

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

August 6, 2020

9:36 AM – 11:40 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: 9:36 AM

PRESIDING: DR .TAMARA MCCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. TAMARA MCCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH	PRESENT
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH	PRESENT
	CHIKITA SANDERS, CONSUMER BOARD MEMBER	ABSENT
	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
	JUSTIN ORTIQUE, SUPERVISORY PHARMACIST	PRESENT
	OLYAD BEGNA, PHARMACIST INTERN	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
ADMINISTRATORS:	DR. SHARON LEWIS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF HRLA	PRESENT
	MR. FRANK MEYERS, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF HRLA	PRESENT
VISITORS:	DON ZOWADER, PUBLIC INTEREST PARTY	
	JASMINE INMAN, DC PHARMACY ASSOCIATION	
	JACQUEISE ONONU, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	KENLICIA ROBERSON, ST. LOUIS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	NIKITA DESAI, RITE AID PHARMACY	
	MICHAEL KIM, GRUBBS PHARMACY	
	DAMIKA WALKER, GRUBBS PHARMACY	
	HAZEL RICHARDSON, GRUBBS PHARMACY	
	ANTHEA FRANCIS, HOWARD UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF PHARMACY	
	OLAMIDE BENJO, SAFEWAY PHARMACY	
	SHARLENE FAIRFAX, DHCF	
	JONAS TERRY, PHARMACIST, DHCF	
	MONAE CANTER, KAISER PERMANENTE	

Open Session Minutes

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
o8o6-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></p> <p>June 4, 2020</p> <p>Motion: Board Member Dr. Ashlee Bow moves the Board to approve the June 4, 2020 open session minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Dr. Benjamin Miles.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Dr. Tamara McCants: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p> <p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for</u></p> <p>July 2, 2020</p> <p>Motion: Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to approve the July 2, 2020 open session minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Mr. Alan Friedman.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Dr. Tamara McCants: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Motion Carried.</p>	

<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Chairperson Report</u>	<p><u>Interprofessional Workgroup</u></p> <p>Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants introduces the Interprofessional Work Group as a body of health professional Board Chairs convened by DC Health’s Director, Dr. Nesbitt, and facilitated by DC Health’s Chief of Staff, Dr. Watson.</p> <p>The work group’s most recent meeting focused on telehealth. All Boards are required to update regulations on telehealth. Dr. McCants informed the work group on the important role of pharmacists and requested recognition for pharmacists as professionals engaged in billable, telehealth services.</p> <p><u>MPJE Item Writer</u></p> <p>Dr. Benjamin Miles reports that he and Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, Dr. Shauna White attended an <i>MPJE Item Writing Session</i> in March, 2020 at NABP’s headquarters in Northbrook, IL. The questions written for the DC MPJE are evaluated over the summer and adopted in September, at which point they will replace older questions.</p> <p><u>DC Board of Pharmacy Strategic Plan</u></p> <p>Board Chair Dr. Tamara McCants informs the public of the DC Board of Pharmacy’s December, 2019 retreat, where the Board set its strategic goals for 2020 through 2023.</p> <p>Thus far, the Board has presented two posters at NABP’s annual meeting in collaboration with the Howard University College of Pharmacy, in support of its goal to increase its presence at NABP’s meetings and workshops.</p> <p>Appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dr. Allison Hill was appointed to the NABP Pharmacy Technician Responsibilities Committee. ➤ Dr. Tamara McCants was appointed to chair the Constitution and Bylaws Committee at NABP. <p>Other Strategic Goals of the DC Board of Pharmacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Update the regulations concerning the pharmacy profession and professionals. ➤ Increase the Board’s focus on public relations. <p><u>Greetings from the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration’s Administrators</u></p> <p>Deputy Director of the Health Regulations and Licensing Administration, Dr. Sharon Lewis acknowledges Dr. McCants as the</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>Board Chair and commends all members of the Board of Pharmacy, as well as Executive Director of the Board, Dr. Shauna White.</p> <p>Dr. Lewis discloses that bill number 23-0543 titled: <i>Suicide Prevention Continuing Education Amendment Bill of 2019</i> was introduced by the DC Council at the last hearing. The DC Council will revisit the bill in October, 2020 to vote on making suicide prevention, assessment and screening; treatment management and postvention training, a mandatory continuing education requirement for all licensed healthcare professionals. She adds that the impending mandatory continuing education in public health disparities may satisfy the continuing education requirement in suicide prevention considered under the subject matter of <i>Identifying Mental and Physical Impairment in Patients and Providers</i>.</p> <p>Associate Director of the Health Regulation and Licensing Administration, Mr. Frank Meyers also attends the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>Executive Director Report</u></p>	<p><u>Licensing Report</u></p> <p><u>Statistical Report on pharmacy professionals in the District of Columbia</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pharmacists: 2,197 ➤ Pharmacists with Vaccination and Immunization Authority: 742 ➤ Pharmacy Interns: 685 ➤ Pharmacy Technicians: 1015 ➤ Pharmacy Technician Trainees: 108 ➤ Pharmacy Technician Training Programs: 13 ➤ Pharmaceutical Detailers: 569 <p><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program</u></p> <p>Online training is impending and information on the courses will be disseminated through the PDMP Portal. Please go to the website for further information and announcements on courses.</p> <p><u>Opioid Strategic Plan</u></p> <p>For current information on the District’s stance regarding the opioid crisis, the programs, the Mayor’s strategic plan and community partners involved, go to https://livelong.dc.gov/page/about-live-long-dc.</p> <p><u>CE Programs</u></p> <p>Continuing education credits to complete Live CE requirements are available through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DC Center for Rational Prescribing, which released continuing education credits on: 	<p>Dr. Shauna White</p>

