

## Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

### SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-EIGHTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., March 23, 2005, 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 with the exception of Ms. Jean Lemberg. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Ms. Tiernee Murphy. Board President Gary Schneider called the meeting to order.

After first reviewing and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board next addressed the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2005. After pointing out that Mr. Gary Schneider was not present at the meeting, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the minutes of the meeting of January 4, 2005, be approved as amended. The motion passed.

The Board now 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 pharmacist license of Mr. David W. Pehrson. Ms. Murphy first presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Pehrson. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to telephone conversations and letters exchanged with Mr. Pehrson to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Pehrson. Since Mr. Pehrson is no longer residing in Minnesota, Mr. Pehrson did not appear before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order, Ms. Betty Johnson 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 second item of a quasi-judicial nature, on which the Board took final action, involved the pharmacist license of Mr. Brian Romanjuk. Ms. Murphy presented the Board with a proposed Stipulation and Order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Romanjuk. The Stipulation and Order was developed subsequent to telephone conversations held with Mr. Romanjuk to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The proposed Stipulation and Order has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Romanjuk. Since Mr. Romanjuk is no longer residing in the United States, Mr. Romanjuk did not appear before the Board to discuss the proposed Stipulation and Order. Mr. Vern Kassekert recused himself during the discussion and voting on this case.

After discussing the proposed Stipulation and Order, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson 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 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 Altru Retail Pharmacy, in Crookston, Minnesota, by Mr. Jeffrey Zak, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Tom Dickson 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 second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coagulife Pharmacy, in New Prague, Minnesota, by Mr. Merle Mattson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After noting that this pharmacy has already been inspected by a member of the Board's staff, but noting that there is still some question about the scope of services being offered at Coagulife Pharmacy, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to clarification of the Board's questions by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Candice Fleming. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coborn's Pharmacy #8, in Clearwater, Minnesota, by Mr. Theodore Beatty, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson 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 fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy, in Champlin, Minnesota, by Ms. Denise Peterson, District Manager. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert 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 fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Econodrug Ottertail, in Ottertail, Minnesota, by Ms. Paula Myron, Pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Paula Myron, Mr. Brian Steves, and Ms. Stacy Steves, now appeared before the Board to discuss this application in that it is proposed that Econodrug Ottertail Pharmacy be operated as a telepharmacy extension of Econodrug, in Wahpeton, North Dakota. After a thorough discussion of the proposal for licensure as a telepharmacy, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the Board authorize the licensure of Econodrug Ottertail for a period of one year from the date of implementation and that Ms. Myron report

back to the Board on any dispensing errors that occur during the first year of operation, the manner in which patient counseling, which is mandatory for all patients, is accepted by the clients at Econodrug Ottertail, and on the prescription volume generated by Econodrug Ottertail and the extent to which that prescription volume might justify the establishment of on-site pharmacy services. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview IDS Pharmacy, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Ms. Darlette Luke, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and noting the unique nature of this pharmacy which will be handling only investigational drug studies, and noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Les Kotek, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Tom Dickson 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 NeighborCare - Minneapolis, in Minnetonka, Minnesota, by Ms. Kristin Young, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and noting that the pharmacy will operate as a closed-door nursing home pharmacy, and noting also that the pharmacy has been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Stuart Vandenberg, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The eighth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PrairieStone Pharmacy #14, in Burnsville, Minnesota, by Mr. Ken Peterson, Pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and noting that the pharmacy has already been inspected by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PrairieStone Pharmacy #16, in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Jim Cox, Director of Pharmacy Operations. After carefully reviewing this application, and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Ms. Betty Johnson 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 Board next turned its attention to 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 November 9, 2004 and January 11, 2005, and between the dates of January 11, 2005 and February 8, 2005. Mr. Tom Dickson 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.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the report of the Examination Committee. The first item was a presentation of the scores of candidates for licensure by reciprocity and by examination. After a review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Mr. Tom Dickson 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>
8818	Michael Joseph Hillmeyer	GA
8821	Jan Marie Ripberger	CO
8822	Brian Denis Moe	ND
8826	Monica Mary Yeazel	WI
8828	Elizabeth Ann Marie Kraichely	MO
8829	Aaron Lee Patterson	IA
8830	Timothy Patrick Stratton	AZ
8833	Alan Robert Jorgenson	ND

