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WASHINGTON STATE PHARMACY QUALITY ASSURANCE COMMISSION

March 3, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Highline Community College

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2400 South St.

Des Moines, WA 98198

**CONVENE**

Chair Tim Lynch called the meeting to order March 3, 2016.

*Commission Members:*

Maureen Sparks, CPhT  
Tim Lynch, PharmD, Chair  
Elizabeth Jensen, PharmD  
Arun Sambataro, Public Member  
Steve Anderson, RPh  
Jerrie Allard, Public Member  
Christopher Barry, RPh  
Matthew Ronayne, RPh  
Judy Guenther, Public Member  
Cheryl Adams, PharmD  
Kenneth Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS  
Sepi Soleimanpour, RPh, MBA-HA  
Teri Ferreira, RPh  
Nancy Hecox, PharmD, Vice Chair

*Guest / Presenters:*

Amy Knowles, PharmD for Skyline Hospital  
Scott Jacobsen, PharmD for Rite Aid Pharmacy  
Tracy Clark, RPh, Pharmacy Director  
for Lourdes Health System  
Woodrow Meyers, Wildlife Research Biologist,  
Dept. of Fish and Wildlife  
Dr. Harmon, Wildlife Health Specialist,  
Dept. of Fish and Wildlife

*Absent Commission Member:*

Olgy Diaz, Public Member

*Guest / Presenters continued:*

Dr. Thomas Hazlet, University of Washington

UW PharmD Students

*Jacqueline (Jackie) Bone, Devin Park, Leah Ruggerone, Catherine (Cat) Nguyen, Brian Nguyen*

*Joanne Huang, Yeachan Hwang, Nina Kim, James Lee, Tyree Williams, Diosalyn Alonzo, Tristan Curtis, Chang-Li (Charlie) Hsu, Faith McKeen, Bonnie Yu, Melissa Yuen*

*Staff Members:*

Joyce Roper, AAG

Lisa Hodgson, Director of HPF

Cathy Williams, RPh, Pharmacist Consultant  
Irina Tiginyanu, Pharmacy Technician Analyst  
Doreen Beebe, Program Manager  
Rich Cieslinski, Rules Coordinator  
Gordon MacDonald, RPh, Chief Investigator  
Leann George, Secretary Senior

### **Call to Order**

- 1.1 Approval of Business Meeting Agenda
- 1.2 Approval of January 21, 2016 Regular Business Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Jensen moved that the commission approve the Business Meeting Agenda. Matthew Ronayne seconded. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

**MOTION:** Judy Guenther moved that the commission approve the January 21, 2106 Meeting Minutes with suggested changes. Sepi Soleimanpour seconded. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

### **Consent Agenda**

- 2.1 Program Performance Measures
- 2.2 Program Budget Reports
- 2.3 NPLEx Monthly Report Acceptance
  - January 2016
- 2.4 Pharmacies and Other Firm Application Approval
  - New and Closed Pharmaceutical Firms Report
- 2.5 Pharmacy Technician Training Program Approval
  - Southgate Pharmacy
- 2.6 Ancillary Utilization Plans
  - a. CHI Franciscan Health Pharmacy Services
  - b. Yakima Valley Farm Workers
- 2.7 Automated Drug Distribution Device Approval  
Group Health Cooperative

**MOTION:** Sepi Soleimanpour moved that the commission approve Items 2.1, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6 (a) and 2.7 and that Items 2.2 & 2.6 (b) be removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Steve Anderson second Tim Lynch abstained from Item 2.6 (a) and Elizabeth Jensen recused her-self from Item 2.6 (b). **MOTION CARRIED: 12-0.**

### **Old Business**

#### **Ancillary Utilization Plans**

Maureen Sparks and Irina Tiginyanu updated the commission on their work being done regarding the implementation of a new/updated process to ensure that all pharmacy ancillary utilization plans are reviewed for approval by the commission. The commission was asked for guidance regarding few concerns they've come across.

Specialized Functions are asked to come back after 5 years for re-approval and regular AUP's are given a lifetime/blanket approval unless there are changes. Maureen and Irina

would like to find a way that once the Specialized Function is approved it is added to the AUP which is approved separately be combined for no need to return unless there are changes made. Another concern is there are some Specialized Functions (demonstration projects) that by law can NOT be given lifetime/blanket approval and what to do for those? To allow for a blanket approval would require rule change. This process is being looked at to find a way to be consistent, efficient and to continue to approve these submissions without causing an inconvenience for pharmacies that may need approval before their final inspection to open a pharmacy.

