

**MINUTES**  
**WYOMING STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY MEETING**  
**February 11-12, 2004**  
**Casper, WY**

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>
October 8-9, 2003 minutes	Minutes from the October board meeting reviewed. No changes noted	Minutes approved, 3/0
Application for Reinstatement of a Lapsed Pharmacist License	Draft application reviewed.	Application approved, 3/0
Proposed Board policy regarding consumer complaints	Draft policy reviewed.	Board policy 059:2004:001, entitled consumer complaints approved 3/0
Additional operating funds needed for the balance of the current biennium.	A request to Richard Cox for transfer of board funds from the board's earmarked account to operating account, background financial information, and projected expenses to June 30th was presented to the board. The board needs an additional \$73,000 to operate until June 30th. Additional dollars will cover the relocation of the board's office, cost associated with the move, furniture, and cost associated with salaries and travel cost.	Transfer of funds request (B11) approved by board and will be forwarded to Richard Cox, Budget Analyst with A&I on Friday. This transfer of funds does require the approval of Governor Freudenthal.
Board Office Relocation	The board's office did receive a packet from Nancy McCalla with the state leasing office in Cheyenne for bids for 5 locations available for lease in Casper. The staff has evaluated all sites and turned in the required paperwork to move the process forward. The state's leasing office will negotiate with our first choice, and board members will have the opportunity to site visit our first choice on Wednesday afternoon.	The Board will be updated on progress as lease negotiations move forward. May 1st is the tentative move date.
Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) quarterly report (October-December 2003)	Bert Toews, MD and George Vandell, Executive Director of WPAP presented WPAP's quarterly report and gave each board member a copy of WPAP 2003 Annual Report.	No action required.
Right Choice Pharmacy	Mindy Rasmussen, RPh, Executive Director, Wyoming Pharmacy Association (WPA) presented information regarding Right Choice Pharmacy serving as a central fill pharmacy under contract to independent pharmacies in Wyoming. The WPA has endorsed this concept and asking the board what would be required for this pharmacy to operate in Wyoming	The board will require Right Choice Pharmacy to license as a non resident pharmacy, require the PIC with Right Choice to be licensed in Wyoming, and that a copy of any contract between Right Choice Pharmacy and a Wyoming pharmacy is mailed to the board's office. A letter reflecting the above will be sent to Mindy Rasmussen.

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Wyoming Tripartite Committee	John Vandel, Dean UW School of Pharmacy discussed current situation regarding the tripartite committee. This committee is composed of Jennifer Nevins, representing the board; Dean Winsch, representing WPA; and a UW representative. There has been a change with UW as Cory Moss is longer serving as UW representative to the tripartite committee. John Vandel plans to hire a secretary who will have responsibility to manage the clerical work associated with the tripartite committee and consider utilizing Cory Moss to provide pharmacist input/overview at UW.	The tripartite committee asked to present a report at the June 2004 board meeting.
Board inspections/investigations 2003	Hank York, Board compliance officer provided statistics on inspections/investigations completed during 2003. He provided a current copy of the inspection format utilized for retail pharmacy inspections.	No action required.
Remote pharmacy technology	Chad Panning, PharmD, UW School of Pharmacy as well as Doug Parks, MD, UW Family Practice Clinic presented information regarding remote pharmacy technology for the community of Pine Bluffs. Pine Bluffs is without a pharmacy and UW Family Practice Clinic would like to incorporate remote pharmacy technology in the Tri-County Medical Center in Pine Bluffs. Ideally, they would like to utilize a pharmacy technician in Pine Bluffs to handle the dispensing and utilize a pharmacy in Cheyenne as the host pharmacy. The Wyoming Pharmacy Act requires a pharmacy technician to be under direct supervision by a pharmacist, and direct supervision has been defined to require the physical presence of a pharmacist.	Drs. Panning and Parks asked to present a proposal for the June board meeting outlining the use of remote pharmacy technology for Pine Bluffs utilizing either a practitioner or pharmacy intern to handle the dispensing function at the clinic. A letter will be sent to Dr. Panning.
MPJE/NAPLEX Agreement	The MPJE/NAPLEX agreement with NABP has been signed by the executive director and forwarded to NABP. This agreement covers CY 2004.	No action required.
NABP annual meeting, April 24-27, 2004 in Chicago.	Discussed attendees for the annual meeting in April as well as the board's voting delegate/alternate delegate.	The board will fund three individuals with a maximum expenditure of \$1,400 per person for the April meeting. Attendees covered by the board include Jennifer Nevins (voting delegate), Kay McManus (alternate delegate), and Randy Harrop. Official delegate certificate to be completed and submitted to NABP.