The Board next turned its attention to performance of candidates for licensure by examination that have now completed all parts of the January 2005 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. Tom Dickson seconded that the following candidates be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Rekha Vengal	8807	118177-9
Yousif T. Muhammad	8808	118178-2
Ashok Pinnamaraju	8809	118179-5
Erin Z. Shelton	8810	118180-5
Lily M. Zelixon	8811	118181-8
Jamalee Dawn Huntley	8812	118182-1
Eric T. Matey	8813	118183-4
Tung T. Nguyen	8814	118184-7
Tiffany M. Dekam	8815	118185-0
Melanie Kluck	8816	118186-3

<u>NAME</u>	<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
Archana Reddy	8817	118187-6
Renee M. Kirkeby	8819	118189-2
Leda V. Baker	8820	118190-2
Stacie M. Gallentine	8823	118193-1
Ruba D. Abughazaleh	8824	118194-4
Jill M. Cisewski	8825	118195-7
Sarah B. Crimmins	8827	118197-3
Sreelatha Kalidindi	8832	118202-4

The motions passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a letter from Mr. BhaveshKumar Kothari, a candidate for licensure, who is requesting that the Board waive its requirement for a laboratory practical examination and accept a NAPLEX score from a NAPLEX Examination that does not address the competencies of the Practical Examination. A new version of the NAPLEX Examination, which will be introduced in May of 2005, will cover those competencies. In effect, Mr. Kothari is requesting an opportunity to become licensed without being tested on certain competencies either through a laboratory practical examination or through the new version of the NAPLEX Examination. After discussing Mr. Kothari's situation, Mr. Carleton Crawford moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board deny Mr. Kothari's request and that Mr. Holmstrom inform Mr. Kothari that he will be expected to retake the NAPLEX Examination in its new format, after that examination becomes available in May 2005. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a report from the Internship Committee, which included a request from pharmacy student Janel Long that the Board accept her experience in a research laboratory as meeting up to 400 hours of dispensing experience that the Board requires. Ms. Long now, personally, appeared before the Board to discuss her previously obtained, but unrecorded, dispensing experiences and the value of her research laboratory experience.

After discussing the request made by Ms. Long, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the Board grant Ms. Long 400 hours of internship credit for her previous experience as she requested. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a report from the Rules and Legislation Committee, which included a summary of pharmacy-related legislation presented by Ms. Julie Johnson, the CEO of the Minnesota Pharmacists Association.

Upon the completion of the legislative discussion, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to request a written opinion from Ms. Murphy regarding the provisions in House File 782 regarding the importation of drugs from Canada and the requirement in that piece of legislation that the Board begin licensure of Canadian pharmacies.

The Board next began discussion of the report of the Variance Committee and of additional information made available to the Board on certain variance requests.

The first variance-related issue to be addressed by the Board was the continued licensure of Stearns Veterinary Outlet Pharmacy and the conversion of the pharmacy supervision of the Stearns dispensing from a part-time on-site visit by a pharmacist to a daily supervision conducted through telepharmacy connections. Appearing before the Board to discuss the Stearns proposal was Mr. Dick Pfeiffer, General Manager of Stearns Veterinary Outlet Pharmacy, Dr. David Tomsche, DVM, President of Stearns Veterinary Outlet, and Pharmacist Jeffrey Sauer, of Melrose Pharmacy, who will become the pharmacist responsible for dispensing at Stearns. After a lengthy report and discussion of the proposed operation of Stearns Veterinary Outlet Pharmacy as a telepharmacy location, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Ms. Betty Johnson seconded that the Board accept the Stearns' proposal and continue the licensure of Stearns Veterinary Outlet Pharmacy as a telepharmacy for a one-year period of time, and that the stakeholders of Stearns report back to the Board one year from the date of implementation. The motion passed.

The next variance-related item addressed by the Board involved a variance request from Columbia Park Medical Group Pharmacies regarding the handling and control of drug samples at the clinic by the pharmacy department. In discussing this variance request, the Board reviewed additional information submitted by Pharmacist Al Brosseau, of Columbia Park Medical Group Pharmacy, in Brooklyn Park. After discussing the original request and the additional information submitted by Mr. Brosseau, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the Board approve the requested variance for a one-year period of time and request that Mr. Brosseau, who will submit a six-month report to the CPMG, also submit that report to the Board. The motion passed.