**MOTION:** Christopher Barry moved that the commission continue to approve routine Ancillary Pharmacy Programs (AUP's) via the Consent Agenda and that any new AUP and or Specialized Function be approved by a panel. Sepi Soleimanpour second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

Tim Lynch discussed the immediate practice changes proposed by Irina and Maureen.

- Add information regarding review process to AUP application form.
- Stop enforcing a 5 year expiration date on proposal for *specialized functions* – not supported in rule. (WAC 246-901-035)
- Tech check Tech - unit dose medication cassette checking in the rule is not different from the current proposal that address technicians checking the work of other techs related to pulling medications from the shelf and stocking automated drug distribution/dispensing devices. (This bullet is to acknowledgment that these functions are not one of the same.)
- Review AUPs for On the Job technician-training programs independent from the facility/pharmacy's AUP. The training program AUP must identify on the form that it is specific to the training program and must be approved as a component of the training program.
- Confirm commission's directive to the Pharmacist Inspectors regarding AUPs in inspection process developed by Inspection Committee.

**MOTION:** Cheryl Adams moved that the commission approve the immediate practice changes proposed with some language amendment regarding the Tech check Tech bullet. These updates must be communicated to stakeholders and anyone it may affect. Sepi Soleimanpour second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

Maureen and Irina also proposed future changes. The commission discussed this and decided this would be tabled for now.

### **Rules Hearing**

Chair Tim Lynch called the hearing to order at 9:50 a.m., March 3, 2016.

Before taking public comments Doreen Beebe summarized the proposed rule and shared the background then answered questions from the commission.

The purpose of the proposal is to amend WAC 246-887-040 adding Lisdexamfetamine (also known by the brand name Vyvanse) to the list of Schedule II nonnarcotic stimulants for purposes of RCW 69.50.402(1) (c). The commission is also proposing to amend WAC 246-887-045 add binge eating disorder in adults to the list of disease states or conditions for which Schedule II nonnarcotic stimulants can be prescribed, dispensed, or administered for those specific Schedule II nonnarcotic stimulants that have been specifically approved

by the FDA for such disease state or condition. The proposed rule was filed with the Code Reviser's office on December 28, 2015, and published in the Washington State Registry as **WSR# 16-02-016**

During the second segment of the hearing the commission heard from those who were signed up to comment on the rule. Tim Lynch then read the comments that were sent in writing to the Department of Health.

**MOTION:** Christopher Barry moved that the commission approve the amendments to WAC 246-887-040 and WAC 246-887-045 as written. Steve Anderson second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

*The hearing was adjourned at 10:13 a.m., March 3, 2016.*

## **New Business**

### **Department of Health Demographic Project**

Lisa Hodgson, HPF Office Director led the discussion with the commission regarding the Demographic Data Collection Project, The Department of Health would like the commission's input. Lisa was able to answer the few questions the commission members had, and provide explanation and purpose of this project. The commission members felt they would also like to add to some more questions regarding Pharmacy.

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Jensen moved that the pharmacy commission participate in the Demographic Data Collection Project, commission members will provide Lisa Hodgson suggestions and she will bring this back to the commission for approval. Judy Guenther second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

## **Consent Agenda Items for Discussion**

### **2.2 Program Budget Reports**

The commission members had questions regarding Pharmacy Commission's budget and asked for some details of the expenditures and why or what is driving the need for more services and supplies up, along with how the budget is decided. Lisa Hodgson, Joyce Roper and Doreen Beebe answered the commission's questions.

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Jensen moved that the commission approve Item 2.2 from the Consent Agenda. Nancy Hecox second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

### **2.6 Ancillary Utilization Plans**

#### **b. Yakima Valley Farm Workers**

There were some questions and concerns about the wording in the AUP regarding the Pharmacy Assistant portion of the AUP submission. The concern about the clarification of what data if any should an Assistant be accepting and entering also clarification of what clinical data means in this AUP.

The commission did agree that this would be something they would like to see clarified and on the AUP samples provided on the website.

