

# Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Advisory Council

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July 13, 2021

9:00 a.m.

## Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2021
- III. Discussion items:
  - A. Charged February 23, 2021 - Related to Pandemics, Epidemics, Natural Disasters, Terroristic Disasters and Biologic Disasters:
    1. Evaluate the opioid epidemic and make recommendations to the board for any necessary regulatory changes that would improve the health of the Commonwealth / and reduce opioid OD and addiction.
    2. Simulate a recovery exercise for each type of emergency and outline the legal restraints and allowances that impact operations – provide a list of these and whether other changes should be invoked in an emergency pharmacy powers regulation.
    3. Determine the role that the KY Board of Pharmacy Executive Director, staff and inspection staff can serve in emergency/disaster response.
    4. Determine if the KY Board of Pharmacy office and staff could/should serve as a command center or coordination center.
    5. Seek input and coordination with KPhA and KSHP.
  - B. Charged February 23, 2021 - NABP Passport Program / Development of a State Pharmacist Database for response:
    1. Create a readily usable and UTD robust pharmacy / pharmacist database to recognize the pharmacists who can be called upon to assist based on their capacity, i.e. certifications, job expertise and work location.
    2. Create a process to allow no-practicing retirees of the pharmacy practice to re-enter work to meet the patient care demands of various types of emergencies.

- C. Charged May 25, 2021 – Prescription integrity during transit:
  - 1. Study the issue of shipped medications for temperature excursions/integrity during transit until received by the ultimate consumer.

#### IV. Adjournment

**KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**via teleconference using Zoom**

**ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**July 13, 2021**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

Chairperson Matt Martin called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. Members present: Tony Tagavi; Tyler Bright; Cindy Cummings and Laurel Smith. Absent: Donna Drury; Chris Clifton; Jason Poe and Wes Rowe. Staff: Larry Hadley, Executive Director and Eden Davis, General Counsel.

Tony Tagavi moved to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. Laurel Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Opioid Epidemic** Van Ingram, Office of Drug Control Policy spoke to the Council regarding the opioid epidemic in Kentucky. There was a 49% increase of overdose deaths from 2019 to 2020. Fentanyl contributed to 75% of those overdoses. Gabapentin has also been detected in many cases. Naloxone and buprenorphine are effective tools to combat this epidemic. He has noticed that pharmacies are hesitant to dispense these drugs out of a fear of over-dispensing controlled substances. He thanked the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy for their continued cooperation with the Office of Drug Control Policy and looked forward to working with the Council.

**Emergency/Disaster Response** The Council reviewed the suggestions from Katie Busroe, Pharmacy Inspections and Investigations Supervisor on behalf of the inspection staff. They suggested reviewing pharmacy personnel staffing during an emergency and how to better provide coverage. Matt Martin suggested that the allowance of pharmacy duties not requiring a physical presence be done remotely. Tony Tagavi stated that this past year is a good example of the benefits of remote pharmacy work for greater patient access and service. Matt Martin suggested the allowance of pickup locations out of a pharmacy for greater patient access. Cindy Cummings moved to recommend to the Board the need for secure prescription delivery lockers with appropriate security to allow the end user to pickup their filled prescriptions. Tony Tagavi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

During a discussion on the minimum hours of operation for pharmacy, the Council reversed their decision from last month. Laurel Smith moved to remove the notification requirement of a change of hours in 201 KAR 2:205 Section 3(d)3 and amend 201 KAR 2:106, Section 1 (4) with the additional language, 'or during a state of emergency'. Tyler Bright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The Council explored the development of a registry for pharmacist volunteers to assist during an emergency. Larry Hadley will contact KPhA to determine if this has been done in the past.

Cindy Cummings left the meeting. With her departure, the Council did not have a quorum. Chairperson Martin stated that a Doodle Poll would be sent to schedule the next meeting. He adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.