- (a) Implicit Bias, which is currently available, and
- (b) Smoking Cessation.

- The *Opioid Learning Institute*, supported by DC Health HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA), offers a comprehensive curriculum comprised of modules on safe and effective opioid prescribing practices, treatment of opioid use disorders, harm reduction strategies, alternative approaches to pain management, and other topics in the prevention and management of opioid use disorders.
 - The institute is currently advertising a continuing education course, which is 6.0 credits in total.
 - Visit OpioidHealth.org to access free training and education materials.
- The Howard University College of Pharmacy Continuing Education Program.

Board Member, Mr. Alan Friedman asks the Board to reduce the number of live CE requirements or not require them for the current renewal period, because of the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

Motion: Board Member Mr. Alan Friedman moves that the Board waives the requirement of ten (10) live continuing education credits for pharmacist licensure renewal while maintaining all other continuing education requirements for the current renewal cycle.

Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles.

Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles and Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants offer to the public that several live CE courses are available online, which may require additional online research.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion.

Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion.

Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion.

Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion.

Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried

Pharmacist COVID-19 Testing Guidance Document

The guidance document on Pharmacist COVID-19 Testing is advancing in the approval process. The publishing document may be finalized in the week of August 10, 2020.

	<p><u>Emergency Regulations Pharmacist COVID-19 Testing (Document Attached)</u></p> <p>The Board has tasked a subcommittee to review the regulations of other jurisdictions, which it may consider in proposing permanent rulemaking decisions concerning COVID-19 testing.</p> <p><u>NCPA Letter Pharmacist COVID-19 Testing (Document Attached)</u></p> <p>No questions or comments on the NCPA Letter concerning Pharmacist COVID-19 Testing.</p>	
<p><u>Assistant General Counsel Report</u></p>		<p>Ms. Carla Williams</p>
<p><u>o8o6-O-02</u></p>	<p><u>Status Update on the Rulemaking Adding Continuing Education Requirements in Public Health Priorities</u></p> <p>The rulemaking concerning the addition of continuing education requirements in public health priorities is in effect as of June 12, 2020. Detailed information on the new continuing education requirements is published in the June edition of the DC Register.</p> <p>Pharmacy professionals are expected to comply with these new requirements in the licensure renewal period ending in 2023.</p>	
<p><u>o8o6-O-03</u></p>	<p><u>Draft Collaborative Practice Agreement Regulations with Nurse Practitioners</u></p> <p>To increase the number of pharmacists that are able to participate in <i>Collaborative Practice Agreements</i> with nurse practitioners, language of the agreement currently in development will be changed to reflect the language of the agreement between pharmacists and physicians.</p> <p>Motion: Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves that the Board accepts the regulations with amendments as described.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Chikita Sanders: Votes in favor of the motion. Abstentions: None</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	