**MOTION:** Steve Anderson moved that the commission approve Item 2.6 (b) Yakima Valley Farmworkers AUP contingent upon the clarification of “accept and entry” also, clearly state what clinical data is and exclude the entry of clinical data by pharmacy assistants. Nancy Hecox second. Sepi Soleimanpour opposed. **MOTION CARRIED: 13-1.**

### **Open Public Meetings Act and Ethics Training.**

AAG, Joyce Roper provided the commission members training on the Open Public Meetings Act and Ethics training. The commission has a significant amount of new members and this was an opportunity to provide them with this training.

Tim Lynch asked that Christopher Barry read his email sent regarding the amendment that was added on to the Long Term Care Bill. His email shared his views of DOH and not being transparent in the actions that they took regarding this amendment and his view that politics seems to be more important to DOH than the people of Washington State. Joyce Roper made it clear that no one responded to this email. This topic will be discussed later.

### **Correspondence**

The commission discussed correspondence received or distributed on behalf of the commission.

- a. International Academy of Compounding Pharmacists – re: Compounding and Repackaged Medications for Office-use.
- b. Letter re: HB 2458 Drug Donation Program
- c. prescription Monitoring Program Updates/Article

### **Open Forum**

*Christopher Barry* shared that he wants to be sure that the commission addresses the conflict that appears to be between DOH and the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission. He has a lot of concerns and feels this must be addressed.

*Jenny Arnold with WSPA* shared that WSPA appreciates the continued dialogue and communication with the commission over the last few months.

- We respect DOH need for discretion with recent changes in staff. However, it has now been four months the WSPA and members are very troubled that there has been no formal communication with the profession about the fact that there is an interim Executive Director (ED) for the commission and it still lists Chris Humberson as PQAC, ED. WSPA has respected DOH’s request to allow the process to be carried out. WSPA feels that enough time has gone by that the profession needs to formally be notified about the vacancy in that position and what the plan is to replace that position.
- WSPA is prepared to pull the Long Term Care bill because of the added amendment but they were able to stop the amendment.

*Nancy Hecox* in light of what happened asked the commission their thoughts and their position on partnering with WSPA for a pilot program to cause the PQAC to be autonomous like Nursing, MQAC and Chiropractic. Elizabeth Jensen supports this action as well.

*Gary Harris* former commission member shared that this is his first time in the audience. Mr. Harris spoke of his anger about the amendment made by DOH to the Long Term Care Bill (LTC). This should have never happened. Now that he no longer serves on the commission he is not bound by the rules that he can't talk to his representatives. He's been in contact with state officials and with former Governor regarding the non-transparent amendment made by DOH to the LTC bill and about PQAC's duty. The former Governor agrees that the first and foremost duty of the commission is to protect the public. Mr. Harris sees this as an obvious end run to circumvent the authority of PQAC he is angry and will not tolerate that.

*The commission adjourned for Executive Session at 12:00 p. m.*

*The commission reconvened from Executive Session at 1:00 p.m.*

### **New Business Cont'd**

Lisa Roberts led the discussion with the commission regarding their view and oversight of pharmaceutical waste takeback programs. She asked the commission to rescind the motion made at the December 11, 2015 meeting approving Return Meds as an authorized vendor for Take Back Programs. There is now only one vendor approved in state of Washington located in King County. This vendor is set up for retail pharmacies only which leaves many other facilities without an option to take back pharmaceuticals. She has fielded numerous phone calls and proposals for take back programs. The commission does have the authority to permit drugs to be returned for destruction in accordance with DEA Regulations or Washington State rules. Now that the DEA has regulations for Take Back Programs our WAC 246-869-130 subsection 4 supports that. Lisa has put together a guidance document for pharmacies seeking to implement a takeback program. This will assist these pharmacies in putting together a program following the DEA Regulations.

**MOTION:** Steve Anderson moved that the commission rescind the motion made on December 11, 2015 related to a county Pharmaceutical Waste Take Back Program with a notification sent out to the vendor. Nancy Hecox second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

**MOTION:** Steve Anderson moved that the commission approve the PQAC Secure and Responsible Disposal Program Guidance Document and Collector Status Form as is for pharmaceutical waste takeback programs. Elizabeth Jensen second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

**MOTION:** Steve Anderson moved that the commission approval is no longer required, pharmacies engaging in takeback programs must comply with the federal Drug Enforcement Administration regulation on drug disposal CFR 1317 and the guidance document is just a tool to assist. Maureen Sparks second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

### **Request/Proposal's**

#### **Rite Aid Workload Balancing**

Cathy Williams introduced Scott Jacobsen from Rite Aid who is requesting approval of their policies and procedures for shared quality assurance and workload balancing for processing prescriptions in Washington Rite Aid pharmacies. The commission has already seen the presentation this allowed them to ask questions for more details. A pharmacist in a lower volume store assists the pharmacist in the higher volume store. There is an audit done for every action that is done. This is being done in 9 stores right now in other states it has been very smooth.