The next item related to a variance request was a letter from Mr. Paul Iverson regarding pharmacy services to Clearwater County Memorial Hospital, and the Board's request in granting an extension of the variance, that consideration be given to providing on-site pharmacy services at Clearwater County Memorial Hospital as opposed to the variance which allows such service to be provided through telepharmacy connections. After discussing Mr. Iverson's response, President Schneider indicated that he would speak with Mr. Iverson to clarify the issue.

The next variance-related issue was a submission by Lisa Ganske, Regional Manager for Fairview Pharmacy Services, clarifying information regarding Fairview's request for a variance relating to the utilization of automated drug dispensing system technology to facilitate medication dispensing to patients at Fairview Southdale Hospital's same day surgery center. After discussing the additional information submitted by Ms. Ganske, Ms. Betty Johnson moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that the Board deny Fairview's variance request on the grounds that it proposes to circumvent counseling of the patient or patient's caregiver by a pharmacist. The motion passed.

The next variance-related item to be considered by the Board was a submission of additional information by Pharmacist Brad Lueneburg, Pharmacist-in-charge at Family Rexall Drug, in Hutchinson, relating to a variance request for the use of an emergency box in a hospice setting. After reviewing Mr. Lueneburg's submission of additional material, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the requested variance be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

At this time, Ms. Michelle Schuster, an attorney representing NeighborCare Inc., and Mr. John Hansen, a pharmacist affiliated with NeighborCare, appeared before the Board to discuss various issues relating to central processing of prescription orders through a NeighborCare centralized processing proposal that involves the electronic transmission of prescription orders and of filled prescriptions across state lines.

After a lengthy discussion of the NeighborCare proposal, the Board indicated that it would allow a centralized processing facility in Wisconsin to input the prescription label information and conduct the drug utilization review for dispensing of the prescription out of a NeighborCare Pharmacy back in Minnesota on condition that the label of the dispensed product contain the identity of both the Minnesota pharmacy and the Wisconsin pharmacy, the Wisconsin pharmacy pharmacist and pharmacy technician must all become licensed or registered in Minnesota, a quality assurance double-check must be performed on each new prescription by the pharmacist at the Minnesota-based NeighborCare Pharmacy, and that detailed policies and procedures for the entire process be submitted to the Board before implementation. At the conclusion of this discussion, Ms. Schuster and Mr. Hansen departed from the meeting.

The next variance-related issue addressed by the Board has to do with the storage of prescription records from four HealthPartners Pharmacies that will be closing at the end of March. It is proposed that the permanent records from the operation of these pharmacies be stored off-site with access limited to either of two specifically identified HealthPartners' pharmacists.

After a brief discussion of the HealthPartners' request, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Tom Dickson seconded that the Board authorize the off-site storage of prescription records in accordance with HealthPartners' request. The motion passed.

Board member Kay Dvorak next described for the Board a new dispensing system initiative being rolled out by Target Pharmacies in the near future. No formal Board action was required on this issue.

The next variance-related item pertains to the telepharmacy system providing pharmacy services to Karlstad, Minnesota, and whether unit-dose packaging for the local nursing home can be accomplished at the remote site and whether returns of unused medications can be returned to the remote site from the local nursing home. After discussing this issue and reviewing the additional information provided by the pharmacist-in-charge at Thrifty White Pharmacy, in Karlstad, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board deny the request and inform Mr. LaSalle that the nursing home prescriptions for the Karlstad Health Care Center will need to be dispensed from a pharmacy other than the telepharmacy currently present in Karlstad. The motion passed.

The next variance-related item was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Pharmacies, by Mr. Jason Reiser, Director of Pharmacy Professional Services and Government Relations. Mr. Reiser provided additional information regarding the Board's request for a frosted coating on the tempered glass upper portion of the privacy panels demarcating the sides of the patient-counseling areas in Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Pharmacies. After receiving the additional information from Mr. Reiser, the Board accepted his explanation and will not require the frosted coating on the tempered glass portion of the panels.

