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**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Meeting
January 13, 2023 - Minutes**

Convene: Chair, Teri Ferreira called the meeting to order January 13, 2023, 9:06 AM.

Commission Members:

Teri Ferreira, RPh, Chair
Jerrie Allard, Public Member, Vice Chair
Uyen Thorstensen, CPhT
Hawkins DeFrance, Nuclear Pharmacist
Craig Ritchie, RPh, JD
Patrick Gallaher, BS, BPharm, MBA, MPH
Bonnie Bush, Public Member
Judy Guenther, Public Member
Timothy Lynch, PharmD, MS, FABC, FASHP (joined
at 12:00 P.M.)
Matthew Ray, PharmD
Ken Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS
Ann Wolken, PharmD, RPh
William Hayes, PharmD CCHP

Staff:

Traci Orr, OHP Director
Marlee O’Neill, Executive Director
Lindsay Trant-Sinclair, Deputy Director
Christopher Gerard, AAG
Irina Tiginyanu, Pharmacy Technician Consultant
Hope Kilbourne, Policy Analyst
Joshua Munroe, Legislative and Rules Consultant
Taifa “Nomi” Peaks, Pharmacist Consultant
Haleigh Mauldin, Program Consultant
Amy L Robertson, Communications Coordinator
and Program Support
Desiré Gudmundson, Administrative Assistant

1. Call to Order Terri Ferreira, Chair.

1.1 Meeting Agenda Approval – January 13, 2023.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moved to approve the business meeting agenda with revisions for January 13, 2023. Bonnie Bush, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

2. New Business.

2.1 Gates Healthcare Associates.

Dan Parisi and Denise Frank of Gates Healthcare Associates presented their inspection program for nonresident pharmacies to the commission. Gates requested approval as defined in RCW 18.64.360(1)(b)(i).

MOTION: Hawkins DeFrance moved to approve Gates Healthcare Associates as an approved inspection program for nonresident pharmacies. Craig Ritchie, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

2.2 Panel Review- Study Plan (Panel A).

MOTION: Hawkins DeFrance moved to delegate item 4.1 Study Plan to Panel A – Teri Ferreira, Patrick Gallaher and Judy Guenther. Craig Ritchie, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

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MOTION: Patrick Gallaher moved to approve study plan. Teri Ferreira, second. Motion carries, 3:0.

3. Rules and Legislative Updates.

3.1 2023 Legislative Session Bill Report.

The 2023 Legislative Session began on January 9 and commission staff are tracking numerous bills that merit the commission’s attention. Joshua Munroe, Legislative and Rules Consultant, provided a report focusing on the bills most relevant to commission business. The following bills were discussed:

- HB 1041 – Prescriptive authority of Psychologists
- SB 5120 – 23-hour crisis receiving centers
- HB 1009 – Military spouse employment
- SB 5263 – Psilocybin services
- SB 5271 – Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework

3.2 Outline Draft Review for Accessible Label Rulemaking.

Joshua Munroe presented a brief background of the current stage of the rulemaking and an overview of public comments received.

The commission reviewed the draft outline, section by section, taking feedback from commissioners and stakeholders that staff will use to inform the first draft of the rule. This draft will be presented and the March commission meeting.

Staff will draft rule language and hold a rules workshop at the March business meeting. Staff will also conduct an analysis of Title VI obligations and present at the March meeting.

4. Open Forum. No comments presented.

5. Commission Member Reports.

5.1 Compounding Subcommittee.

The compounding subcommittee has been engaged in stakeholding regarding the directive, *Nonresident Pharmacy: Approved List of Recognized States*. It has sought to examine currently approved, recognized states (18 total) to determine if they have substantially equivalent compounding standards to those of Washington State and provide feedback to pharmacy commission staff. Ten of the states were discussed at the December 13 meeting, with the remaining eight to be discussed on February 23. A few states' standards warranted additional research and inquiry. PQAC program staff will research and bring back to the subcommittee for review in February.

5.2 Budget Subcommittee.

The budget subcommittee met on December 22. A drop in revenue is expected next year as there will be substantially less renewals for personnel due to the transition to the 2-year renewal cycle. Increased costs in AAG support and WRAPP are currently being reviewed by staff. The commission is also adding staff to both the program and inspection teams. The commission retains a reserve of 15% of annual expenditures (largely as an emergency fund). Most other programs calculate a 15% of biennial expenditures reserve. The department has asked that the commission consider using a reserve of 15% of biennial expenditures, which would increase the total reserve funds available.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moves to increase reserve 15% of biennial expenditure. William Hayes, second. Motion carries, 13:0.

5.3 Strategic Planning Subcommittee.

A strategic planning session will be held at the commission's May business meeting. Staff will solicit feedback from commissioner's about what priorities should be included in the strategic plan. Stakeholder input will be requested at the May meeting as well.

5.4 Open Discussion Relevant to Commission Business/Pharmacy Practice.

Ann Wolken, commissioner, suggested sending out an FAQ about the update from SAMHSA on the removal of x-waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD). Staff agreed and will send out a GovDelivery regarding the update.

6. Staff Reports.

6.1 Executive Director – Marlee O'Neill.

At the November meeting, the commission asked staff to reach out to the Medical Commission and Nursing Commission regarding IV and Hydration therapy. Connections have been made with the medical and nursing commissions about this issue. The Unlicensed Practice Program has also been contacted.

6.2 Deputy Director – Lindsay Trant-Sinclair.

The pharmacist recruitment packet is still with the Governor's office. The public member packet will be sent to the Governor's office soon. The reappointment packet is nearly finalized for William Hayes, Bonnie Bush, and Craig Ritchie.

6.3 Pharmacist Consultant – Nomi Peaks.

Throughout the last year, Nomi Peaks has been involved with the Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) and Hepatitis B (HBV) Legislative Advisory Group, and the Pandemic After Action Report (AAR) Task Force as a representative of the Pharmacy Commission program staff. The final meetings for the STI and HBV group was in November of 2022, and the final report is currently being reviewed by members of the State Legislature. The AAR will continue meeting throughout the Summer of 2023.

6.4. Assistant Attorney General – Christopher Gerard. Nothing to report.

7. Summary of Meeting Action Items.

- 2.1 – Add Gates Healthcare to the nonresident pharmacy directive as an approved inspection report for nonresident pharmacies.
- 2.2 – Communicate study plan approval to credentialing.
- 3.1 – Staff took several notes of concerns and feedback on the bills presented today and will provide that feedback to the relevant programs at the Department.
 - If needed: staff will communicate the need for an amendment to the Legend Drug Act for the prescribing psychologist bill to the psychology program.
 - Staff will also reach out to the Oregon BOP to see what their involvement has been with psilocybin becoming legal in Oregon.
 - Staff will provide feedback on the athletic trainer bill to the athletic training program at DOH.
- 3.2 – Draft rule language and hold rules workshop at March business meeting. Conduct analysis of Title VI obligations and present finding at March meeting.
- 5.2 – Staff report back to the budget team to change the reserve amount to 15% of biennial expenditures rather than annual expenditures.
- 5.4 – Send out GovDelivery on update from SAMHSA on the removal of x-waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for the treatment of opioid use disorder (OUD).
- 6.1 – Continue to send out GovDeliveries about the Rx Fraud Alert on the commission's website.

Business Meeting Adjourned

Teri Ferreira, Chair, adjourned at 2:25 PM.