**MOTION:** Sepi Soleimanpour moved that the commission approve Rite Aid's policy and procedures for shared quality assurance and workload balancing for processing prescriptions in Washington pharmacies. Steve Anderson second. **MOTION CARRIED: 14-0.**

### **Lourdes Medical Center Hospital**

Cathy Williams introduced Tracy Clark, Pharmacy Director for Lourdes Medical Center Hospital Pharmacy. Lourdes Medical Center requested approval for remote supervision of pharmacy technician at the Lourdes Counseling Center. The commission asked if there is a plan for the power outages, Tracy is in the process of requesting some equipment to meet this need. There was a discussion about what type of licenses Lourdes Medical Center and Counseling Center had. Everything is located in the same building. The commission asked about the location of cameras and how long they keep their records.

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Jensen moved that the commission approve the demonstration project to allow remote supervision of a technician at the Lourdes Counseling Center in Richland by a pharmacist at Lourdes Medical Center with a report back in 2 years with standard report back data. The inspector is to re-inspect and approve camera settings and come up with a check-list that would be used when pharmacist does weekly visits at the facility, there must be a plan in place on how power outages or technical difficulties will be handled. Records must be kept for one year and camera must remain on at all times. The commission would like the inspector to randomly drop by a couple of times. Steve Anderson second. Christopher Barry and Nancy Hecox opposed. **MOTION CARRIED: 12-2.**

## **Legislation**

### **Legislation Update**

Tim Lynch shared that the last three Meet-Me-Calls were cancelled Doreen Beebe still provided updates to the commission. Lisa Hodgson updated the commission on bills that have passed.

**HB2458:** Prescription Drug Donation Program-was amended but passed. The letter the commission wrote to support this bill was sent to Representative Parker.

**HB6603:** Suicide Prevention Bill-passed.

**HB6521:** Authorizing use of epinephrine auto injectors without a collaborative drug therapy agreement-passed.

**HB 6569:** Creates a task force on patient out of pocket expenses-passed.

**HB 5549** Gives DOH the authority to establish registration fees for pharmacy assistant-passed. Rulemaking must be done to establish fees.

Number of bills still progressing and they are not considered dead until the end of session. Lisa wanted to share to the commission that the senate budget has proposed to transfer \$500,000 from Health professions account into the General fund. We have communicated our concerns to the Office of Financial Management.

Martin Mueller, Assistant Secretary of Health System Quality Assurance, Department of Health led the discussion regarding the paragraph that was added into the Long Term Care Bill without the commission's approval and knowledge. He provided the commission some explanation as to what happened and who was involved. The commission members each took turn sharing their opinions to Mr. Mueller.

## **Committee Reports and Rule Making Activities**

### **Rulemaking Petition**

Panel A of the commission was asked to consider a request for rulemaking by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to amend WAC 246-886-180, to add azaperone, atipamezole, tolazoline, xylazine to the list of "approved legend drugs" for use by agents and biologists of the WDFW chemical capture programs.

**MOTION:** Elizabeth Jensen moved that the commission panel approve the request rulemaking by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to amend WAC 246-886-180 to add azaperone, atipamezole, tolazoline, xylazine to the list of "approved legend drugs" for use by agents and biologists of the WDFW chemical capture programs. Steve Anderson second. **MOTION CARRIED: 9-0.**

## **Committee Reports**

### **Technology Rules Committee**

Sepi Soleimanpour updated the commission that there was a stakeholder meeting February 5. During that stakeholder meeting the discussion was focused on the preliminary draft. There were about 400 comments and it was realized that the draft is too scripted. The committee is to use more general language. Staff agreed to revisit the draft language and potentially start over. Stakeholders suggested the draft could be used as a template and or a guideline. However, after discussion with staff and the committee the ultimate goal will be to create a technology and a pharmacy umbrella and that chapter will have general language and rules regarding technology and pharmacy practice there will be a subsection on ADDD's.