The Board next turned its attention to the report of the Variance Committee and the recommendations contained therein. After reviewing the Variance Committee report, Mr. Vern Kassekert moved and Mr. Carleton Crawford seconded that the recommendations of the Variance Committee, exclusive of the variance issues addressed individually above, be accepted. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented the Board with a list of pharmacists who have not renewed their personal licenses to practice pharmacy for the years 2003, 2004, and 2005, and who are eligible to be dropped from the roles of licensed pharmacists in Minnesota. After a review of the list of pharmacists, Mr. Tom Dickson moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the pharmacists whose names appear on the list attached to these minutes be dropped as licensed pharmacists in Minnesota. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with background information regarding a change of position by the Drug Enforcement Administration regarding the acceptance by DEA of a prescribing scenario whereby a licensed practitioner might issue multiple prescriptions for a Schedule II controlled substance at one time with the prescriptions to be filled sequentially at what is commonly monthly intervals. DEA has recently taken the position that such prescribing is illegal and must be discontinued. Several state boards and national organizations have submitted comments to DEA requesting that they reconsider their position and return to the previous policy of accepting such prescribing. The Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to develop a letter urging DEA to reconsider its current position regarding the prescribing of Schedule II substances.

Ms. Denise Peterson next appeared before the Board to discuss an outline of a central-fill proposal prepared by Cub Pharmacies. While Ms. Peterson's presentation did not include detailed policies and procedures at this time, Ms. Peterson indicated that she would develop such policies and procedures and submit them for review by Board staff shortly.

At the conclusion of the discussion with Ms. Peterson, Ms. Kay Dvorak moved and Mr. Vern Kassekert seconded that the Board authorize Cub Pharmacy to begin its central-fill operations as a pilot project and report back to the Board with complete policies and procedures at the Board's June meeting. Both the pharmacy and the pharmacist involved in the proposed central-fill activities must be licensed in Minnesota. Ms. Peterson also presented, as an associated proposal, a pilot for the central-fill facility to mail or deliver prescriptions back to the neighborhood Cub Pharmacy. Ms. Betty Johnson then moved and Ms. Kay Dvorak seconded that this pilot project also be approved with a report back to the Board in June.

There being no further business requiring formal action of the Board, President Gary Schneider adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:30 p.m.

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PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**March 23, 2005**

**New Variances:**

Allina Medical Clinic – Cottage Grove (Cottage Grove)  
Paul Blesener, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the Baker Automated Prescription System Cassettes in their pharmacy  
Deferred (PIC sign off on variance request form, address ongoing training, and suggest dumpout)

Allina Medical Clinic – Woodbury (Woodbury)  
Paula Burns, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the Baker Automated Prescription System Cassettes in their pharmacy  
Deferred (PIC sign off on variance request form, address ongoing training, and suggest dumpout)

Borg Drug (Ashby)  
James Witt, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

City Drug (International Falls)  
Gary Anderson  
Request permission to utilize the Pharmacy 2000 system in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year (on condition their policies and procedures address ongoing training and dumpout for certification)

Clancy's Pharmacy (Edina)  
David Brooks, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Clancy's Pharmacy (Hastings)  
Bradley Larson, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Deferred (need to do "show and tell")

Coagulife Pharmacy (New Prague)  
Mark Mattson, PIC  
Request permission to be exempt from the requirements of having on-line reference materials at their site, and certain equipment  
Approved – one year

Coborn's Pharmacy #31 (Big Lake)  
Robert Krzmarzick, PIC  
Request permission to store pharmacy records at an off-site locked location in Coborn's Bartley Building, located in St. Cloud  
Approved – one year (but access must be limited to pharmacy staff only)

Coborn's Pharmacy #16 (Long Prairie)  
Kevin Dahl, PIC  
Request permission to store pharmacy records at an off-site locked location in Coborn's Bartley Building, located in St. Cloud  
Approved – one year (but access must be limited to pharmacy staff only)

Columbia Park Medical Group Pharmacy (Brooklyn Park)  
Al Brosseau, PIC  
Request permission to dispense refill prescriptions from a different location within your clinic when the pharmacy needs to close for short periods of time during normal business hours  
Denied (unless follow old policy)

Coram Alternate Site Services (Moorhead)  
Catherine Swart, PIC  
Request permission to be exempt from pharmacy rules regarding having specific equipment within a pharmacy  
Approved permanently

Corner Drug (Le Sueur)  
Ronald Grothe, PIC  
Request permission to be able to handle drug samples on behalf of LeSueur Clinic  
Approved – six months (remove "sample," add additional sig:)

