

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Interested Parties

FROM: Michael A. Moné
Executive Director

DATE: October 14, 2003

The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy serves the Commonwealth to promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety, and welfare through effective regulation of the practice of pharmacy. The Kentucky Board of Pharmacy accomplishes this mission through the examination, testing, and credentialing of prospective pharmacists; regulation, discipline of all licensed pharmacists; and through appropriate communication of information and laws pertaining to the practice of pharmacy in Kentucky.

President Georgina Kindall-Jones has called a meeting of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to begin at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2003, at the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy office.

The following agenda will be addressed:

1. Tablet splitting
2. Retreat - Agenda items

MINUTES
KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY
Frankfort, Kentucky
October 17, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: A special meeting of the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy was held at the Board office, 23 Millcreek Park, in Frankfort, Kentucky. President Jones called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.

Members present: Georgina Kindall Jones, Tim Armstrong, Joe Carr, Rebecca Cooper, Mark Edwards, and Patricia Thornbury. Staff present: Michael A. Moné, Executive Director; Katie Busroe, Pharmacy and Drug Inspector; and Cheryl Lalonde-Mooney, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel. Guests: Ralph Bouvette and Nancy Horn, APSC; and Gay Dwyer, Kentucky Retail Federation. Melody Curtis, Court Reporter, recorded the meeting.

ROLL CALL: All Board Members were present.

MINUTES: On motion by Mr. Armstrong, seconded by Ms. Cooper and passed unanimously, the Minutes of October 8, 2003 were adopted as amended.

TABLET SPLITTING:

Mr. Armstrong, Ms. Thornbury, and Mr. Moné reported on the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services' Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory committee meeting regarding tablet splitting held on October 9, 2003. After discussion, Mr. Carr moved that the Board reaffirm the position statement on tablet splitting that was stated at the June 4, 2003 Board meeting, "Mr. Carr moved to express the Boards' concern and to indicate that tablet splitting is appropriate whenever it does not result in a standardized dose already available in the marketplace. The use of tablet splitting where the resultant halves are an existing available dosage form may result in therapeutic variation that is unnecessary and potentially confusing to the patient." The Board wants to be involved in dialogue that is meaningful to the safety of the patients of Kentucky. Mr. Armstrong seconded and the motion unanimously.

Ms. Thornbury moved that the format of the correspondence with the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services' Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory committee be that Mr. Moné write a letter to the Commissioner of Medicaid stating that the Board of Pharmacy called a special meeting to discuss the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services' Pharmacy and Therapeutics Advisory committee meeting held October 9, 2003. At this special meeting the Board discussed events that transpired at the October 9, 2003 meeting. The Board voted to reaffirm the position stated at the June 4, 2003 Board meeting: "Mr. Carr moved to express the Boards' concern and to indicate that tablet splitting is appropriate whenever it does not result in a standardized dose already available in the marketplace. The use of tablet splitting where the resultant halves are an

existing available dosage form may result in therapeutic variation that is unnecessary and potentially confusing to the patient.” Mr. Moné is to include the position statement from the North Carolina Board Newsletter: “The pharmacist is ultimately responsible for providing adequate patient counseling, and for assuring that tablet-splitting is safe and appropriate for the patient.” Mr. Moné is to send a copy of the letter to the Board members for their responses to be considered before a final draft is sent to the Medicaid Commissioner. Mr. Carr seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

RETREAT:

The following have been suggested for the agenda of the November 8 and 9, 2003 retreat:

- I. Luther Luckett Correctional, Correctional Medical Services
- II. Tablet Splitting
- III. Discussion of Unprofessional Conduct
- IV. Discussion of Medication Error Report
- V. Regulation of PBM
- VI. Immunizations by Pharmacists per Protocol
- VII. Advanced Registered Pharmacists Practitioners
- VIII. Licensing Pharmacist-in-charge of Mail Order and Other Out of State Pharmacies
- IX. Combined Pharm.D/Physicians Assistant Curriculum Pathway
- X. Update on Therapeutic Substitution
- XI. Strategic Plan for Pharmacy
- XII. Statutory and Regulatory Changes – KASPER
- XIII. Computers and Email for Staff

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion by Mr. Carr, seconded by Ms. Cooper and passed unanimously, President Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m. The next Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 2003 at the Cincinnati Marriott at RiverCenter, 10 West River Center Blvd., in Covington, Kentucky.

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Michael A. Mone, Executive Director