



Iowa Board of Pharmacy

January 12, 2021 Minutes

Members Present

Jason Hansel, Chair
Brett Barker, Vice-Chair
Gayle Mayer
Ed McKenna
Dane Nealson
Joan Skogstrom
Kathy Stone
Sherill Whisenand

Laura Steffensmeier, Assistant Attorney General
Amanda Woltz, Administrative Assistant
Emily Albers, Pharmacist-intern
Jin Ko, PMP Pharmacist-intern

Compliance Officers

Christie Carlson
Curt Gerhold
Mark Mather
Sue Mears
Jean Rhodes
Dan Sedlacek
Jennifer Tiffany
Jim Wolfe

Staff Present

Andrew Funk, Executive Director
Therese Witkowski, Executive Officer
Mitch Barnett, Associate Director of PMP

Call to Order & Announcements

At 9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, Jason Hansel, Chair, called the meeting of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy to order.

Public Comment Period

No comments.

Requests

1. Request to register in support of Iowa Pharmacy Association's 2021 Legislation

Motion by Brett Barker, second by Gayle Mayer, to register in support of Iowa Pharmacy Association's 2021 Legislation. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Request to waive 657 IAC 17.3(1)"c" requiring evidence of current NABP Drug Distributor Accreditation (formally known as VAWD)-Owens and Minor, License 8030, Grimes, IA

Request withdrawn.

Petition for Exemption from Mandate for Electronic Transmission of Prescriptions

1. MercyOne Des Moines Diabetes & Endocrinology Care

Motion by Gayle Mayer, second by Dane Neilson, to approve the petition to July 1, 2021 with a requirement to report on progress. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Mercy Medical Center Cedar Rapids

The request was tabled to allow Jamie Sinclair to provide the executive director with a copy of their prescription label in order to confirm whether they are compliant with the requirements and may submit a new petition if necessary.

Reports

1. Executive Director's Report

Staff Anniversaries

- Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, has been with the state for 36 years, 35 of which have been with the Board of Pharmacy.
- Cassie Lee, Licensure Specialist, has been with the state and the Board of Pharmacy for 9 years.
- Curt Gerhold, Compliance Officer, has been with the state and the Board of Pharmacy for 9 years.

Public Disclosure of Outside Employment

Director Funk will be working with Walgreens to assist with the effort to vaccinate long-term care facilities and staff. This will be temporary outside employment and will be completed outside of his duties assigned by the State and in compliance with Iowa Code 68B.2A.

Licensing:

- Pharmacy, Wholesale Distributors, Limited Distributors, Outsourcing Facilities renewal opened on November 1, 2020. The following are statistics from November 1, 2020 to January 7, 2021 (98% renewed online):
 - **Pharmacy** - 1622 out of 1737 have renewed (93%)
 - 23 submitted paper applications
 - 1599 renewed online
 - Approximately 820 were resident pharmacies, leaving approximately 802 as non-resident pharmacies that have renewed
 - **Wholesale Distributors** - 331 out of 353 have renewed (94%)
 - 325 were completed online
 - 6 submitted paper applications
 - **Limited Distributors** - 1147 out of 1260 have renewed (91%)
 - 1128 were completed online
 - 19 submitted paper applications
 - **Outsourcing Facilities** - 40 out of 40 have renewed (100%)
 - All have been completed online

Opioid Naloxone Education (ONE Rx) Program

This is a program for pharmacists to help educate patients on opioid misuse, abuse and obtaining treatment help. The program is in operation in North Dakota in collaboration with the North Dakota Board of Pharmacy and North Dakota College of Pharmacy. NABP has approached Director Funk about the

possibility of rolling it out in Iowa. The program reimburses pharmacies \$20 for screening individuals who may be at risk for opioid abuse. Discussions continue about an Iowa rollout.

2. Meetings and Travel

- Iowa Pharmacy Stakeholders Meeting (Virtual) January 26, 2021 3pm-5pm
 - Board Members Hansel, Barker, Mayer, and Stone will attend.
- IPA Virtual Legislative Day January 27, 2021 7am-4:30pm
- IPA PharmaCE Expo (Virtual) February 1-7, 2021
- Rules Committee February 23, 2021
- IMP3 March 3, 2021
- Next Board Meeting March 9-10, 2021

3. Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP)

Mitch Barnett provided a program update. The PMP Advisory Council currently has a vacancy for a physician member. The ideal candidate for the vacancy would be a dual-credentialed provider with a medical and dental license.

Twenty-nine of the thirty-one entities that were awarded integration funding in year one have accepted funding for year two. The integration application process for year two will be announced later in January 2021.

A total of 1,294 copies of sample prescriptions have been collected for the PMP Audit Project.

