

Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Advisory Council

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July 7, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2021
- III. Appointment of chairperson
- IV. Discussion items:
 - A. 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.
- V. Adjournment

KENTUCKY BOARD OF PHARMACY
via teleconference using Zoom
ADVISORY COUNCIL

July 7, 2022
9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Executive Director Chris Harlow called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Members present: Chris Clifton, Tyler Bright, Mark Taylor, Cindy Cummings, Laurel Smith, Matt Carrico. Absent: Donna Drury and Wes Rowe. Staff: Darla Sayre, Executive Staff Advisor and Nikki Holiday Executive Assistant.

Opening: Executive Director Chris Harlow reviewed the purpose of the Advisory Council and informed the members of the resignation of Jason Poe. The Board has solicited applicants for the vacancy and will appoint a new member at the July 27 Board meeting. Dr. Harlow then recommended the Council elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

Motion: Chris Clifton made a motion for Mark Taylor to be the Chairman and himself to be the Vice Chairman.

Second: Laurel Smith

Passes: Unanimously

Dr. Harlow defined the policy topic the Board has charged the Advisory Council with, which is the evaluation of any potential rules of prescription integrity during transit. He also stated that after the Board retreat at the end of the month, the Board may assign additional topics for the Council to evaluate.

Motion: Chris Clifton moved to approve the minutes from the last Advisory Council meeting.

Second: Matt Carrico

Passes: Unanimously

Cindy Cummings voiced concern from the hospital pharmacy environment. She stated that from the hospital side there are other ways that prescriptions may be transported that they may want to include. A lot of large hospitals have central fill centers and while she is unsure of exactly how things are moved from the fill centers to the individual hospitals, they are moved somehow. Norton has some type of program, and UofL and Baptist are both putting in systems for the central distribution of drugs.

Chris Harlow recommends going forward for the Council to formulate a structure around these topics so you know how we want to address it. For example, what is currently in the pharmacy law, what are the gaps we want to fill in with regards to the topic? What is currently not being

addressed? How are other states addressing this and lastly thinking about the impact on the profession.

General discussion around the need for rules regarding prescription integrity during transit. Is this an issue? Does the Board get complaints on this? Are we seeing concerns around this issue and are they being reported to the Board? The Board has not had any complaints on prescription integrity. Pharmacies, especially specialty pharmacies, have an accreditation they have to go through and have standards they have to meet to be able to ship. Is there any action that needs to be taken? There are only 5 other states who have laws regulating the shipment from pharmacy to patient. Have any of the inspectors had any issues/complaints/comments on this issue? Without any rules it is difficult from a regulatory perspective to protect the integrity of prescriptions being shipped because there is nothing to enforce.

After discussion the following was made:

Motion: Chris Clifton made a motion to follow the same language on the distribution of pharmaceuticals and apply it to dispensing. The language is as follows:

“Ensure products are distributed at appropriate temperatures and under appropriate conditions in accordance with the requirements in the products’ labeling to preserve their identity, strength, quality, and purity.”

Second: Mark Taylor

Passes: Unanimously

Motion: Chris Clifton made a motion to adjourn.

Second: Laurel Smith

Passes: Unanimously

Adjourned at 9:30 am.