

Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Advisory Council

Kentucky Board of Pharmacy
125 Holmes St. Suite 300
Frankfort KY 40601

February 19, 2019
9:30 am

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening remarks by Chair Matt Martin
- III. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2019
- IV. Discussion items:
 1. Unused permits/licenses regulation
 2. Number of failed attempts of NAPLEX/MPJE
 3. Telehealth/telepharmacy
 - a. Impact of pharmacist employment – KphA
 - b. Information from Lavanya Peters, Park Duvalle
- V. Adjournment

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Present: Chair Matt Martin; Chris Clifton; Elizabeth Lovell; Sarah Lawrence; Tyler Bright and Jason Poe. Shannon Stiglitz arrived after the meeting began. Staff present were Executive Director Larry Hadley; Katie Busroe, Pharmacy Inspections and Investigations Coordinator; Anthony Gray, General Counsel and Darla Sayre, Executive Staff Advisor. Visitors present were KPhA President Chris Palutis, KPhA Executive Director Mark Glasper; Lavanya Peters, Park DuValle Health Center; Angela Brunemann, St. Elizabeth and Ralph Bouvette, APSC. Absent: Kelly Whitaker and Michael Wyant.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at 9:33 am.

On motion by Chris Clifton, seconded by Elizabeth Lovell, and passed unanimously, the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting were approved.

Mr. Hadley introduced Anthony Gray, General Counsel to the council. He began employment with the Board on February 16, 2019.

UNUSED PERMITS/LICENSES Mr. Hadley and Ms. Busroe provided a summary regarding unused permits/licenses issued by the Board. The Board directed the Advisory Council to look into this issue and provide a recommendation at the July 31, 2019 Board meeting. After much discussion, Shannon Stiglitz moved to table this until the next meeting and direct Board staff to propose amendments to the regulations impacted by this issue. Chris Clifton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

NAPLEX/MPJE EXAMS Shannon Stiglitz questioned if there was an issue. Based on the information provided on multiple attempts to pass these exams, there does not appear to be a problem. Chris Clifton moved to recommend to the Board that the council has no opinion. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Sarah Lawrence moved to table this issue for one year to monitor the situation. Shannon Stiglitz seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

TELEPHARMACY

Mark Glasper, KPhA presented to the council responses from other state pharmacist associations regarding the impact on pharmacist jobs upon implementation of telepharmacy in their state. He noted an increase of jobs in areas where there had previously been no pharmacy located and a decrease in pharmacy technician jobs. Chris Palutis, KPhA advised the council that KPhA does not want to inhibit the progress of technology in the pharmaceutical profession but does not support the use of technology to remove the physical requirement of a pharmacist onsite at a pharmacy.

Shannon Stiglitz left the meeting.

After much discussion, Chair Matt Martin identified three qualifying factors where telepharmacy may be beneficial:

- Patient access to 340 B pharmaceuticals
- Patient access to pharmaceuticals after hours/weekends
- Geographical access to pharmaceuticals

Jason Poe expressed a concern over the increased workload of pharmacists monitoring remote sites.

Chair Matt Martin proposed to work on this issue by addressing the following question.

How many remote sites may a pharmacist oversee while working in a pharmacy?

There was some discussion regarding the number of remote sites versus the total volume of prescriptions verified. Chair Matt Martin suggested a maximum volume for a remote site. If the remote site exceeds that volume, it must be converted to a full-fledged pharmacy. The council agreed to limit a pharmacist working in a pharmacy to monitor only one remote pharmacy location.

How many remote locations may a pharmacist oversee if working from home?

After much discussion, this question was tabled until the next meeting. Chair Matt Martin requested Mr. Hadley to contact a vendor[s] to provide a demonstration to establish the process of remote verification and the length involved.

Chairperson Martin polled the council for a preferred date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be March 21, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at the Board office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. by motion of Chris Clifton and seconded by Elizabeth Lovell. The vote was unanimous.

Matt Martin, Chair