Econofoods Pharmacy #329 (Cambridge)  
Mark Henstein, PIC  
Request permission to store records in a locked storage bin in the store  
Approved – one year

Econofoods Pharmacy (Farmington)  
Richard Gorcowski, PIC  
Request permission to store records in a locked cage in the back stockroom of the grocery store  
Deferred (no store manager access)

Econofoods Pharmacy #335 (Litchfield)  
Brad Teske, PIC  
Request permission to store records in a locked semi-trailer in the rear of the pharmacy building  
Approved – one year

Fairview Edina Pharmacy (Edina)  
Mike Sacks, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Automated Drug Dispensing System technology to patients at the Fairview Southdale Hospital Same Day Surgery Center  
Deferred (this is a telepharmacy; send telepharmacy guidelines)

Fairview IDS Pharmacy (Minneapolis)  
Darlette Luke, PIC  
Request permission to store records of prescriptions in a secure area, within the same building  
Approved permanently

Fairview Riverside Pharmacy (Minneapolis)  
Randy Kummerfeldt, PIC  
Request permission to provide finished prescriptions for patient pick-up at two off-site Fairview business locations  
Denied (only pharmacist deliver, not technician)

Falk's Spirit Valley Pharmacy (Duluth)  
Ben Marcusen, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP100 in their pharmacy  
Deferred (address certification, loading, return to stock, ongoing training, and dumpouts)

Falk's Woodland Pharmacy (Duluth)  
Steven Preston, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the ScriptPro SP200 in their pharmacy  
Deferred (address certification, loading, return to stock, ongoing training, and dumpouts)

Family Rexall Drug (Hutchinson)  
Brad Lueneburg, PIC  
Request permission to utilize emergency stock at a hospice house  
Deferred (how does pharmacist get prescription, and what happens to unused drugs and outdated drugs)

Kanabec Hospital Pharmacy (Mora)  
Brent Thompson, PIC  
Request permission to store records outside of their pharmacy, but within the hospital  
Approved permanently

Long Term Care Associate Pharmacy (St. Cloud)  
Jeffrey White, PIC  
Request permission to provide Benton County Jail medical unit with an albuterol inhaler and an Epi-  
pen for emergency use  
Denied (statute does not allow)

Moorhead Drug Co (Moorhead)  
Dale Whitehead, PIC  
Request permission to dispense medications using medsets  
Approved – one year (address how you deal with return to stock from vials [the quantity and cost of medication])

Pharmacare Specialty Pharmacy (Arden Hills)  
Teresa Berge, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the Baker Cell automated counting machine in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #12 (Eagan)  
Ken Henjum, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #10 (Maple Grove)  
Lynne Edstrom, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Prime Therapeutics LLC (Eagan)  
Carolyn Michels, PIC  
Request permission to utilize three technicians to one pharmacist  
Forwarded to Board (no technician ratio; invite to Board meeting)

Prime Therapeutics LLC (Eagan)  
Carolyn Michels, PIC  
Request permission to be exempt from the requirement regarding space, equipment and security  
Forwarded to Board

Rainbow Pharmacy #8878 (Savage)  
Cynthia Espander, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the Baker Cell automated counting machine in their pharmacy  
Deferred (address ongoing training, returns, and follow guidelines)

Ritchie Medical Plaza Pharmacy (St. Paul)  
Arvid Nielsen, PIC  
Request permission to utilize the Baker Automated Prescription System Cassettes in their pharmacy  
Deferred (PIC sign off on variance request form, address ongoing training, and suggest dumpout)

St. Luke's Hospital Pharmacy (Duluth)  
Mike Dudzik, Director of Pharmacy  
Request permission to allow the remote "After Hours Order Entry" of the hospital's physician medication orders when pharmacy is closed from normal business hours of operation  
Approved – one year (from date of implementation)

Sterling Drug #3 (Albert Lea)  
Robert Steffl, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Deferred (need to do "show and tell")

Sterling Drug #1 (Austin)  
John Kluczny, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Sterling Drug Downtown (Austin)  
Robert Glowac, Sr., PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Sterling Drug #16 (Buffalo)  
Bradley Winterhalter, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Sterling Drug #4 (Fairmont)  
William Supalla, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Sterling Drug (Owatonna)  
Craig Larson, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Sterling Drug #7 (Worthington)  
Bryan Hagen, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Deferred (need to do "show and tell")

