Agenda
891st Meeting of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy
Wednesday, September 30, 2020
Closed Session will start at 9:00 AM; Open Session will start at 10:00 AM
Board Conference Room, Suite 530
2829 University Avenue Southeast Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414

This meeting will be conducted by WebEx. Minn. Stats. §13D.021, subd. 1 states, in part:

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(1) the presiding officer, chief legal counsel, or chief administrative officer for the affected governing body determines that an in-person meeting or a meeting conducted under section 13D.02 is not practical or prudent because of a health pandemic or an emergency declared under chapter 12”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Governor’s declaration of a peacetime emergency pursuant to Minn. Stats. §12.31 in Executive Order 20-01 and extended by Executive Order 20-89, the Board’s President and Executive Director (chief administrative officer) have determined that neither an in-person meeting nor a meeting conducted under section 13D.02 is prudent. Consequently, the meeting will be held by WebEx. Interested individuals may monitor the open session of the meeting electronically. There will be no charge to do so. WebEx Log-in Information: We ask that participants mute their telephones unless the Board’s President requests comments.

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Mission Statement

The Minnesota Board of Pharmacy exists to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare by fostering the safe distribution of pharmaceuticals and the provision of quality pharmaceutical care to the citizens of Minnesota.

Call to Order
Closed Session – 9:00AM

Public (Open) Session – 10:00AM

1. Review and Approve Minutes

2. Review and Approve Agenda

3. Variances and Policy Reviews

- Consideration of the VPRC Report. Dr. Paradis and Mr. Nahas will need to abstain from voting on issues involving pharmacies owned by their employers.
  
  - Staff asks that recommendations in the VPRC Report – for items not deferred to the Board for discussion - be approved and that the Executive Director be authorized to issue the appropriate orders.

- University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy
  
  - Variance request to M. Rules 6800.5400, subp. 6 - on the behalf of all first-year pharmacy students for the 2020-2021 academic year.

- Sterling Pharmacies
  
  - Deferred to the Board for a discussion for conceptual approval to transition the Spring Grove location into a telepharmacy with multiple secondary hubs (up to 11 locations) taking into consideration the volume and distance of the Spring Grove location to other pharmacies. The Committee recommends a denial due to an incomplete submission of variance forms for all locations involved. Dr. Paradis will need to recuse herself from voting.

- Costco Pharmacies
  
  - In its report, the Committee recommended denial of variances and policies submitted in relation to the use of a central services pharmacy located in Minnesota. However, the Committee thought that one issue should be discussed by the full Board. When approving past requests involving out-of-state central service pharmacies, the Board has made approval of the necessary variances contingent upon having the pharmacy technicians that work at the out-of-state pharmacy registered by the Board. In this case, the technicians working at the facility are not employees of Costco – they are employees of McKesson.
4. Statutes, Rules, Guidances
   - COVID-19 related request from Walgreens
     - To allow pharmacists working in other states to be remotely involved in the dispensing process of Walgreens pharmacies located within Minnesota. (Follow-up from last Board meeting).

5. Requests for Designation as Authorized Representatives of the Board (for Inspections)
   - National Coalition for Drug Quality & Security
   - AMICUS CGMP Consulting

6. Program Updates
   - Controlled Substances Reporting Section
     - Prescription Monitoring Program
       - Annual Report and related analysis document
     - Opiate Product Registration Fee Program
   - Minnesota Insulin Safety Net Program (no handout)
   - Medication Repository (no handout)

7. Miscellaneous
   - CE Report
   - Pharmacist Licensing Report