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April 24, 2024

3:00 pm - 4:42 pm

# DC Board of Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting Minutes (WEBEX MEETING)

#### **Board of Pharmacy Mission Statement:**

"To protect and improve the public health through the efficient and effective regulation of the practice of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Detailing; through the licensure of Pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Detailers, Pharmacy Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians."

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#### PRESIDING:

## BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

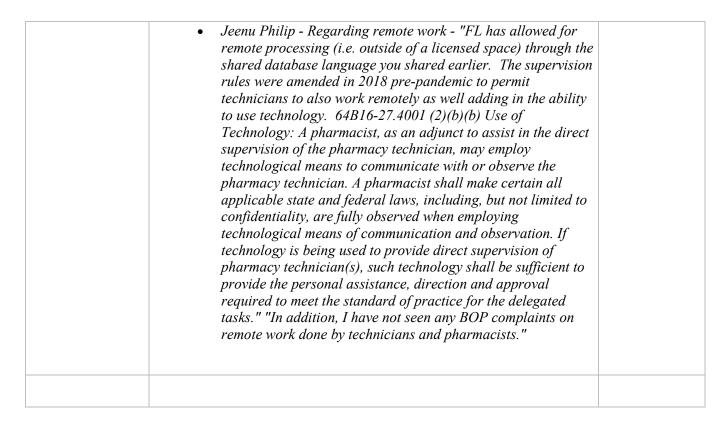
COMMITEE MEMBERS:		
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	Present
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	Present
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	Present
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	
	Angel Cruz, Assistant General Counsel	
VISITORS:	Grace Sesi	
	Jessica Adams	
	Reggie Dillard	
	Jeenu Philip	
	Scott Tomerlin	
	Susan DelMonico	

## **Open Session Agenda**

## Quorum:

Introduction:	
0424-O-01	No Call State  • Mr. Friedman requested an update:  • Motion to update was approved to send to the PCD to update regulations  • Ms. Williams stated that the language was added to chapter 13, 1318 Professional Judgement in Dispensing Varying Quantities.  • One update is need to change "ninety-day supply" to "one-hundred day supply in Section 1318.1.  • Discrepancy to Section 1318.2: Mr. Friedmans' version was not as broad as Ms. Williams' version. Ms. Williams' version includes 3 additional medication listed on the PDMP that would not be included.  • We are waiting on the PDC to review the proposed update.
0424-O-02	Pharmacy Staff Remote work/Prescription Processing  • Mr. Friedman gave an overview of the practice of remote work/prescription processing.  • Ms. Williams stated that the PDC is also looking into this and some of the challenges (some things must be done on site i.e. stocking medications).  • Mr. Friedman shared what a few other states have done regarding remote work/prescription processing:  • VA: Central or Remote Processing – exact language used in other jurisdictions as well.  • Receiving, interpreting, analyzing, or clarifying prescriptions  • PA's  • Prescription transfers  • Not dispensing of the actual medication; "front end" work can be done remotely by another pharmacy in VA and pharmacist is licensed in VA.  • Specific language about which pharmacy performs each task.  • MI: pharmacists and technicians allowed to work remotely  • Not a stringent or descriptive at VA  • AL: Pharmacy Off Site Order Entry and Central Filling Pharmacy  • Mr. Friedman will share the document and Ms. Williams will want Dr. Bellamy in on the conversation.

### Title 17 DCMR Chapter 99 Pharmacy Technicians – ancillary pharmacy 0424-0-03 services Mr. Friedman shared Chapter 99 Pharmacy Technicians, need to clarify what tasks can be performed by technicians vs tasks that can be performed by clerk. 9911.1 - Other Pharmacy Related Services Stocking - needs to be clearer. Does it mean in a pharmacy or OTC section? Stocking meds vs supplies. • *Dr. Miles – individuals not vetted by* Board should not handle medications. • *Dr. Bow – meds inside pharmacy are* done by pharmacist/tech/intern; outside of pharmacy can be clerk. Not to include devices Delivering – taking to the patient; need to consider adding a definition. *Dr. Ortique believes it is fine as is.* o 9911.2 - no changes o 9910.2 and 9910.3 - Scope of practice for pharmacy technicians Things to consider: tech-check-tech, technicians receiving refills (controlled and non-controlled meds) Ms. Williams inquired about which technicians are allowed to do expanded services or if all technicians have expanded scope of practice in MD. 9910.3(g) - vaccination or immunization administration needs to be updated once finalized. o Pharmacy technician functions definition was discussed and determined no update is needed. 0424-0-04 Action Steps/Next Meeting Mr. Friedman will share a document about other states' regulations regarding remote work/prescription processing. Subcommittee members with start working on the regulations and Dr. Bellamy will join the subcommittee meeting when we have a first draft ready. All – need to research language regarding ancillary pharmacy services for stocking. *All – look at what other states are doing to pharmacy* technician scope of practice. Mr. Friedman is going to look at MDs plan for expanded scope of practice for technicians; if all technicians are allowed or if additional training is required. Comments from Jeenu Philip: "Agreed with the comments supporting changing the Public to 100-day. We are seeing more insurers willing to pay for 100-day supply." Jeena Philip, "I'm happy to provide Florida's experience as a FL BOP member if the subcommittee would like to hear."



This concludes the Public Open Session of the DC Board of Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory Subcommittee meeting.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned at 4:42\_

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