- 24.8% had at least one potential errors
- 17.5% Missing/incorrect mismatched patient address or phone number
- 2.7% incorrect days supply
- 1.5% not reported or not reported to PMP 1.1% incorrect date written or date dispensed
- 0.7% incorrect quantity or incorrect refills
- 0.7% incorrect prescriber DEA
- 1 incorrect directions
- 0.0% incorrect drug or strength

Pharmacist Narcan® dispensing program – 581 kits have been dispensed and 184 pharmacies are participating as of December 31, 2020.

A 2.0 CE on-demand webinar is in development for PMP provider training on opioid de-prescribing and tapering.

4. Iowa Monitoring Program for Pharmacy Professionals (IMP3)

Becky Carlson provided a program update.

5. Board-Sponsored Medication Disposal Program

Jennifer Tiffany provided a program update. The average monthly weight of prescriptions received by the program in 2020 have been steady, with an increase in October that may be attributed to DEA's National Take Back Day.

Management of the program will soon be handed over to Melissa Carstens, who currently assists with the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Discussion

1. COVID-19 Vaccines and Monoclonal Antibody Therapies

The Board requested an open discussion and dialogue regarding the COVID-19 vaccine distribution and the monoclonal antibody treatments.

Anthony Pudlo with IPA provided an introductory presentation on the topic. Pharmacists that are providing vaccines or planning to should use the most recent statewide standing order signed by Dr. Pedati as their guide. IDPH recently sent a notice to all local health departments and vaccine providers that focused on detailing what needs to occur during phase 1A. The State has taken a localized approach and allows each local health department to determine where and how providers should be administering the vaccines.

The Infectious Disease Advisory Council (IDAC) is considering the CDC and ACIP's recommendations on who makes up each phase of the population and are finalizing their 1B recommendations, it is expected that the recommendations will be voted on within the next week.

Iowa Medicaid has provided information about how the administration fee will be provided for the COVID-19 vaccination, as well as some detail about the monoclonal antibody treatments. They will follow the Medicare rate for administration of doses. The federal government covers the vaccine cost, but providers can bill third party plans for the administration cost.

Rules and Legislation

1. Update on the 2021 Legislation session / 89th General Assembly

The 89th General Assembly began its 2021 legislative session on January 11. The Board's proposed bills have been pre-filed.

2. DEA Proposed rules re: Partial CII Prescriptions - comments due Feb 2, 2021

The Board was provided with proposed regulations published by the DEA relating to partial filling of CII prescriptions. The Board reviewed drafted comments and agreed for the comments be submitted on behalf of the Board.

Motion by Brett Barker, second by Gayle Mayer, to allow the comments be submitted on behalf of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.

Closed Session

Dane Nealson moved at 10:53 a.m. to move to closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings; and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of Iowa Code chapter 17A with Gayle Mayer seconding it. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

At 1:48 p.m., the Board returned to open session.

1. Close With No Further Action

Motion by Dane Neilson, second by Ed McKenna, to close with no further action the following investigative files in complaint numbers: 2020-0150, 2020-0103, 2020-0166, 2020-0109, 2020-0161, and 2020-0159. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Administrative Warning

Motion by Ed McKenna, second by Sherill Whisenand, to issue an Administrative Warning to the pharmacist in 2020-0158. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Letter of Education

Motion by Dane Neilson, second by Gayle Mayer, to issue a Letter of Education to the pharmacy in 2020-0165 and the pharmacy and PIC in 2020-0106. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Settlement Agreement and Final Order

Motion by Sherill Whisenand, second by Ed McKenna, to approve the Settlement Agreement and Final Order in the following case. Motion approved unanimously.

- A. 2020-0151 Julie Lange, CPhT, Registration 1688, Hiawatha

5. Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order

Motion by Kathy Stone, second by Dane Neilson, to approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order in the following cases. Motion approved unanimously.

- A. 2020-0077 Lauren Hughes, DVM, CSAR 1511962, Davenport
- B. 2020-0082 Karen Potaczek, DDS, CSAR 1419453, Spirit Lake
- C. 2020-0100 Walgreens 11153, License 1305, Spencer
- D. 2020-0059 & 2020-0119 Walgreens 07967, License 1257, Clive
- E. 2020-0154 Walgreens 02445, License 3557, Orlando, FL

6. Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges

Motion by Dane Neilson, second by Ed McKenna, to approve the Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges in the following cases. Motion approved unanimously.

- A. 2020-0111 Donna Rizzo, DVM, CSAR 1510761, Ames
- B. 2020-0117 Marlene McNaughton, CPhT, Registration 29775, Des Moines

Adjourned at 1:51 p.m.



Amanda Woltz, Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary



Andrew Funk
Executive Director



Jason Hansel
Board Chair

APPROVED THIS 10th DAY OF MARCH, 2021