

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLOOR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

August 5, 2021

9:32 AM – 10:25 AM

**OPEN SESSION MINUTES
(VIA ZOOM MEETING DUE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY)**

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.”

CALL TO ORDER: 9:32 AM

PRESIDING: MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON	ABSENT
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	ABSENT
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	GREGORY CENDANA, CONSUMER MEMBER	PRESENT
STAFF:	SHAUNA WHITE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	ANGELA BRYANT, CVS SPECIALTY PHARMACY	
	CHARLENE FAIRFAX, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE FINANCE	
	GAIL ELLIOTT, KAISER PERMANENTE	
	KRISTN FINK, KAISER PERMANENTE	
	CASSANDRA LATNEY, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	TOYIN TOFADE, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC	
	SADA PHATTHANAPHUTI, PHARMACY INTERN	
	TEGESTY TEREFE, PHARMACY INTERN	

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
o805-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></p> <p>June 3, 2021</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the June 3, 2021 Board of Pharmacy Open Session Minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. Gregory Cendana.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Abstained from the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u> The Interprofessional Workgroup has nothing to report.	Mr. Alan Friedman
<u>Executive Director Report</u>	<p><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pharmacists: 2,004➤ Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 686➤ Pharmacy Interns: 788➤ Pharmacy Technicians: 851➤ Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 137➤ Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 14➤ Pharmaceutical Detailers: 717 <p><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Updates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Pharmacists who recently became licensed in the District of Columbia are advised to register for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Information regarding registration is on https://dchealth.dc.gov/service/prescription-drug-monitoring-program.	Dr. Shauna White

DC RX (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)

- DCRX is continuing to publish continuing education credit courses, all of which can be reviewed at <https://dchealth.dc.gov/dcrx>.
- A special Implicit Bias training for all licensed health care providers and anyone who is employed in the medical field is forthcoming. The course, which is a collaborative effort between the DC Board of Pharmacy and DC Health, will be available in mid-September, 2021.

DC Health Licensing System

- The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration recently migrated to a new health licensing system on an online platform. Should anyone experience delays in licensing, please be patient with the DC Board of Pharmacy staff as it continues to work towards a full transition.
- Applications for licensure that are mailed to DC Health will not be considered and will be returned to the individual seeking licensure.
- Official documents (i.e. notarized documents and transcripts) are to be mailed to DC Health in support of online applications. Please note that e-transcripts are accepted by the DC Board of Pharmacy at dcbop@dc.gov.
- Please note also that while mailed documents are received by the office of the Board of Pharmacy, the documents are not received by the team under 2-3 weeks after arriving in the office.

Continuing Education

- DC Health has issued emergency regulations on COVID-19 requirements for specific and licensed health care professionals.
- In addition to the regulated continuing education credit requirements, pharmacists are required to complete two (2.0) credit hours in SARS, COVID Vaccines, where the subject matter pertains to vaccine safety, best practices for counseling patients, vaccine efficacy, vaccine ineffectiveness,
- The continuing education credits must be completed before September 30, 2021.
- These two (2.0) credit hours may be used as public health priorities training. For professionals who will comply with this requirement, these two hours will not increase the total number of continuing education credits required; nor does it increase the total number of public health priorities training continuing education credits required.
- The emergency rulemaking concerning 2.0 credit hours was adopted on and effective as of July 22, 2021. The requirement must be satisfied by September 30, 2021.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The individual practitioner may go to www.coronavirus.dc.gov for further information on resources concerning available continuing education credits. ➤ These continuing education credits will be included in the upcoming continuing education audits. There will be a coordinated effort between the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration and the Boards to disseminate this information concerning this new requirement. 	
<u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u>		
	None	
<u>Subcommittee Reports</u>		
o805-O-02	<p><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee has met every month to review and suggest changes to Chapter 65, particularly the Practice Act. ➤ The team has also reviewed the definition of pharmaceutical care; as well as immunization, and how the laws and regulations inform each other. ➤ The subcommittee has reviewed other subject matter that is not commonly under the Board of Pharmacy's oversight, but is overseen by the Pharmaceutical Control Division. The intent is to share its recommendations with the Pharmaceutical Control Division on changes to regulations that the division may consider. ➤ The subcommittee will also share these recommendations with the Board of Pharmacy during the open session of the October, 2021 monthly meeting. <p><u>Opioid Amendment Act of 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The proposal was introduced by the DC Council on November 5, 2019, and was published in the DC Register and in effect as of March 16, 2021. ➤ The fundamental change is in 47-2885.14, clause (b): <i>"If the drug derives from opium, a label shall be affixed to the container, in which such opioid medication is sold or dispensed, stating that the drug is an opioid and that with opioids there is a risk of overdose and addictions."</i> ➤ No action is required by the DC Board of Pharmacy, relative to this law. 	Mr. Friedman
o805-O-03	<p><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DC Board of Pharmacy anticipates a forthcoming Newsletter in September, 2021, which will be published on the Board's website, as well as at www.nabp.pharmacy. 	Dr. Shauna White

<u>Matters for Consideration</u>		
o805-O-04	<p><u>DC Immunization Consent Question</u> <u>Kristen Fink, PharmD, BCPS, BCACP, CDCES</u> <u>Kaiser Permanente</u></p> <p><u>Mr. Alan Friedman, Chairperson, is recused from this matter</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Kristen Fink explains that patients are able to sign their consent via an electronic pad, and a copy is maintained in the electronic medical record within the pharmacy where anyone with access to the file is able to print a copy of the written consent. Does the Board agree that an electronic written consent is consistent with the regulations and does not constitute a waiver? ➤ By general consensus, the Board agrees that the electronic written consent is consistent with the [District’s] regulations as currently written. 	Ms. Carla Williams
NABP E-Newsletter	<p><u>July 28, 2021</u></p> <p>Reminder – Register for NABP’s Upcoming Live Webinar on Biosimilar and Interchangeable Products</p> <p>Former NECC Supervisory Pharmacist Who Sparked Deadly 2012 Meningitis Outbreak Resentenced to Prison</p> <p>New CDC Data Show Record Numbers of Overdose Deaths in 2020</p> <p>New FIP Vaccination Handbook for Pharmacists</p> <p>Pharmacy Has Played a Vital Role in COVID-19 Vaccinations, New Data Highlights</p> <p>South Carolina’s Opioid Emergency Response Team Issues Warning of Counterfeit ‘Blue Pills’ Circulating in the State</p> <p><u>July 21, 2021</u></p> <p>New NABP Patient Education Kit Allows Boards of Pharmacy, Health Care Providers to Share Important Online Medication Safety Information</p> <p>New Web Page Promotes NABP President Juran’s Drug Importation Initiative</p> <p>New Survey Results Show Americans Are Prioritizing Cost Over Safety When Buying Medications Online</p>	Mr. Alan Friedman

	<p>FDA Alerts Health Care Professionals About Chantix Recall Due to Nitrosamine Impurities</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link:</p> <p>https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/.</p>	
<u>Comments from the Public</u>	<p><u>Don Zowader, DC Public asks the following:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ With regard to the survey of Americans prioritizing cost over safety by purchasing prescriptions online because these drugs are less expensive, can the Board notify the general public about the risk(s) taken in such practice? ➤ Board Chair, Mr. Alan Friedman informs Mr. Zowader that such information can be shared in the Board’s newsletter. ➤ Dr. White informs Mr. Zowader that concerning this subject matter: the current or future plans of the [DC Health] are unknown at this time. 	
<u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u>	<p>Board member, Dr. Benjamin Miles moves as follows:</p> <p>“Madam Chair, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. Gregory Cendana.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned at 10:25 AM.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.