

JUNE 2004 NEWSLETTER

Relocation of Board's Office

The Board's office relocated to 632 South David Street, Casper, WY 82601, effective May 1st. Phone and fax numbers remain the same, however the Board's email address has changed to wybop@state.wy.us. The Board's web page remains the same (<http://pharmacyboard.state.wy.us>). Our new location offers additional space and will accommodate Board meetings. If in the area drop by for a cup of coffee!

February Board Meeting

The following are highlights from the February Board meeting in Casper:

- Mindy Rasmussen, Executive Director, WPA, presented information regarding Right Choice Pharmacy and their intent to serve as a central fill pharmacy under contract to independent pharmacies in Wyoming. The Board will require Right Choice Pharmacy to license with the Board as well as their pharmacist-in-charge obtain a Wyoming pharmacist license and to provide a copy of any contract between Right Choice Pharmacy and a Wyoming pharmacy to the Board's office.
- Wyoming Tripartite Committee--John Vandell, Dean, UW School of Pharmacy discussed current issues with the committee. The committee is composed of a representative from WPA, UW School of Pharmacy, and one member of the Board of Pharmacy. The committee was asked to present some options at the next Board meeting (June 10th).
- Remote Pharmacy Technology--Chad Panning, PharmD, UW School of Pharmacy and Doug Parks, MD, UW Family Practice Clinic presented information regarding remote pharmacy technology for the community of Pine Bluffs. The Board asked Dr. Panning to

present a proposal at the June Board meeting regarding implementation of a remote pharmacy program at the Pine Bluffs Clinic.

- NABP annual meeting in April 2004-- Jennifer Nevins and Kay McManus will represent the Board at the annual meeting.
- Paul Teitell, FDA--presentation regarding FDA's efforts regarding shipments of prescription drugs from outside the US into the country.
- Karen Nishi, 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 (after hours, weekends). The board will 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 utilizing Cardinal Health's program.
- Discussed possible changes in Board Rules or Statutes including: non resident pharmacy statutes, administration of immunizations, regulations governing packaging requirements when providing medications to residents of nursing homes, regulations governing responsibilities of pharmacists providing nursing home consultative services, and prescription blanks utilized by practitioners for written controlled substance prescriptions. No decisions made but will be discussed at the June 10th meeting.
- Next Board meeting will be June 10, 2004 in Casper at the Board's office.

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

- Contract has been signed with Atlantic Associates of Manchester, New Hampshire. Atlantic Associates will collect the prescription data from all reporting pharmacies and

provide collated data to the Board's office. The contract still requires submission/approval through Department of A&I and the Governor. The start up date for their services will not begin until July 1, 2004. Atlantic Associates will prepare a manual and questionnaire that will be mailed to each resident/non-resident pharmacy licensed in Wyoming in July. The questionnaire will ask each to confirm certain demographic data and to provide information regarding the pharmacy's software vendor. We will distribute a one page information sheet regarding Atlantic Associates at the community presentations.

- Denise Lane spent the week of May 10th with the Nevada Board of Pharmacy in Reno working with their prescription drug monitoring program.
- Presentations are scheduled for the annual meetings of the following groups: WY Dental Society (June 11th, Sheridan); WY Medical Society (June 12th, Jackson); WY Pharmacy Association (June 26th, Saratoga); WY Veterinary Society Meeting (June 28th, Casper); and WY Physician Assistant Association (July 10th, Lander). We are still trying to set up a time at the APN Association Meeting in September, but that date has not been confirmed.
- The following chart shows our summer schedule for community presentations to pharmacists and practitioners. At the time this newsletter was prepared (April), the July sites have been confirmed and will be held at the local hospitals. We will send letters to all pharmacists and practitioners one week in advance of the meeting in their community. Please contact our office if you have any questions regarding the schedule.

Community	Date	
Casper	July 14th 7-8pm	July 15th 7-8am

Cheyenne	July 21st 7-8pm	July 22nd 7-8am
Cody	Aug 11th 7-8pm	Aug 12th 7-8am
Douglas	July 19th 7-8pm	July 20th 7-8am
Evanston	July 29th 7-8pm	July 30th 7-8am
Gillette	Aug 23rd 7-8pm	Aug 24th 7-8am
Green River / Rock Springs	July 28th 7-8pm	July 29th 7-8am
Jackson	Aug 17th 7-8pm	Aug 18th 7-8am
Laramie	July 26th 7-8pm	July 27th 7-8am
Lovell	Aug 10th 7-8pm	Aug 11th 7-8am
Rawlins	July 27th 7-8pm	July 28th 7-8am
Riverton / Lander	Aug 16th 7-8pm	Aug 17th 7-8am
Sheridan	Aug 24th 7-8pm	Aug 25th 7-8am
Wheatland	July 20th 7-8pm	July 21st 7-8am
Worland	Aug 9th 7-8pm	Aug 10th 7-8am

Get Out There!

My name is Melissa Klinger and I am a Doctor of Pharmacy candidate in my fourth year at the University of Wyoming. While on rotation with the State Board of Pharmacy, I was asked to write about some aspect of pharmacy that interested me. My first thought was to write about volunteer work within the profession of pharmacy because although there are a number of pharmacists who are willing to get out and donate their time and services through volunteer work, this is still one area where I find our profession to be rather lacking. Pharmacists are fortunate in that they have this incredible knowledge base that is in a somewhat unique niche. Consequently, there are many volunteer work opportunities available that could utilize our

specialty services. Nevertheless, it seems as though not enough pharmacists are interested in donating their services.

To be a member of a profession is much more than just showing up to work forty hours a week. This is exemplified by Section VII of the Pharmacists Code of Ethics which states that "a pharmacist serves individual, community, and societal needs". Individual care is provided in most pharmaceutical work settings, but often the community and societal care needs are not met through the traditional work setting. Community and societal needs could be well served through pharmaceutical volunteer work. Whether a pharmacist chooses to get involved in administering immunizations, teaching classes of small children about the difference between poisons and candy, or visiting senior centers to educate patients about their medications is irrelevant. The point is that he/she did *something* to promote community or societal health care needs and therefore the practice of pharmacy.

Although the main outcome of volunteer work is certainly not profits gained, I challenge every pharmacist to determine a volunteer interest and get out in the community. Besides giving back to a profession that has offered so much, you will acquire a large amount of satisfaction and be an instrumental tool in the advancement of public health as well as the common good of all of our patients.

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