Sterling Drug #8 (Worthington)  
Jill Leusink, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Deferred (need to do "show and tell")

Sunmart Pharmacy #334 (Fergus Falls)  
Steven Johnson, PIC  
Request permission to store prescription records in a secure locked storage area outside of the pharmacy  
Approved permanently

Target Pharmacy T-693 (Brooklyn Park)  
Michael Tessum, PIC  
Request permission to implement a no-cost retail prescription delivery program  
Approved – six months (from start date)

Target Pharmacy T-1352 (Chaska)  
Frederick Chomilo, PIC  
Request permission to utilize automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in their pharmacy  
Deferred (address cross-contamination; must be specific)

Target Pharmacy T-931 (Stillwater)

Joel Adamic, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated Baker Cell Cassettes in their pharmacy  
Deferred (address cross-contamination, returns, and ongoing training)

Thomson Snyder Drug (Warroad)

Dennis Thomson, PIC

Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Thrifty White Drug #734 (Fergus Falls)

David Gilles, PIC

Request permission to include oral lorazepam in their emergency kits, along with injectable lorazepam for the Pioneer Retirement Community facility  
Approved permanently

Thrifty White Drug #734 (Fergus Falls)

David Gilles, PIC

Request permission to include oral and injectable furosemide – diphenhydramine in their emergency kits  
Approved permanently

United Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy (St. Paul)

Julie Miller, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker Automated Prescription System Cassettes in their pharmacy  
Deferred (PIC sign off on variance request form, address ongoing training, and suggest dumpout)

Walgreen's #02460 (Cambridge)

Charles Lander, PIC

Request permission to utilize Baker APS cells in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #1490 (Minnetonka)

Bruce Whitehouse, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated Baker Cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in the pharmacy  
Deferred (no returns per Walgreen's policy, and encourage dumpouts)

Walgreen's #7812 (Rogers)

Brenda Armstrong, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated Baker cells distributed by Baker APS Systems in the pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Walgreen's #07388 (St. Paul)

Landen Sanderson, PIC

Request permission to allow utilize automated Baker Cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in the pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Sauk Rapids)

Jeff Shoberg, PIC

Request permission to utilize automated Baker Cassettes distributed by Baker APS Systems in the pharmacy  
Deferred (address cross-contamination with Penicillin)

Witt's Pharmacy – Caledonia (Caledonia)

Janice Tilleraas, PIC

Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Witt's Pharmacy – Houston (Houston)  
Tara Scaife, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Witt's Pharmacy – Houston (Houston)  
Tara Scaife, PIC  
Request permission to utilize a telepharmacy system between Witt's Pharmacy LTC and Witt's Pharmacy Houston

Witt's Pharmacy LTC – Rushford (Rushford)  
Thomas Witt, PIC  
Request permission to utilize a telepharmacy system between Witt's Pharmacy LTC and Witt's Pharmacy Houston

Witt's Pharmacy – Rushford (Rushford)  
Janice Nelson, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Witt's Pharmacy – Spring Grove (Spring Grove)  
Thomas Emery, PIC  
Request permission to utilize Smart-Fill in their pharmacy  
Approved – one year

**Extensions to Current Variances:**

Children's Health Care Pharmacy (Minneapolis)  
Christine Koentopp, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows Children's Health Care Pharmacy, in Minneapolis, to participate in the Tech-Check-Tech program  
Deferred (need competency stats and orient high-risk drugs)  
Children's Hospitals & Clinics Pharmacy (St. Paul)  
Ruth Johnson, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows Children's Hospitals & Clinics Pharmacy, in St. Paul, to participate in the Tech-Check-Tech program  
Approved – one year (subject to orientation and identifying high-risk drugs)

Coborn's Pharmacy (Little Falls)  
Alice Sunde, PIC  
Request permission to utilize automated counting cells and cassettes distributed by Baker 2000 System in the pharmacy  
Deferred (address any errors, ongoing training, no returns, and encourage dumpouts)

Cub Pharmacy #690 (St. Louis Park)  
Kristi Fecik, PIC  
Extension relates to variance allowing them to receive, possess, and dispense sample medications to indigent patients from nearby cooperating clinics as a pilot project  
Approved – 1 year

