

# Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

## EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MEETING

At approximately 9:00 a.m., on September 14, 2011, 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, Dr. Cody Wiberg, the Board's legal counsel, Assistant Attorney General Karen Andrews, and Board of Pharmacy staff, Ms. Candice Fleming, Ms. Michele Matilla, Ms. Karen Schreiner, and Ms. Patricia Eggers. The Board's President, Mr. James Koppen, called the meeting to order.

The Board did not have any quasi-judicial cases to discuss, so no closed session was held.

The Board first discussed the minutes of the August 10, 2011 business meeting. Mr. Stuart Williams moved and Mr. Ikram-UI-Huq seconded that the minutes of the meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Ms. Karen Bergrud moved and Mr. Stuart Williams seconded to approve the items on the Consent Agenda and to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed. The Consent Agenda for this meeting was as follows:

- Variances
  - Variance Committee Report – Approve
- Continuing Education Advisory Task Force
  - CEATF Reports - Approve

The Board next considered variances that were deferred to the Board by the Variance Committee:

- ◆ Gaylord Henderson Telepharmacy Variance

Ms. Laura Schwartzwald moved and Mr. Stuart Williams seconded that the variance be approved until the November board meeting on condition that an inspector do an inspection of the facility and submit a report to the board at its next meeting.

- ◆ Ray Alexander
  - NAPLEX Variance

Ms. Karen Bergrud moved and Ms. Laura Schwartzwald seconded that Mr. Alexander not be required to sit for the NAPLEX examination but that he be required to complete 400 hours of internship and pass the MPJE examination. The motion passed.

- ◆ Doug Hynek
  - NAPLEX variance

Ms. Karen Bergrud moved and Mr. Stuart Williams seconded that Mr. Hynek not be required to sit for the NAPLEX examination or to complete any additional internship, since he has already completed over 600 hours, but that he be required to pass the MPJE examination. The motion passed.

- ◆ Thrifty-White Drug
  - Tele-pharmacy variances

Mr. Jeff Lindoo was present at the meeting and answered some concerns of the Board. After much discussion, Mr. Stuart William moved and Ms. Karen Bergrud seconded the variance be approved for six months on condition that they meet the current conditions and that they submit a monthly report from the hub pharmacy as to the volume of prescriptions filled, by hour per pharmacist, at the hub and at each store and that they have documentation of signatures from each store of the number of individuals counseled at that store. They motion passed.

Dr. Wiberg next asked the Board to fill the vacancy on the Continuing Education Advisory Committee since Dr. Stacey Jassey retired from the Board. Ms. Laura Schwartzwald volunteered. Mr. Ikram-Ul-Huq moved and Mr. Stuart Williams seconded that Ms. Schwartzwald be appointed to the committee. The motion passed.

The Board next heard from Mr. Jason Spears of Talyst, a manufacturer of an automated packaging and drug distribution system. Information was provided to Mr. Spears about the steps that a pharmacy wishing to use the Talyst system would need to take. No action was required.

Dr. Wiberg next presented the Board with information regarding pharmacy interns and immunizations, including a proposed interpretation of the relevant statues and rules. A question has arisen as to whether or not registered pharmacy interns are allowed to administer vaccines. Mr. Tom Larson, Associate Dean of the University of Minnesota (U of M) College of Pharmacy, advised the Board that the U of M has been instructing students on the administration of immunizations for ten years. The Board concurred with the interpretation provided by Dr. Wiberg which is that students can administer immunizations under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist.

Dr. Wiberg next informed the board that the package of rule changes that the Board has been working on since July of 2008 became effective on September 13, 2011.

Dr. Wiberg next informed the Board that, since the Legislature authorized an increase in the Board's appropriation, the pharmacy surveyor position that has been vacant since 2009 can now be filled. He asked that the Board form a selection

committee to interview applicants for the position. The consensus of the Board was to appoint a committee consisting of the Executive Director, an inspector, Ms. Karen Bergrud, and Ms. Kay Hanson.

Dr. Wiberg next provided an update to the Board concerning the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Dr. Wiberg provided information to the Board about remodeling of the office that will be occurring in the near future.

There being no further business requiring action by the Board, Mr. Stuart Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion occurred at approximately 11:15AM. Ms. Karen Bergrud seconded the motion. The motion passed.

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PRESIDENT

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR