

December 2003 Newsletter

Goodbye and Many Thanks! (Don Deyo)

After twelve and a half years, I have retired from my job. Diane and I have moved to Olympia, Washington to try a new adventure. We hope to play a lot of golf, and do some volunteer work. There are many bike trails nearby, which I will be exploring also. Thanks for all your help and cooperation. It has been a genuine pleasure working with you and I will miss my visits to your pharmacies. **Our new address is 3309 30th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501.** If you are in our area, stop by for a visit!

Pharmacist License Renewal

Pharmacist renewal notices for 2004 were mailed on October 31st to the address of record on file at the Board's office. Please note that starting with pharmacist license renewals for 2004, any pharmacist whose renewal is not received by December 31st will receive a certified letter indicating that their license to practice pharmacy will expire 10 days from the date of the mailing. This letter will be mailed on December 31st. An expired license may be restored if the renewal application, correct fee, and copies of CE credits are submitted to the board not later than March 31st following expiration of the license. **The best advice is to plan your CE activities in advance and submit your renewal application, fee, and copies of CE well in advance of the December 31st deadline.** The late fee will still apply to any renewal postmarked after December 31st. Please contact the board's office if you have any questions regarding this change in renewal process.

Pharmacy Technician License Renewal

Pharmacy technician renewal notices for 2004 were mailed on October 31st to the address of record on file at the Board's office. To avoid a late fee submit your renewal application, fee, and copies of CE to the Board's office postmarked no later than December 31, 2003. Please contact the Board's office if you have any questions.

October Board Meeting

The following are highlights from the October Board meeting.

- BFY 2005-2006 budget request was reviewed and approved by the Board. The budget has been submitted to Cheyenne and will require funds to be appropriated during the 2004 legislative session. The budget request, including an exception budget request totals \$1,031,841 for the biennium.
- Harold Rogers Prescription Monitoring Program Grant-The Board received notification of a grant award from the federal government in the amount of \$214,529. The grant monies coincide with the BFY 2005-2006, and these dollars are included in the Board's budget request.
- Board office relocation-The Board will be seeking additional office space to accommodate the prescription drug monitoring program and a conference room for board meetings.
- Unlicensed/out of country pharmacies-The Board will set a meeting with the Wyoming Attorney General or designate to discuss a joint press release dealing with issues surrounding purchasing prescription drug products from out of the country pharmacies.
- Naturopath's Prescriptions-The Board reviewed existing rules governing accepting out of state prescriptions dispensed by a pharmacy in Wyoming. The Rules currently allow a pharmacy to dispense a prescription drug from an out of state practitioner provided that

practitioner if licensed in Wyoming would be authorized to prescribe the same medication. Naturopaths are not recognized in Wyoming and have no prescriptive authority; therefore, out of state prescriptions written by naturopaths would not be honored in Wyoming. The Board had received a request to modify this rule. The Board voted to not change the current regulations.

- Proposed Rules-A public hearing was held on October 9th to hear oral testimony and review written comments on proposed rules for a prescription drug monitoring program. The Board adopted rules and the Order Adopting Rules may be viewed on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>) under rule-making orders. The reference number is 03-02. The adopted rules require the Governor approve and file with the Secretary of State on or before December 8th.
- Application Review Process-The Board policy regarding the review of applications for initial licensure or renewals was formalized. The Board authorized the Executive Director to review applications and approve or deny the request. Any applicant being considered for denial requires concurrence with the attorney assigned from the attorney general's office and the applicant must be informed of the reason of denial and recourse available as required by the Wyoming Administrative Procedures Act.
- The Board requested a summary of any disciplinary action taken by the Board be published in the newsletter. No reference to name/city to be included.
- The next Board meeting will be February 11-12 in Casper.

Please contact the Board's office if you have any questions regarding the October Board meeting.

Disciplinary Actions:

The following summarizes disciplinary action by the Board since the October 2002 meeting. Names or locations will be omitted, but the violation and action taken will be listed.

- Pharmacist--Misdemeanor conviction involving moral turpitude; two week suspension; mandatory substance abuse evaluation by WPAP.
- Pharmacist (PIC)--Failed to maintain hard copies of prescriptions/ prescriptions not authorized by practitioner; Letter of Admonition; \$5,000 administrative penalty.
- Pharmacist--Answers to questions on pharmacist license renewal falsified; Letter of Admonition; \$500 administrative penalty.
- Pharmacist (PIC)--allowing an unlicensed person to work as a pharmacy technician; Letter of Admonition.
- Pharmacist--dispensing controlled substances to himself without a valid prescription; Revocation of license.
- Pharmacist (PIC)--dispensing generic, billing and labeling brand name; Revocation of license.
- Pharmacist--Dispensing prescription drugs under the pharmacist's name billed the insurance company & delivered to his girlfriend who had a valid prescription but was not a beneficiary; dispensed prescription drugs to himself without a valid prescription; \$5,000 administrative penalty.
- Pharmacist--Dispensing error, dispensed Serzone 100mg when Seroquel 100mg had been prescribed; Letter of Admonition.

Product ID

The product labeling requirement will be here on January 1st. As a reminder any prescription product dispensed via a traditional dispensing system must include on the label or

auxiliary label the physical description of the product (i.e. white capsule, white oval tablet, red liquid etc) and if a capsule or tablet the product identification information (i.e. M-630 etc).

Review Chapter 2, Section 11 (b) of the Board's Rules and contact the Board if you have any questions.

Golden Certificate -- 50 Years of Service

Congratulations to the following pharmacists who have completed 50 years of service in 2003 as a licensed pharmacist in Wyoming. The Board of Pharmacy recognizes these pharmacists and is grateful for their years of service to the pharmacy profession.

John F. Desmond (June 30, 1953, date of original licensure); Quentin G. Hooley (May 6, 1953, date of original licensure); Theodore L. Hoy (June 30, 1953, date of original licensure); and James P. O' Flannigan (June 30, 1953, date of original licensure).

Alcohol or Drug Problem? Confidential Assistance is Available

Call George Vandel at (307) 472-1222

If you are concerned about yourself or a colleague, please call the Wyoming Professional Assistance Program (WPAP) to discuss your concerns anonymously. We assist impaired pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to get the help they need without necessarily jeopardizing their licenses.

Special Notice about This Newsletter

The *Wyoming Board of Pharmacy News* had been designated as the official method of notification to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians licensed by the Wyoming Board of Pharmacy. Please read these newsletters and keep them for future reference. These newsletters

will be used in hearings as proof of notification. Newsletters are available for review on the Board's web page (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>).