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"50" Year Pharmacist Certificates	The following pharmacists reached 50 years of licensure and will be recognized with a certificate at the annual WPA meeting in June: John F. Desmond, Quentin G. Hooley, Theodore L. Hoy, & James P. O'Flannigan.	Jennifer Nevins, Board President, will present the "50" year certificates at the WPA annual meeting in Saratoga in June during the awards dinner.
Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)	Information was distributed regarding a proposed schedule for educating pharmacists and practitioners this summer concerning the PMP to be implemented this Fall. Talks are scheduled for 15 areas (17 communities). Presentations are designed to inform the pharmacists/practitioners about the PMP, how the data will be gathered and utilized by the board, and how they may request information from the database. In addition, presentations are scheduled for the Wyoming Dental Society annual meeting (June 11), Wyoming Medical Society annual meeting (June 12), and the Wyoming Pharmacy Association annual meeting in June. The Wyoming Veterinary Medical Society, the Wyoming Physician Assistant Association, and the Wyoming Nurse Practitioner Association need to be contacted for presentations at their annual meeting.	Jim Carder and Denise Lane will participate in all sessions. Board members, to the extent possible, will attend those in their geographic area. Schedule will be placed on the board's web page, information included in controlled substance renewal applications to be mailed by the board this spring, and letters will be sent to pharmacists and practitioners in a community one week prior to the scheduled talk. Talks will be given in the communities from 7-8pm and repeated 7-8am the next morning.
Paul Teitell, Special Assistant to the Director, FDA, Denver Office	Paul Teitell gave a presentation regarding FDA's efforts involving shipment of prescription drugs from outside the United States.	No action required.
Karen Nishi, Cardinal Health	Karen Nishi, Director, Regulatory Affairs with Cardinal Health presented information regarding a new service to be offered by Cardinal Health for hospital pharmacies in Wyoming. Cardinal Health proposes to provide pharmacist consultative services during those times when pharmacy services would not be available at the hospital. Their pharmacists would review all new medication orders or change orders and answer any questions the hospital staff may have when the hospital pharmacy is closed. These services would be offered off site and most likely from another state. Cardinal Health is inquiring as to what requirements the board will require before this service may be instituted.	The board would require that each pharmacist providing this service to a hospital in Wyoming be licensed with the board and that the board be informed of each site in Wyoming opting for this type of after hour pharmacy coverage. A letter will be sent to Karen Nishi outlining the above.

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Administration of immunizations	<p>W.S. §33-24-130 precludes the board from regulating the administration of any medication. The board has been asked to consider seeking a change in statute to allow the administration of immunizations by pharmacists under board authority. Currently a pharmacist may enter into a protocol with a physician regarding immunizations and file a signed copy with the Board of Medicine. This would allow the pharmacist to proceed as an agent of the practitioner. Very few pharmacists have sought this type of arrangement. Melissa Klinger, PharmD candidate prepared a paper regarding pharmacist administered immunizations during her rotation with the Board. Her recommendations, based on a review of states with board of pharmacy authority to regulate pharmacist administered immunizations, include a change in statute to allow the board by regulation to regulate the requirements/knowledge to administer immunization under protocol with a practitioner.</p>	At this time the Board decided to not pursue a change in statute.
Use of Federal DEA registration number	<p>Discussed a consensus statement issued by multiple agencies regarding the use of practitioner's DEA registration number. In particular, the use of this number by insurance companies as a unique practitioner identifier. Currently, the board will not provide a practitioner's DEA number, but will verify if the caller has the practitioner's DEA number.</p>	Continue current board policy regarding disclosure of practitioner's DEA number.
Possible changes in Board Rules or statutes	<p>Discussed areas that the staff considers a change in statute or rule may be in order. Areas discussed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non resident pharmacy statutes / rules and regulations.</li> <li>• Regulations governing providing medication to residents of nursing homes.</li> <li>• Regulations governing responsibilities of pharmacists providing nursing home consultative services.</li> <li>• Prescription blanks utilized by practitioners for written controlled substance prescriptions</li> </ul>	Jim Carder to work with Ken Nelson and bring recommendations to the board at the June meeting.
<b>June Board Meeting</b>	Dates discussed	<b>June 10th, 9am-5pm at the board's office.</b>

Respectively Submitted:

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