### **Pharmacy Inspection Committee**

Tracy West introduced herself to the new members and updated the commission. The inspection committee has met and discussed a stakeholder outreach plan. Going forward there are three stakeholder meetings scheduled a "Save the Date" will be sent out to stakeholders. We plan to listen to the stakeholders and move forward on improving the inspection process taking these discussions into account.

### **Sterile Compounding Committee**

Tim Lynch shared that the last meeting with stakeholders this week went well. This meeting was well attended. The committee was able to come up with a list close to

Alabama's list we included some additional best practice items and some modifications to make it more conducive to flow as a check list. One positive thing discovered in these meetings is stakeholders would like more stringent activities than USP 797. There will be a subcommittee debrief and the check list will be finalized brought to the commission in April for approval. After that the focus can be on an updated USP 797 in January 2017. Elizabeth Jensen has requested to be removed from this committee and Ken Kenyon has been asked to replace her on this committee.

## **Commission Members' Open Discussion and Reports**

### **Commission Member Reports**

*Judy Gunther reported*

- She participated in the special meeting on February 12, 2016.

*Nancy Hecox reported:*

- Mrs. Hecox chaired the special meeting on February 12, 2016.
- Nancy attended the sterile compounding committee meeting.
- She is the liaison for inspectors. Nancy read a report to the commission on her work with inspectors. In her report was a list of 10 general areas they will look at while assessing compliance to USP 797. Gordon will get this out to the public/stakeholders and to the commission members.

*Cheryl Adams reported:*

- She participated at the inspection committee meetings.
- Cheryl is on the sterile compounding committee and took part in the USP 797 check list stakeholder meeting.
- She's been following along with Bill 6203.
- Cheryl has been in contact with some of PQAC's stakeholders.

*Sepi Soleimanpour reported:*

- Sepi attended the special meeting on February 12, 2016.
- She's been working with the technology committee and staff.
- Participated in the inspection committee meeting.
- Sepi attended the University of Washington Curricula Committee there was a lot of academic discussion.

*Steve Anderson reported:*

- Also attended the special meeting
- His work is currently undergoing a VIPPS certification process.
- He feels the commission should look at requiring VIPPS and feels this would resolve a lot of issues with Non Resident Pharmacies shipping into our state.

*Maureen Sparks reported:*

- She attended the special meeting along with the other commission members.
- Maureen presented the law portion at the WSPA Tech day at Clover Park Technical College.
- She has been involved with the sterile compounding committee.

*Teri Ferreira reported:*

- She participated in the February 12, 2016 special meeting.
- Testified in support of SB 6203 prior to her commission appointment and then testified in support in the senate on behalf of the commission.

*Elizabeth Jensen reported:*

- She attended the special meeting
- Elizabeth Jensen participated in the technology committee meeting.

*Matthew Ronayne reported:*

- He attended the special meeting.

*Kenneth Kenyon reported:*

- He also attended the special meeting held on February 12, 2016 as his first meeting.
- He shared he is excited to be part of the commission.

*Christopher Barry reported:*

- He's been working on the USP 797 checklist from the background he has been busy with work.
- Chris reached out to WSU and offered contact information for his self and Elizabeth Jensen.

*Tim Lynch reported:*

- Tim participated in technology committee and provided Tracy some suggested changes.
- He facilitated the sterile compounding meetings.
- Participated in ASHP Multi-Hospital Leadership Section Advisory Group.
- Tim also supported writing a letter regarding legislation with our concerns.

## **New Commission Member Introduction**

### **Jerrie Allard – Public Member**

Jerrie resides in Nine Mile Falls, a small community northwest of Spokane. She is a graduate of Eastern Washington University, earning a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies, graduating with honors and a recipient of the Dean's Honor Student award. After a 20-year career in government and non-profit administration, Jerrie retired in 2015 to enjoy a slower pace of life and travel with her husband of 40 years. She has since established a consulting business, working with clients on projects such as accountable communities of health and oral health. Jerrie has served in leadership roles on a number of boards including Aging and Long Term Care of Eastern Washington, Washington Information Network 2-1-1 and the FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Board in Spokane. Throughout her career Jerrie has gained extensive experience in nonprofit and government administration, board development and stakeholder relations, planning and grant management.

