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**NEBRASKA BOARD OF PHARMACY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2020**

ROLL CALL

Kenneth Saunders, Chair, called the meeting of the Board of Pharmacy to order at 1:04 p.m. in the Licensure Unit Conference Room 1 of the State Office Building, located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The agenda was provided to Board members, posted on a public bulletin board in the Nebraska State Office Building, posted on the Department's website, and e-mailed to the "interested parties" list prior to the meeting. The following Board members answered roll call:

Kenneth Saunders, R.P., Chair
Charlene Dunbar, Secretary – via telephone
Angie Svoboda, R.P. – via telephone
Sabrina Beck, R.P. – via telephone

Absent: Todd Larimer, R.P., Vice-Chair

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

Also present were: Michael Rueb, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector (via telephone); and Dean Willson, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector (via telephone); Melissa Pollard, R.P., Pharmacy Inspector (via telephone); Jesse Cushman, Program Manager (via telephone); Vonda Apking, Health Licensing Coordinator; Mindy Lester, Assistant Attorney General (via telephone); and Larry Wiehn, Investigator.

Saunders announced that there is a copy of all the public documents being reviewed at this meeting available in the meeting room pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

REVIEW OF AGENDA

Adoption of Agenda

Svoboda moved, seconded by Dunbar, to approve the agenda as presented with the Chair having the authority to rearrange agenda items as needed. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

Additions, Modification, Reordering

The Board requested that the following applications be removed from the consent agenda:

AllianceRx Walgreens Prime – Mail Service Pharmacy #246 Renewal Application
Hai Dinh Nguyen – Pharmacist Application
Patricia Platzer – Pharmacy Technician Application

Adoption of Consent Agenda

Svoboda moved, seconded by Beck, to approve the consent agenda as amended. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATIONAL REPORTS, DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AUDIT REPORTS & APPLICATION REVIEW – CLOSED SESSION

Beck moved, seconded by Dunbar, to go into closed session at 1:11 p.m. for the purpose of review and discussion of investigative reports, licensure applications, and other confidential information, and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

Svoboda moved, seconded by Beck, to open the session at 1:52 p.m. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 6, 2020 – Conference Call

Page 1: No changes.

Page 2: No changes.

Page 3: No changes.

Page 4: No changes.

Svoboda moved, seconded by Beck, to approve the April 6, 2020 conference call minutes as presented. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AND REGISTRATION

Pharmacist Application(s) (1)

Beck moved, seconded by Svoboda, to recommend issuing a pharmacist license to Hai Dinh Nguyen. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

Pharmacist Intern Application(s) (2) – CONSENT

Pharmacy Technician Application(s) (1)

Dunbar moved, seconded by Beck, to recommend issuing a pharmacy technician registration to Patricia Platzer. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

Pharmacy Technician Reinstatement Application(s) (1) – CONSENT

Mail Service Pharmacy Application(s) (1) - CONSENT

Mail Service Pharmacy Reinstatement Application(s) (1) - CONSENT

Mail Service Pharmacy Renewal Application(s) (4) - CONSENT

Svoboda moved, seconded by Beck, to recommend renewing the mail service pharmacy license #246 of AllianceRx Walgreens Prime. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

E-Mail Ballot(s) Since the Last Meeting

Since their last meeting, the Board voted via e-mail ballot to approve that online proctoring for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE) is acceptable and to approve Quality Career Pathways pharmacy technician program as an acceptable program for meeting the requirement for state/national certification.

Pharmacist Reinstatement Application(s) (1)

Dunbar moved, seconded by Svoboda, to recommend reinstating Coleen Brittenham's pharmacist license on probation for three (3) years. Probationary terms and conditions should include abstaining from drugs and alcohol, submit to body fluid screens, follow all treatment recommendations including support groups meetings, cannot be pharmacist-in-charge, cannot be in solo practice and any standard terms and conditions required for individuals having a diagnosis of opioid use disorder, severe. The basis for the probationary license is recent criminal history and substance abuse history. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: None. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

Pharmacist Reinstatement After Discipline Application(s) (2)

Beck moved, seconded by Dunbar, to deny the reinstatement after discipline application of Douglas Pick. The basis for the denial is past disciplinary history and past criminal history. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: None. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF PHARMACEUTICAL CARE AGREEMENT(S) (1) – CONSENT

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DISCUSSION ON COVID-19 ISSUES

Cushman explained that the Department is waiting for a couple additional Executive Orders that are to be worked on that will address issues that were not addressed in the first Executive order. Those issues include but are not limited to clarification on the time frame for pharmacy technician national and/or state certification requirements, the compounding of hand sanitizer, and will address what the Department will or will not enforce during the pandemic. Joni Cover offered her assistance to the Department. Ms. Cover will send some helpful information to the Department.

PRACTICE QUESTION – MEDSONCUE PAPERLESS DRUG INFORMATION

The Board requested additional information to help clarify what information MedsOnCue is referring to.

REGULATIONS UPDATE

Cushman explained that the Department is moving forward with rewriting Chapters 128 and 8 in legislative style. There is no content or language changes. Once completed, a public hearing date will be scheduled.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

The current Nebraska legislative session is still suspended.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BOARDS OF PHARMACY (NABP)

Saunders informed the Board that he will be attending a half day meeting with NABP to address the business meeting portion of the canceled National meeting.

DISTRICT FIVE ANNUAL MEETING – AUGUST 5-7, 2020 IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA

Nothing to report at this time.

The next Board of Pharmacy meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Beck moved, seconded by Dunbar, to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Voting aye: Beck, Dunbar, Saunders, and Svoboda. Voting nay: none. Absent: Larimer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file with the Department)

Charlene Dunbar, Secretary
Board of Pharmacy