine two premeasured 1 ml oral syringes
Approved – one year

Fair Care Rx (Minneapolis)
Daniel Lannon, PIC
Request permission to utilize the bathroom sink as "our sink" as no compounding is done on-site and that we be granted an exemption from having a scale in the pharmacy as there is no counting and pouring done here (*per DEH, Lannon withdrew this request*)
~~Denied (as to the sink)~~
~~Deferred (need more information as to the equipment)~~

Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Princeton (Princeton)
Kurt Gramith, PIC
Request permission to store pharmacy records at the Fairview Zimmerman Clinic
Approved – permanent (if access is limited to pharmacy staff only)

Fairview Northland Pharmacy - Zimmerman (Zimmerman)
Jennifer Riegel, PIC
Request permission to store pharmacy records at the Fairview Zimmerman Clinic
Approved – permanent (if access is limited to pharmacy staff only)

Fairview Northland Regional Hospital Pharmacy - Princeton (Princeton)
Bruce Thompson, PIC
Request permission to allow the pharmacist at Fairview Lakes Hospital to do after hours order review and Pyxis "Release" of meds
Approved – one year (send us more detailed policies)

Fairview University Clinic Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
Timothy Boonstra, PIC
Request permission to store pharmacy records at the central Fairview Pharmacy Services office
Approved – permanent (if access is limited to pharmacy staff only)

Fairview University Discharge Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
Jeffrey Fahrenbruch, PIC
Request permission to store pharmacy records at the central Fairview Pharmacy Services office
Approved – permanent (if access is limited to pharmacy staff only)

Fairview University Oncology Pharmacy (Minneapolis)
Jill Severson, PIC
Request permission to store pharmacy records at the central Fairview Pharmacy Services office
Approved – permanent (if access is limited to pharmacy staff only)

Glenwood Corner Drug Inc. (Glenwood)

Duane Essig, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Accu-Med 54 Cell Automated Dispensing System in the pharmacy

Deferred (policies and procedures need to be rewritten to address our guidelines)

Guardian Pharmacy Services (Eden Prairie)

Jerry Edwards, PIC

Request permission to utilize bar-coding, scanning and imaging technology in the pharmacy

Deferred (deferred until Candice rechecks)

Hy-Vee Pharmacy (Faribault)

Deborah Thibodeau, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the ScriptPro SP 200 Robotic Prescription Dispensing System in the pharmacy

Deferred (policies and procedures need to be rewritten to be specific for this pharmacy; and the pharmacist-in-charge must complete the form and resubmit it to the Board)

Hy-Vee Pharmacy (New Ulm)

Brian Hall, PIC

Request permission to utilize E-Facts on line as their pharmacology reference in place of USP-DI's hard copy

Approved – permanent (as long as they have at least one reference in hard copy form)

Merwin Drug 5 (Andover)

Dennis Johnson, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Baker APS Systems automated counting cassettes in the pharmacy

Deferred (until inspected by Michele Mattila to verify the procedure on final check by the pharmacist)

Merwin Drug 3 (Robbinsdale)

Peter Hendrickson, PIC

Request permission to allow prescriptions to be faxed initially to the Home Medical location, which is a supplier of durable medical equipment, and then immediately forwarded (via fax) to the pharmacy

Denied (do it the reverse way; have order sent to the pharmacy first and then to DME)

Thrifty White Drug #727 (Waseca)

Dale Rudolph, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the ScriptPro Prescription Dispensing System in the pharmacy

Deferred (on page 1, item 2D, need to be more specific; on page 2, item 5C, it should be use a pharmacist not pharmacy staff; refer to guidelines #4, 6, and 7)

Thrifty White Drug #22 (Willmar)

Rebecca McCleery, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of Baker Cells automation in the pharmacy

Deferred (policies and procedures need to be rewritten to address our guidelines)

Walgreens #04697 (Fridley)

Chantal Yazbeck, PIC

Request permission to utilize the Baker APS Systems automated counting cassettes in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Extensions to Current Variances

Abbott-Northwestern Medical Building Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

James Cicchese, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

Abbott-Northwestern Piper Building Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Holly Drayfahl, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

Allina Community Pharmacies - PEI Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Patrick Oberembt, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

Arenson's Annandale Pharmacy (Annandale)

Craig Bechtold, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the APS-Baker Cell Automated counting machine in your pharmacy

Approved – one year

ELEAH Medical Center and Pharmcare LLC (Elbow Lake)

Stephen Junker, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to be pharmacist-in-charge at both Pharmcare LLC and ELEAH Medical Center

Approved – permanent (until a change of pharmacist-in-charge at the pharmacy)

Fairview Lakes Regional Health Care Pharmacy (Wyoming)

Mark Nelson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the use of the Pyxis automated dispensing system throughout the hospital

Approved – permanent

Goodrich Pharmacy (Anoka)

Steven Simenson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the return of unit-dose packaged medications from the Anoka County Correctional Facility

Deferred (pending receipt of quarterly survey reports)

Health Care Pharmacy (Coon Rapids)

Diane Dalzell, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

LTC Prescription Providers Inc. (Proctor)

Douglas White, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing LTC Prescription Providers to accept medication returns from the Wesley Residence assisted-living facility

Approved – one year (how often does a pharmacist do the inspection?)