### **Kenneth Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS**

Ken received his doctoral degree in pharmacy from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, and completed two years of post-graduate residency training at the Medical University of South Carolina. In 2003, Ken relocated to Washington to take a position as a cardiology clinical pharmacist at the University of Washington Medical Center. Ken is currently the director of pharmacy at UW Medicine - Valley Medical Center and is a clinical associate professor with the University of Washington School of Pharmacy.

### **Teri Ferreira, R.Ph.**

Teri Ferreira's responsibility as General Manager for Consonus Pharmacy is to ensure safe and timely pharmacy services to over 5,000 nursing home and assisted living residents in WA. Besides the day-to-day management of pharmacy operations, she helps customers implement electronic medical records technology, strategize opportunities to reduce costs safely and to ensure smooth transition of cares. After graduating with a Bachelor of Pharmacy degree from WSU in 1991, Teri gained extensive professional experience in

both retail and long-term care pharmacy positions. Teri is a past president of the Washington State Pharmacy Association where she continues to be actively involved. Teri also actively participates in WHCA (Washington Health Care Association), Leading Age of Washington and ASCP (American Society of Consultant Pharmacists).

She enjoys reading, attending sporting events, camping or traveling with her husband and kids. She's an active supporter of the Vital Life Foundation, whose mission is to support organizations and programs that provide meaning and vitality in the lives of seniors and staff members living and working in long term care. In Feb of 2015, she traveled on behalf of Vital Life to Nicaragua where she helped to develop sustainable medication systems in a nursing home.

### **Commission Action Plan**

Lisa Hodgson reported:

- DOH will be reposting the job announcement for a part-time pharmacist consultant. The applications were screened by the pharmacist consultants and they felt there wasn't anyone they were interested in interviewing.
- Doreen Beebe continues to update the Pharmacy Commission webpage several of the main pages have been reformatted.
- Ken Kenyon and Teri Ferreira have been appointed to work on a stakeholder committee to implement 5460 and SB6558. If SB6558 passes the commission is required to adopt emergency rules within 90 days. The first meeting will be held on May 8, 2016.
- Rich Cieslinski and Andy Fernando hosted a rules review webinar in February that will be rebroadcasted because of technical difficulties.

### **Commissioners' open discussion**

Elizabeth Jensen discussed the fact that each commission member looks at a disciplinary case different. All the commission has to go on is what an investigator provides whether it be pictures and their comments. She would really like to find a way that the commission members are on the same page. Tim Lynch explained that the meeting held March 4, 2016 is to focus strictly on this topic.

PQAC staff was tasked to look in to certification companies that hospitals rely on that install 797 hoods and bring back to the commission.

Nancy asked to be copied on emails sent to Tim so she can be supportive in case she is asked to step in sent from staff. Tim really wants all correspondence to be sent to all commission members unless something is Chair specific.

Cheryl Adams inquired about the status of remote access citrix. Lisa shared that DOH is going back to look the issues and doing some research while doing some additional testing and piloting so we can figure out why there are so many problems. At this time DOH has been unable to replicate the different problems.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Program Supervisor/Health Systems Quality Assurance**

*Lisa Hodgson reported:*

- She is looking for some feedback on controlled substance researcher fee increase. In 2014 Chris Humberson submitted a request to DOH to increase the application and renewal fee. The current \$40.00 fee does not support the cost to implement and maintain this license type and other profession licensures have been supplementing this cost. The request is to increase this fee to \$400.00 this will support the investigations and inspectors technical assistant and other support provided. Lisa can provide documentation of the expenses that supports this request.
- Lisa asked if there was a commission member who would be interested in presenting a New Drug New Law presentation if so please reach out to her or Doreen Beebe as soon as possible.
- She met with AAG, Joyce Roper to develop language to provide proprietary data. This language will be sent to people who are submitting proposals so they know the information is for public and if they don't want it to be it guides them in the steps to take if they don't want that information to be made public. This will be posted on the website as well.
- DOH staff met with AAG, Joyce Roper to discuss requirement for residential treatment facilities to obtain a Health Care Entity (HCE) License and the use of Automated Drug Dispensing Devices. There is still more research being done on that. Joyce advised staff that there may have been some misinterpretation on a law regarding HCE's being restricted to 72 hour dispensing of medication, this will need more research as well. There will be correspondence sent out after there has been resolution.
- Lisa has been meeting with Dr. Gallagher for about two years regarding complaint and culture and appropriate resolution. Dr. Gallagher is interested in presenting to other commissions and boards. The commission would like to have him present.
- NABP conducts an annual program review and training for staff held at their headquarters and they pay for all the