Cuyuna Lakes Pharmacy (Crosby)  
Frank Ruzich, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows Cuyuna Lakes Pharmacy to dispense sample medications  
Approved – one year

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center (Crosby)  
David Johnson, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows the utilization of an automated medication distribution cabinet as the emergency kit for the care center  
Approved – one year

Cuyuna Regional Medical Center (Crosby)  
David Johnson, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows the utilization of an automated drug distribution cabinet to provide medications for Medicare Part A patients that you service  
Approved – one year

Fairmont Medical Center (Fairmont)  
Joel Moore, PIC  
Extension of variance allowing the pharmacy to dispense prepacked sample generic medications to initiate a hypertension protocol  
Denied (you should fill the prescriptions instead of repackaging)

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)  
Scott Knoer, PIC  
Extension of variance allowing the utilization of the Tech-Check-Tech program  
Deferred (need policies and procedures, and any errors?)

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)  
Scott Knoer, PIC  
Extension of variance allowing the storage of pharmaceuticals outside the main central pharmacy  
Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)  
Scott Knoer, PIC  
Extension of variance allowing the storage of records off site  
Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)  
Scott Knoer, PIC  
Extension of variance allowing the storage of the NCR copy of medication orders for 30 days with the original copy being kept in the patient's chart  
Approved – one year

Fairview University Medical Center – University Campus (Minneapolis)  
Scott Knoer, PIC  
Extension of variance allowing the utilization of Matrix drawers in the automated medication dispensing system  
Approved – one year

First Care Medical Services (Fosston)  
John Nord, PIC  
Extension relates to variance that allows the Director of Nursing or the Senior Unit Manager, at First Care Medical Services, to fill medication orders as prescribed on the physician order sheet of the institution, at times when the pharmacist would not be physically present and/or on duty  
Approved – one year

Hendrix Health Center Pharmacy (Moorhead)  
Mary Stende, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows your pharmacy to serve as custodian for physician samples and patient assistance-free medications program for the Hendrix Health Center  
Deferred (need sample policies and procedures and explain)

Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy (Minneapolis)

David Graves, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy to dispense medications to the Hennepin County Jail using an ATC dispensing machine located at that site  
Approved – one year

Ivanhoe Family Pharmacy (Ivanhoe)

Andrea Rost, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows you to stock prepackaged medications at the Divine Providence Clinic, in Minnesota, where physicians will dispense those medications  
Approved – one year

Liebe Drug Inc. (Ortonville)

Eric Brandriet, PIC

Extension of variance that allows you to provide pharmacy services to the residents of Clinton, Minnesota, through a system whereby prescriptions for patients in Clinton would be faxed to Liebe Drug, in Ortonville, for filling and delivered back to Liebe Variety, in Clinton, where they would be made available for pickup by the patient

Deferred (send policies and procedures and data on extent of use)

Long Term Care Associated Pharmacy (St. Cloud)

Jeffrey White, PIC

Extension of variance that allows your pharmacy to accept returns of medications from the Stearns County Jail, the Benton County Jail, the Kanabec County Jail, St. Benedict's Community Center of St. Cloud and Monticello, and Sterling Park Health Care Center of St. Cloud, using the same medication distribution systems that have currently been approved for use in other long-term care facilities

Approved – one year (subject to documentation of quarterly inspection and no automatic additions)

Market Pharmacy (Bemidji)

Thomas Thompson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows your pharmacy to maintain a separate inventory at Market Pharmacy owned by Bemidji State University (BSU), with your pharmacist dispensing prescriptions from BSU's stock, and then delivering them to BSU Health Service on a daily basis for distribution by the nurse practitioner on duty to the patients

Deferred (need policies and procedures, QA/QI, returns, any controlled substances?)

