

WYOMING STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY MEETING
September 29 and 30, 1999, Casper, Wyoming

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION TAKEN
Public Hearing/Proposed rule-making by Board of Pharmacy	Public hearing started at 9am by Tom Broumley. Purpose and procedure for was explained. Public comment was heard. All who expressed an interest to give oral comment were given the opportunity. Board answered questions and the Board's staff gave their recommendations.	Board voted to continue discussions on collaborative practice rule until January Board meeting. The remainder will be discussed and voted on, Thursday, September 30, beginning at 2pm.

The Board meeting was called to order by Tom Broumley at the conclusion of the public hearing

OLD BUSINESS

June 9,10 minutes	No corrections noted	June 9,10 minutes approved as written.
MPJE administrative fee	Letter received from Carmen Catizone, NABP executive director. MPJE administrative fee for Wyoming applicants will be waived from January 1 through June 30,2001. This will give time for the Board to amend statutes, during the February 2001 legislative session.	Board to propose language change for the 2001 legislative session.
Board of Pharmacy web page	Web page should be on line in October. Board may access web page at the following temporary address. www.saulid.com/board/	Board to review and make comments to staff.
Boards of Medicine/Pharmacy joint letter	Joint letter signed by each Board president was sent to each Wyoming physician and pharmacist. Letter covered physician responsibility in delegating to staff the responsibility of calling in prescriptions to pharmacies.	No follow-up anticipated unless problems continue with called in prescriptions.
BFY 2001-2002 budget	Board's requested budget for the next biennium was presented. It was submitted to Cheyenne in August.	Final budget will not be available until spring 2000.

NEW BUSINESS

Pharmacist/Technician ratio increase request	The Board's staff has reviewed and taken action on six request. Five were approved and one denied. The pharmacy which was denied was given the option of appealing to the Board for reconsideration. No appeal has been received to date.	The Board may eliminate the requirement that pharmacies must petition the Board for an increase in ratio. This would require a rule change by the Board.
Mailed prescriptions	The Board has received a concern by a consumer concerning prescriptions mailed to the patient's home address. The consumer felt this practice (primarily by mail order pharmacies) should be altered to require the consumer to sign for their medications. She felt with the present system, the medications are being exposed to temperature extremes and children in the neighborhood may get into the medications, with possible adverse results.	The Board discussed this at length. All felt temperature fluctuations were being addressed by the U.S.P. with no final recommendations published. The Board has not received similar concerns. The Board is concerned that by imposing a requirement to have the patient sign for the medication may delay delivery, since one or both

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Applications	The applications for pharmacist licensure by examination and pharmacist license renewal were reviewed.	adults may be working. If no one home, then the family would have to go to the post office to pick up their package. The Board feels the possible delay in obtaining medications would out weigh the safety concerns. Jim to write letter to consumer explaining the Board's position at this time. Adopted as written with minor changes in pharmacist licensure by examination.
Patient confidentiality/pharmacy setting	A concern voiced by Carmen Catizone, NABP. in a letter dated 8/19/99 was discussed. The concern centers on discarding trash in a pharmacy and trying to keep information from being discarded which would be considered patient specific.	Jim to write an article for the December newsletter which addresses this issue.
NABP committee appointments	NABP committee/task force appointments for 1999-2000 was shared with the Board.	No action required.
Compounding MOU between FDA/Boards of Phamacy	Letter written by International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists (IACP) showing those states which expressed concerns regarding the FDA proposed rule making on establishing a MOU between FDA/Boards of Pharmacy.	No action required.
Y2K concerns	Letter written by Pharmaceutical Alliance for Y2K Readiness discussed by the Board.	No action required.
Mark A. Crosby, IHC Home Care	The Board discussed the request by Mark regarding home health agencies maintaining a stock of non-patient specific emergency medications on site. The proposed rule-making does not include home health agencies, as this was not included in the language of the legislation passed during the last legislative session.	The Board's staff to research this meeting. In the meantime, provided the nurse has a verbal order to administer the medication, the Board will not take action against the pharmacy if they maintain a small stock of emergency medications for Use by the home health nurse. Letter to be sent to Mr. Crosby.
Expired Drugs	A letter written by Darren Volkes, Guaranteed Returns, concerning a recent rule issue by North Carolina board of Pharmacy regarding requiring the manufacturer of a legend drug to accept for full credit all expired drugs returned within six months following the date of expiration was discussed.	The Board will not seek a rule change at this time. Letter to be sent to Mr. Volkes.
Investigations	Board's staff discussed recent changes in tracking investigations. This was an outcome of reviewing findings of a legislative committee review of the Idaho State Board of Pharmacy.	Board requested Jim to present statistics regarding the cases under investigation at each board meeting.
Healthcare Integrity & Protection Data Bank (HIPDB)	Update presented. The Board has not registered with HIPDB and is awaiting publication of final rules. The Board agreed to use NABP to facilitate transmission of data at the January Board meeting.	Board to be kept up to date on HIPDB.

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Proposed Rule-Making	The Board discussed areas to concentrate on which may need rule changes.	Areas the Board's staff to develop proposed rules include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical requirements, new/ remodeled pharmacies. • Remove requirement for pharmacies to petition Bd. for increase in tech/pharmacist ratio. • Remove requirements of using "Orange Book" to select products for generic substitution. • Hospital pharmacy R&R. Proposed rules be developed for review at the January Board meeting.
Internet Pharmacies/Prescribing	Letter from FDA indicating their entry into screening the internet for possible violations federal law.	No follow up required. FDA will most likely contact states to work out a partnership.
Equipment/FDA	The FDA will be loaning some equipment for use. Equipment includes lap top computer, printer, and plain paper fax. this will be on permanent loan to our office.	Letter of appreciation to be sent to FDA.
NACDS meeting	Jerry Palmer presented overview of his attendance at the annual NACDS meeting in San Diego this past month.	No follow up required.
Pharmacists manpower shortage	A letter from James J. Kobach, Kroger was discussed. He had sent a copy of a letter submitted by Kroger to Carmen Catizone, NABP, soliciting Mr. Catizone's support in getting boards of pharmacy to relax regulations governing the issuance of a temporary pharmacist license as well as removing all tech/pharmacist ratios to allow pharmacies to deal with the national shortage of pharmacist.	The Board plans no change in regulation at this time, other than previously mentioned change in tech/pharmacist ratios. Wyoming is one of the few states which does not experience a shortage in pharmacists.
Next meeting date/site	Dates discussed for January Board meeting	The next meeting to be held January 26, 27, in Cheyenne. The meeting will be held at the Nagle-Warren Bed & Breakfast. The public hearing the collaborative practice proposed rule will be held on Thursday, January 27, beginning at 9am.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED RULE-MAKING RECONVENED, SEPTEMBER 30, 2 PM.

Public hearing reopened	Board discussed proposed rules.	Board adopted rules with minor changes. Order to be dated September 30, 1999. Copy of order to be provided to those who provided oral/written comments and to anyone requesting a copy.
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