### **Assistant Attorney General**

*Joyce Roper reported:*

- The commission's response to the Stormans petition to the US Supreme Court to take their appeal needs to be filed on Tuesday it is on its way. The response is to suggest to the US Supreme Court this is a case they don't want to take and that the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit was correct in the decision upholding the commission rules on the pharmacy responsibility rules and timely dispensing the drugs while a pharmacist may refuse to dispense the drugs the pharmacy must make sure the patient gets the drugs in a timely manner.
- Joyce mentioned earlier during the budget discussion that she handles unlicensed practice cases. She shared the process of how these are handles. This is under the Secretary's authority although the costs are billed to PQAC. She shared a few different examples of cases she has worked on.

### **Pharmacist Consultants**

*Lisa Roberts reported:*

- She attended the technology and the sterile compounding meetings via telephone.

*Rich Cieslinski reported:*

- Rich has been working with the sterile compounding committee on the check list for the USP 797.
- He will be working on several rule packets until the commission determines who the champions will be for these in the near future.

#### Pharmacist Supervising Investigator

*Gordon MacDonald reported:*

- He has attended many meetings.
- Gordon complimented Nancy on providing a great report.
- He shared that there are 116 cases open and 37 cases have been closed.
- There has been a large increase in diversion complaints and investigations currently there are at least 7.
- Gordon shared that in January he and the investigators talked about prioritizing their workload. They came up with a 3 tiered system. He explained how the team came up with the separate tiers.
- The letters to inform pharmacies that they will be investigated within 6 months went out.

#### **Open Forum**

*Grant Chester* shared he would like to petition the commission to enforce 797 and 794 standards in an educational manner during inspections. The commission hasn't published rules relating to that and the law that was passed is a very generic law and has no specifics to it. Grant feels that Construction Review needs to be included in this process because there are many facilities that don't have the infrastructure in place to meet the 797 standards. Another reason for his petition is that the USP 797 will be updated in December. He asked that the commission rethink how they write the rules to accomplish the changes that come along.

*Gary Harris* over the course of 11 years of being on the commission this is his first time in the audience. I've probably had more disciplinary cases than anyone in the history of the state some cases that made the evening news in last 10 years could have been my cases. I agree education is a good idea and sometime discipline is needed when doing discipline cases. Your job while on the commission needs to be fully informed while working on disciplinary cases. As a commission member your first, foremost and final duty is to protect the public. Your allegiance is to citizens of the state of Washington not to a pharmacy, an organization or a pharmacy employer our job is to serve the public. I've enjoyed serving on the commission and will miss this but it has been 11 years.

*Ian Coorbridge* in the news we have seen issues speaking on the opioid epidemic there are a numbers of groups who are looking into trying to address this issue. He asked if the commission had ideas that would be helpful for entities to bring forward via legislative methods for 2017 we would be open to work with or take any ideas for the commission. Ian brought up the concern about the issue that Gordon shared about diversion some associations have a strong concern about the process of how some of these cases are being handled.

Dr. Thomas Hazlet, University of Washington Pharmacy Students introduced the PharmD students. Each group of student presented their pharmacy law projects to the board on these topics.

**Change pharmacy drive-thru to drop off only**

*Jacqueline (Jackie) Bone, Devin Park, Leah Ruggerone, Catherine (Cat) Nguyen, Brian Nguyen*

**Give prescription authority to pharmacists for birth control without requiring a collaborative drug therapy agreement**

*Joanne Huang, Yeachan Hwang, Nina Kim, James Lee, Tyree Williams, Diosalyn Alonzo*

**Requiring Photo Identification to Pick-up Controlled Substance Prescriptions**

*Tristan Curtis, Chang-Li (Charlie) Hsu, Faith McKeen, Bonnie Yu, Melissa Yuen*

**BUSINESS MEETING ADJOURNED**

*There being no further business, the board adjourned at 4:50 pm*

*Respectfully Submitted by:*

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*Leann George, Program Support*

*Approved April 14, 2016*



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*Tim Lynch, Chair*

*Washington State Pharmacy Quality  
Assurance Commission*