<u>Subcommittee Reports</u>		
	<u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u>	Mr. Alan Friedman
o8o6-O-04	<u>Collaborative Practice Agreement – Board of Medicine Update</u> The Board of Pharmacy will revisit the <i>Collaborative Practice Agreement</i> between pharmacists and physicians, while it moves forward in establishing an agreement between pharmacists and nurse practitioners.	
o8o6-O-05	<u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u> The subcommittee will meet to discuss the content of the upcoming newsletter. At this meeting, the subcommittee will develop the blueprint of the annual newsletter.	Dr. Ashlee Bow
<u>Matters for Consideration</u>		
o8o6-O-06	<u>DC Board of Pharmacy Bylaws</u> Board Chair, Dr. McCants will appoint two board members to work with Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill as an ad-hoc committee to review the bylaws of the DC Board of Pharmacy. The ad-hoc committee will also revise the bylaws and present its updates to the Board. Board Chair, Dr. Tamara McCants discloses that the nomination for the Vice Chairperson for the Board of Pharmacy will occur after clarification of all matters concerning the Bylaws.	
o8o6-O-07	<u>CE Fine for Pharmacy Technicians</u> Motion: Board Member Dr. Benjamin Miles moves the Board to establish a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for Pharmacy Technicians who fail a continuing education (CE) Audit. Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Ms. Chikita Sanders: Votes in favor of the motion. Abstentions: None Motion Carried	
<u>Intern</u>		

<u>Presentation</u>		
o8o6-O-o8	<p><u>Intern Presentation Summary of NABP E-News</u></p> <p>Mr. Begna presents the following news items to the Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opioid-related deaths on the rise during the COVID-19 pandemic. 2. CDC publishes data on opioid use during pregnancy. 3. FDA updates guideline on prescribing naloxone. 4. HHS revises regulation on health privacy rule. 	Olyad Begna
NABP E-Newsletter	<p><u>July 29, 2020</u></p> <p>FDA Recommends Health Care Providers Discuss Naloxone With Patients Receiving Opioids or Treatment for OUD</p> <p>USP to Host Virtual Public Open Forum Regarding BUDs in Chapters 795 and 797</p> <p>HHS Announces National COVID-19 Testing Implementation Forum</p> <p>CDC Data Analysis Surveys Opioid Use by Pregnant Women</p> <p><u>July 22, 2020</u></p> <p>Opioid-Related Deaths in Cook County, IL, Rise Due to Need for COVID-19 Prevention Measures</p> <p>FIP Releases New COVID-19 Guidance for Pharmacists</p> <p>FDA Adds Dexamethasone Sodium Phosphate to List of Drugs for Temporary Compounding</p> <p>SAMHSA’s Health Privacy Rule 42 CFR Part 2 Revised to Better Integrate, Coordinate Care for Substance Use Disorders</p> <p>NABP Offers Opportunities to Earn Home Study CPE</p> <p><u>July 17, 2020</u></p> <p>HHS Secures More Than 500,000 Courses of Remdesivir for US Hospitals to Treat COVID-19 Patients</p> <p>Reminder: Four-Part Webinar Series on Confluence of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Opioid Epidemic Begins July 20</p> <p>New HHS Web Page Shares COVID-19 Testing Plans for Each State, Jurisdiction</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link: https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/.</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants

<p><u>Public Comments</u></p>	<p>Dr. Michael Kim of Grubbs Pharmacy encourages the DC Board of Pharmacy to pass legislation concerning pharmacist COVID-19 testing as states await a vaccination for the novel coronavirus.</p> <p>Ms. Anthea Francis of Howard University College of Pharmacy supports Dr. Kim’s observations regarding the passing of legislation in the District of Columbia that allows pharmacists to administer the COVID-19 vaccination.</p>	
<p>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</p>	<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. Alan Friedman.</p> <p>Roll Call Vote: Mr. Alan Friedman: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Benjamin Miles: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Gregory Cendana: Votes in favor of the motion.</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 11:40 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.