

Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Advisory Council

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

May 22, 2019
9:30 am

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Opening remarks by Chair Matt Martin
- III. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2019
- IV. Discussion items: Genoa Pharmacy
 Telehealth/telepharmacy
- V. Adjournment

MINUTES
KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY
ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Present: Chair Matt Martin; Michael Wyant; Chris Clifton; Jason Poe; Tyler Bright and Shannon Stiglitz. Staff present were Executive Director Larry Hadley; Katie Busroe, Pharmacy Inspections and Investigations Coordinator; Anthony Gray, General Counsel and Darla Sayre, Executive Staff Advisor. Absent: Sarah Lawrence; Kelly Whitaker and Elizabeth Lovell.

Guests: Mark Glasper, KPhA; Lavanya Peters, Park DuValle Health Center; Cathy Hanna, APSC; Jessica Adams, Cardinal Health [Telepharm]; Jenny Ryan, Genoa Healthcare; Angela Rudd, Genoa Healthcare; Debbie Duckworth, UK Specialty Pharmacy; Brittany Tyler, student; Dale Masden and Lindsay Villalobos, KSHP.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Martin at 9:30am.

On motion by Chris Clifton, seconded by Shannon Stiglitz, and passed unanimously, the minutes from the April 17, 2019 meeting were approved.

Katie Busroe presented an article from the Herald Leader dated May 9, 2019. The article voiced a concern of growing pharmacy deserts in Lexington due the recent Rite Aid pharmacy closures. Cathy Hanna and Debbie Duckworth both stated that local pharmacies were addressing this issue by offering delivery options to those customers.

Angela Rudd and Jenny Ryan from Genoa Pharmacy spoke in support of tele-pharmacy. Genoa Pharmacy has locations within Center Stone mental health facilities. They stated the ongoing concern is patient adherence to medication. They service the mentally ill, homeless, transient and those with addiction issues. A remote consultation site could be utilized to best meet their customer's needs and provide better healthcare. Debbie Duckworth from UK Specialty Pharmacy stated that they have the same concerns with their pharmacy.

TELEPHARMACY – REMOTE DISPENSING PHARMACY

1. Delivery of drugs to remote site. Chairperson Martin requested the council's opinion on the delivery method of drugs to the remote dispensing site. After much discussion, Chris Clifton moved to mimic the California language allowing the pharmacy technician to receive non-scheduled drugs at the remote dispensing site. All controlled drugs would be placed in a secure location until a pharmacist was on site to process the shipment. Shannon Stiglitz requested that the proposed wording be presented at the next meeting. Chris Clifton amended his motion to include this suggestion. Jason Poe seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Supervision of pharmacy technicians. Shannon Stiglitz requested the council's opinion on the question of definition of 'Immediate Supervision' in KRS 315.010(12). After discussion, it was determined that the previously approved recommendation on staffing, *'require remote locations be staffed by a nationally certified pharmacy technician[s] with a minimum of 2000 hours of pharmacy work experience as a nationally certified pharmacy technician only when a supervising pharmacist is available remotely'*, addressed this issue. Certified pharmacy technicians are allowed to work under the general supervision of a pharmacist per 201 KAR 2:045, Section 2.

3. Patient Counseling. Chairperson Martin requested the council's opinion of patient counseling at a remote dispensing site. After much discussion, Chris Clifton moved to require a private counseling room with audio/video technology to be ADA and HIPAA compliant. Issues were raised by multiple parties on the requirement of a separate room. This requirement is stricter than pharmacy requirements. The motion failed due to a lack of a second. Shannon Stiglitz moved to require a designated separate counseling area/space that is secure and HIPAA compliant. Michael Wyant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Pharmacy Equipment Requirements. Chairperson Martin requested the council's opinion on what pharmacy equipment is required for a remote dispensing site. Anthony Gray advised that an amendment to 201 KAR 2:090 has been filed. This amendment changes the requirement of prescription equipment to read, 'The pharmacy shall have appropriate reference material and equipment as dictated by experience to meet the needs of the particular pharmacy, and necessary to practice pharmacy in a safe manner.'

Chairperson Martin asked if there were any other areas of concern regarding remote dispensing sites. All approved recommendations will be reviewed at the next meeting.

TELEPHARMACY – REMOTE CONSULTATION PHARMACY

Chairperson Martin requested the council's opinion on remote consultation pharmacies. These sites would be stocked with filled prescriptions by the home pharmacy site to be picked up by the customer at the remote location. After much discussion, Chris Clifton moved to allow remote consultation pharmacy sites as defined by Illinois with the same requirements for counseling as a remote dispensing pharmacy. Chris Clifton withdrew his motion based on the confusion of a certified pharmacy technician staffed site or an automated delivery mechanism without staffing. This was tabled until the next meeting to allow for additional information on automated delivery mechanisms.

Chairperson Martin polled the council for a preferred date of the next meeting. The next meeting will be June 25, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at the Board office.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by motion of Chris Clifton and seconded by Shannon Stiglitz. The vote was unanimous.

Matt Martin, Chair