Mercy Hospital Pharmacy (Coon Rapids)

Brent Kosel, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the storage of records at an off-site facility for Mercy Hospital Pharmacy

Approved – one year

Minnewaska District Hospital Pharmacy (Starbuck)

Donald Samuelson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the storage of pharmacy records at an off-site location

Approved permanently

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Bloomington)  
Kim McClarnon, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Brooklyn Center)  
Cynthia Ellefson, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Burnsville)  
Duane Fancher, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Eagan)  
Carol Baranauckas, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Minneapolis)  
Steven Robertson, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Minnetonka)  
Robert Huber, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Plymouth)  
Nancy Reiss, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (St. Louis Park)  
Richard Renner, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location  
Approved – one year

Rx Express (Blaine)  
Larry Lindberg, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows the addition of 120 square foot of noncontiguous space to Rx Express, in Blaine, for storage of drugs to be dispensed to mail order customers  
Approved – one year

St. Cloud Hospital Pharmacy (St. Cloud)  
Mary Phipps, PIC  
Extension of variance that allows scanning of physician orders into the pharmacy computer system by nursing unit personnel  
Approved – one year

Snyder's Drug Store #5068 (Brooklyn Park)  
Margaret, Knight, PIC  
Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the ScriptPro in the pharmacy  
Deferred (read my previous letter)

Snyder's Drug Store #5053 (Faribault)

Debra Davis, PIC

Extension relates to variance allowing the utilization of the ScriptPro 200 automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-100 (Minnetonka)

Blair Miller, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the implementation of a no-cost retail prescription delivery program

Approved – sixth months (from start date delivery)

Target Pharmacy T-1185 (North St. Paul)

Sandra Nagy, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-694 (Woodbury)

Michele Johnsen, PIC

Extension relates to variance that allows the utilization of automated counting machines and new prescription processing software at Target Pharmacy

Approved – one year (address cross-contamination)

Thrifty White Drug #722 (Marshall)

Rebecca Bakker, PIC

Extension of variance that allows their pharmacy to supply prepackaged medications to the Balaton Clinic

Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #1151 (Moorhead)

Susan Black, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System in your pharmacy (specifically, seeking exemption to the Board's requirement for checking the immediate container from which medication was withdrawn during the certification step of prescription filling)

Deferred (send policies and procedures, any errors, ongoing training documentation, and scale clean)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2139 (St. Paul)

Mark Lindgren, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting baker cassettes in the pharmacy

Approved – one year (no returns per Walgreen's policy)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #2734 (Woodbury)

Nathan Jacobson, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System automated counting machines at your pharmacy

Deferred (no returns per Walgreen's policy)

#### **PIC Changes:**

Park Nicollet Pharmacy (Minnetonka)

Barry Zoss, PIC

Extension of variance that allows installation of a prescription drop box at their pharmacy location

Approved – one year

PrairieStone Pharmacy #6 (St. Paul)

James Korson, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the AutoMed FastFill, QuickFill Plus, and WorkPath automated counting systems to fill legend drugs in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Rainbow Pharmacy #8866 (Shoreview)

Kayla Grice, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of Baker APS automated dispensing cells in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Target Pharmacy T-861 (Buffalo)

Andrew Briggs, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Deferred (address cross-contamination, suggest ongoing training and include annual review of P&P's)

Target Pharmacy T-160 (St. Paul) – Raylesha Creighton-Lewis

Request permission to utilize automated counting machines in the form of non-interfaced Baker cassettes in their pharmacy

Deferred (send policies and procedures; send them guidelines)

Walgreen's #07781 (Blaine)

Richard Burchill, Jr., PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Baker cells automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy #4394 (Bloomington)

Laura Wallander, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Deferred (no returns per Walgreen's policy, pharmacist must fill cells or keep paper log)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #3832 (Brooklyn Park)

Chad Nellis, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Deferred (send "attached sheets")

Walgreen's #06573 (Coon Rapids)

Kristine Nellis, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreens #04697 (Fridley)

Jeffrey Wilson, PIC

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

Deferred (address return to stock)

Walgreen's #06943 (Inver Grove Heights)

Greg Schuur, PIC

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

Approved – one year (revise policies and procedures to include this information (from our file))

Walgreen's Pharmacy #5882 (New Hope)

Michael Carbonneau, PIC

Extension of variance that allows the utilization of the Baker APS System's automated counting cells in your pharmacy

Approved – one year

Walgreen's Pharmacy (Richfield)

Sandra Johnson, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Deferred (address loading, and returns)

Walgreen's Pharmacy #3101 (St. Cloud)

Tracy Magarian, PIC

Request permission to allow the utilization of the Yuyama Vial Filling automated counting machine in the pharmacy

Approved – one year