

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY
BOWLING GREEN, KENTCUKY
NOVEMBER 13, 2005**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy was held at the Holiday Inn University Plaza, 1021 Wilkinson Trace, Bowling Green, Kentucky. President Armstrong called the meeting to order at 10:00AM.

Members present: Tim Armstrong, Becky Cooper, Mark Edwards, Greg Naseman, and Patricia Thornbury. Staff present: Michael Burlison, Executive Director; Jeffery L. Osman, Pharmacy Inspections and Investigations Coordinator; Katie Busroe and Phil Losch, Pharmacy and Drug Inspectors; and Cheryl Lalonde-Moooney, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel; Guests: Kentucky Pharmacists Association Board members: Joel Thornbury, George Hammons, Barry Eadens, Kim Croley, Leon Claywell, Pat Mattingly, Jeff Mills, Stan Scates, Lewis Wilkerson, David Schoenbaechler; Kentucky Pharmacists Association Staff: Mike Mayes, John Brazel, Brenda Bunning; Bob Oakley, Kentucky Society of Healthcare Pharmacists; Ralph Bouvette, American Pharmacy Services Corporation; Kentucky Retail Federation: Jan Gould, Gay Dwyer; University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy representative: Dwaine Green; University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy student: Vylinda Howard; National Association of Chain Drug Store representative: Dale Masten, Tina Schiffel; Kentucky Pharmacists Association members: Donnie Riley, Sandra Thornbury, Jeff Holmes, Mike Wyant, Gloria Doughty, Richard Ross, Melinda Joyce, Jerry White; Kentucky Pharmacists: Jennifer Van Cura, Doyal Snider, Jeannie Snider, Walter Stone, Madeline Stone, Lisa Hart, Steve Hart, Maxine Snively; Certified Pharmacy Technician: Lois Selvage, Kathy Martin, Kelly Maston; Jeff Joyce; Vicki Yates-Brown.

President Tim Armstrong: Thanked Kentucky Pharmacist Association for helping with setting up the Board retreat.

MINUTES: On motion by Mr. Greg Naseman, seconded by Mr. Mark Edwards and passed unanimously, the Minutes of October 6, 2004, were adopted

PHARMACY TECHNICIANS: Ms Kim Croley was moderator for the discussion of the requiring pharmacy technicians to be licensed or registered. Ms Croley stated that the KPhA Professional Affairs committee recommended having them licensed or registered. Discussion included the following: theft problems; drug diversion; the Board is responsible for the public health, welfare and safety, therefore the technicians should be held accountable; difficulty in keeping track of technicians where they are working, current regulations and statutes would have to be changed and created including setting up a fee for licensing or registering, staff at Board of Pharmacy would have to be

increased by at least two individuals (one administrative assistant and inspector) and more space possibly, the computer system might need upgrading, the staff would try and do as much computerization including on line renewals and reporting of name and location changes; should technicians be included in the IPC system; reporting of theft or diversion must be reported to the Board; contact NAPB Secretary bag for pros and cons from other states that have technicians licensed or registered; obtain regulations and statutes from others states; when should technicians have to be licensed or registered (example: after 90 days or ___ days; four technicians at the meeting were in favor of licensing or registering).

ELECTRONIC ENVIORMENT IN PHARMACY: Mr. Mark Edwards was the moderator for this discussion.

INTERNET PRESCRIPTIONS: The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy feels that a valid physician/patient/pharmacist relationship cannot be established based solely upon an on-line questionnaire evaluation. Discussion included the following: the Board should codify the above; the NABP legislative session is having a presentation at the meeting this weekend and the Board needs to get a copy of the presentation; some states are allowing this practice; the Board will revisit this item at the December meeting.

TELEPHARMACY: The Board is considering promulgating regulations to enable the practice of pharmacy through telepharmacy. The term “telepharmacy” for the purposes of this discussion means the receipt, review, preparation, and dispensation of and patient counseling for a valid prescription under the supervision of a pharmacist from a remote site. Discussion included the following: specific parameters should be set up, such as no other pharmacy with ?? miles; each site must be approved by the Board; should only be in a clinic setting; certain statutes and regulations would have to be modified; which site would be granted the permit; security issue; work with other states that allow telepharmay.

ELECTRONIC PRESCRIPTIONS/ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES: Companies such as WebMD, SureScripts, RxHub and others have developed technologies that facilitate the delivery of electronic prescriptions with electronic signatures from medical practitioners to pharmacies. Discussion included the following: security issues; the numerous companies that have this technology available, and how should each be considered; currently WebMD is okay for use in Kentucky.

INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC MEDICAL/PHARMACY RECORDS: Pursuing the paperless pharmacy. Discussion included the following: will it happen; under current rules of DEA no totally paperless situation can occur except in acute care hospital; does NABP have any reports on paperless record keeping.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Tim Armstrong was the moderator. Discussion included the following: would have to meet the needs of each practitioner; should new graduates after to test after 2 years, 5 years or 10 years; who would be in charge of this; how would it work; would it replace continuing education;

this would help pharmacists find their weakness and work on that area that needs improvement; mandatory or voluntary; bring to the Board at a later date.

Board recessed at 5:30PM on Saturday November 13, 2004.

NOVEMBER 14, 2004

President Tim Armstrong reconvened the Board meeting at 8:50AM. He expressed the Board's appreciation to Kentucky Pharmacists Association and the attendees.

MEDICATION ERRORS; Ms Melinda Joyce was moderator for this discussion. Ms Joyce started with a short power point presentation on medication errors. Discussion including the following: communication is a key; should med error CE be required for those taking the Board exam, should be included in renewal for pharmacists each year; what is the Board approach to med errors; continuous quality improvement; what type of policy and procedure do we need for med errors; do students need more practical experience; no definition of medication error in our statutes or regulations; check with other states; establishing method of best practices; consultant to help pharmacies to establish best practices; what models exist on medication errors that the outcome of the action would be positive and that improves the safety of the public; pharmacists should communicate with the public when errors occur; medication errors must be investigated if complaint received by consumer, other health professional, or Department of Insurance; hours of internship-should it be changed; patient should be involved in education of med errors; what will the Board do and how will it be disseminated. The Board will discuss medication errors at its January 2005 meeting.