Lake Region Healthcare Corp. (Fergus Falls)

Gerald Peterson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the pharmacy to continue supplying prepackaged medications for dispensing out of the hospital emergency room by nurses on order of prescriber

Denied (prescriber must do the dispensing)

Mille Lacs Hospital Pharmacy (Onamia)

Greg Steffenson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Omnicell automated dispensing system in the emergency room and nurses station of the hospital

No variance required (a variance is not required for Omnicell in a hospital setting)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing nurses employed by PharMerica to assist the pharmacist in checking and inventorying emergency medication kits of various long-term care facilities

Approved – one year (periodically a pharmacist should perform the inspection)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing for a 96-hour exchange of all noncontrolled or nonrefrigerated medication emergency kits at various long-term care facilities serviced by PharMerica

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing for expanded emergency kits at Maplewood Good Samaritan Center, Lake Ridge Health Care Center, and Hillcrest Health Care Center in Wayzata (the Hillcrest variance allows for inclusion of certain controlled substances)

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing for an expanded emergency medication kit at Bloomington Health Care, of Bloomington

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing for an expanded emergency medication kit at the St. Louis Park Plaza Health Care Center

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the storage of records in a warehouse area behind the central pharmacy and in an off-site storage area approximately one-half mile from the pharmacy

Approved – one year

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing electronic certification of prescriptions filled at PharMerica and changes in the prescription processing whereby the paperwork does not follow the prescription order through the entire prescription filling process

Deferred (until Inspector visits)

PharMerica (Fridley)

Michael Koski, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing your pharmacy to deliver prescriptions for various Boston Health Care Systems Group Homes to the Boston Central Office Drop Site

Approved – one year

Phillips Eye Institute Pharmacy and Allina Community Pharmacies – PEI Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

Patrick Oberembt, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing you to be pharmacist-in-charge at both Phillips Eye Institute Pharmacy and Allina Community Pharmacies – PEI Pharmacy

Approved – one year (if the pharmacist-in-charge is there the majority of the hours)

Ritchie Medical Plaza Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Arvid Nielsen, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

St. Olaf Pharmacy (Austin)

Richard Knoll, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the operation of the St. Olaf Pharmacy LeRoy telepharmacy in LeRoy, Minnesota

Approved – one year (but cannot be expanded to patients outside of LeRoy Clinic until you come to Board and discuss)

Snyder's Drug Store #5008 (Park Rapids)

Jackie Rehm, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro Automated Counting Machine in the prescription-filling operation of the pharmacy

Approved – one year (next time you renew this variance send list and description of errors and corrections)

Target Pharmacy T-643 (Apple Valley)

Rykart Sharpe, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines and new prescription processing software in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (but encourage you to do Quality Assurance at the end of each day)

Target Pharmacy T-47 (Edina)

Mary McMillan, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of an automated counting machine in your pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption from the Board's requirement that pharmacists check the manufacturer's original container from which medication is withdrawn during the certification process of prescription filling)

Approved – one year (but encourage you to do Quality Assurance at the end of each day)

Target Pharmacy T-956 (Elk River)

Sara Ellingson, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines and new prescription processing software in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (but encourage you to do Quality Assurance at the end of each day)

Thrifty White Drug #744 (Cloquet)

Pat DeLaPointe, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #744 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #734 (Fergus Falls)

Dave Gilles, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #734 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #728 (Grand Rapids)

Bonita Moger, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #728 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #704 (Mound)

Angie Boris, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #704 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Deferred (send us the inspection report)

Thrifty White Drug #704 (Mound)

Angie Boris, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro SP100 and SP200 automated counting machines in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #743 (St. Michael)

Lisa Chambers, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #743 to accept medication returns from the Wellstead of Rogers assisted-living facility

Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #727 (Waseca)

Dale Rudolph, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #727 to accept medication returns from certain assisted-living facilities

Deferred (send us the inspection report)

Thrifty White Drug #22 (Willmar)

Rebecca McCleery, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Thrifty White Drug #22 to accept medication returns from the following assisted-living facilities: Island View, Diane's Place, Prairie Senior Cottages, Alterra Sterling, and Sunrise

Deferred (send us the inspection report)

United Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Julie Miller, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

Unity Community Pharmacy (Fridley)

Sarah Johnson, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

Wabasha Pharmacy (Wabasha)

Timothy Wodele, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the ScriptPro SP 200 Robotic Dispensing System in your pharmacy

Approved – one year (make sure policies and procedures address all guidelines points)

Walgreens #866 (St. Paul)
Richard Hasher, PIC
Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machine in your pharmacy
Approved – one year

West Health Campus Pharmacy (Plymouth)
Lisa Thelen-Bachmeier, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the establishment of hospice E-kits in your pharmacy
Approved – one year (why not use morphine sulfate and Haldol in lower concentration placed in oral syringes; how are directions for use communicated to patient care giver?)

White Drug #52 (Fargo, ND)
Melissa Kadlec, PIC
Extension relates to variance that allows White Drug #52 to accept medication returns from Evergreens of Moorhead assisted-living facility
Approved – one year

White Drug #30 (Grand Forks, ND)
Gary Semmens, PIC
Extension relates to variance that allows White Drug #30 to accept medication returns from Edgewood Vista of East Grand Forks assisted-living facility
Approved – one year

PIC Changes:

Bigfork Valley Pharmacy (Bigfork)
Keith Pearson, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing for the prepackaging of various prescription drugs to be dispensed by physicians in the Northome and Big Falls Clinics, and also in the Four Rivers Clinic located in Floodwood
Approved – one year (send us policies and procedures and accounting for any errors)

Target Pharmacy T-1375 (Minneapolis)
Ann Byre, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Baker Cell Automated Counting Machine in the prescription filling operation of the pharmacy
No action was taken on this variance request (pending review by MM)

Walgreens Pharmacy #06573 (Coon Rapids)
Kristine Nellis, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting Baker cells in the pharmacy
Deferred (how is final certification done?)

Walgreens Pharmacy (Lexington)
John Lau, PIC
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting cells in your pharmacy
Approved – one year (but how is return to stock handled?)