

**899 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE  
2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**February 1, 2024**

**Time: 9:30 am**

**OPEN SESSION AGENDA  
(IN-PERSON AND 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."**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**PRESIDING:**

**BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:**

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	DR. TAMARA McCANTS, PHARM.D. R.PH CHAIRPERSON	
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH	
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	
	ANGEL CRUZ, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	
VISITORS:		

## Open Session Agenda

Quorum:

<b>Introduction:</b>		
0201-O-01	<b><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• December 7, 2023, Open Session Meeting Minutes</li><li>• January 4, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes</li></ul>	
<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	None	
<b><u>Chairperson Report</u></b>		Dr. Tamara McCants
<b><u>Office of Government Relations (OGR) Report Updates</u></b>	<b><u>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Amendment Act of 2023</u></b> <p>Chairman, Mendelson, at the request of the Mayor, introduced the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0244), on April 11, 2023.</p> <p>This legislation seeks to make changes to the disclosure of information through the District’s Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). These changes would give DC Health the authority to release additional deidentified information for the purposes of statistical analysis, research, education, or grant applications.</p> <p>The bill passed unanimously on both first reading and on final reading on December 5th. It was signed by the Mayor on December 21st and will now need to undergo Congressional Review.</p> <b><u>Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act</u></b> <p>Council Member, McDuffie introduced the Clean Hands Certification Economic Expansion and Revitalization Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0619) on December 16, 2023. This legislation would remove the Clean Hands requirement from several occupational and professional licenses including any health professional license issued through DC Health.</p> <p>This bill is not scheduled for a hearing at the current time.</p> <b><u>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update</u></b> <p>DC Health worked on a significant revision of the HORA. This would be the first significant revision in seventeen years. The revised HORA received Mayoral approval and has been introduced in the Council as</p>	

	<p>the Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0545).</p> <p>This legislation received a hearing on December 7th. Over 80 witnesses, many of whom were healthcare professionals, signed up to provide testimony. DC Health’s Associate Director of Health Professional Licensing Boards provided testimony in support and answered questions from the Council. This bill will likely be marked up in the Committee in March, before which DC Health will work closely with the Council on any potential changes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023</u></b></p> <p>Councilmembers Henderson and Parker introduced the Health Professional Licensing Boards Residency Requirement Amendment Act of 2023 (B25-0312) on June 2, 2023. This legislation would permit non-District residents to serve on health professional licensing boards.</p> <p>There would be restrictions, including that the Board Chair and Consumer Members would continue to need to be District residents and no more than 50% of the Board could be made up of non-District residents.</p> <p>This bill received a hearing on July 13, 2023. DC Health testified during this hearing and expressed support for the need for innovative solutions to fill board vacancies and offered some changes to the bill. It then passed on final reading on November 7th and was signed by the Mayor on November 21st. It is now undergoing Congressional Review and is expected to become law in early February of 2024.</p>	
<p><b><u>Executive Director Report</u></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Statistical Report on Pharmacy Professionals in the District of Columbia</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates</b></li> <li>▪ <b>DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Board of Pharmacy Vacancies</b></li> </ul> <p>If you are interested in becoming a consumer member, you can apply through the following link:</p> <p><a href="https://motaboardstheresumator.com/apply/1L8k6Q/Board-Of-Pharmacy">https://motaboardstheresumator.com/apply/1L8k6Q/Board-Of-Pharmacy</a></p>	<p>Dr. Justin Ortique</p>
<p><b><u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u></b></p>		
<p>0201-O-02</p>	<p><b><u>Notice of Final Rulemaking</u></b></p> <p><b>Notice of Final Rulemaking to Allow Pharmacists to Administer RSV Vaccinations</b></p>	<p>Ms. Carla Williams</p>

	<p>(a) Amendments to Title 17 DCMR For Pharmacist Chapter 65 section 6512.7 (Administration of Immunizations and Vaccinations by Pharmacists)</p> <p><b>Notice of Final Rulemaking Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptive Prescriptions</b></p>	
<b><u>Matters For Consideration</u></b>		
0201-O-03	<b><u>17-DCMR Pharmacy Technicians § 9906 Registration for Pharmacy Technician Trainees</u></b>	Dr. Reginal Bellamy
0201-O-04	<b><u>Self-administered Hormonal Contraceptive Pamphlet Final Edits</u></b>	Dr. Justin Ortique
<b><u>Subcommittee Reports</u></b>		
0201-O-05	<b><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></b>	Mr. Alan Friedman
0201-O-06	<b><u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u></b>	Dr. Ashlee Bow
<b>NABP E-Newsletter</b>	<p><b>January 17, 2024</b></p> <p>FDA Issues Draft Interim Guidance Documents on Bulk Drug Substances in Compounding Under Sections 503A and 503B of FD&amp;C Act</p> <p>HHS and GSA Update Guidelines to Include Opioid Reversal Agents and Hemorrhagic Control Kits in Safety Station Programs</p> <p>NABP’s Recent Blog Post Explains Impact of Diabetes Drug Shortages and Fake Ozempic on Patients and Pharmacies</p> <p>FDA Approved New Drugs in 2023 for Infectious Diseases</p> <p>Opioid Prescribing Decreased in Past Year, But Overdose Deaths Continue to Climb, According to AMA Report</p> <p>Pharmacists’ Intervention Is Associated With Lowering Patients’ Blood Glucose Levels</p> <p><b>January 24, 2024</b></p> <p>VHA Joins Pulse by NABP</p> <p>Pharmacy Organizations Call Attention to Florida’s Drug Importation Program</p>	Dr. Tamara McCants

	<p>Pharmacists Ranked Third Most Trusted Medical Professionals in Gallup's 2023 Survey</p> <p>DEA's Diversion Control Division Introduces Redesigned User-Friendly Website</p> <p>FIP Report Examines Case Studies of Countries Implementing and Expanding Pharmacy-Based Vaccination Practices</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link: <a href="https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/">https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/</a>.</p>	
<b><u>Comments from the Public</u></b>		
<b><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></b>	<p>"Madam Board 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>	

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   :    am**

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