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**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Meeting
May 5, 2023 - Minutes**

Convene: Chair, Teri Ferreira called the meeting to order May 5, 2023, 9:00 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
Judy Guenther, Public Member
Timothy Lynch, PharmD, MS, FABC, FASHP
Matthew Ray, PharmD
Ken Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS
Ann Wolken, PharmD, RPh
William Hayes, PharmD CCHP
Bonnie Bush, Public Member

Staff:

Lacy M. Fehrenbach, Chief of Prevention
Marlee O’Neill, Executive Director
Lindsay Trant-Sinclair, Deputy Director
Christopher Gerard, AAG
Irina Tiginyanu, Pharmacy Technician Consultant
Joshua Munroe, Legislative and Rules Consultant
Haleigh Mauldin, Program Consultant
Taifa “Nomi” Peaks, Pharmacist Consultant
Kseniya Efremova, Policy Analyst
Amy L Robertson, Communications Coordinator
and Program Support

1. Call to Order Terri Ferreira, Chair.

1.1 Meeting Agenda Approval – May 5, 2023.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moved to approve the meeting agenda for May 5. Hawkins DeFrance, second. Motion carries 13:0.

2. Strategic Planning.

The Commission was joined by Lacy Fehrenbach, Chief of Prevention for the Department of Health to kick off the strategic planning session. Keegan Curry then facilitated a strategic planning session with the Commission.

3. Rule and Legislative Updates.

3.1 Rules Workshop: Accessible Labeling.

The Commission considers the accessible labeling for prescription information rulemaking project as a high priority. Commission staff brought forth an updated rule language draft for the Commission’s consideration and discussion. Joshua Monroe presented a brief background on

the draft. Commissioners provided input and heard stakeholder feedback. Staff will continue to revise the draft rule language based on the feedback at the rules workshop.

MOTION: Matthew Ray moved to refile the CR-101 to include WAC 246-945-015. Jerrie Allard, second. Motion carries, 13:0.

3.2 Rules Workshop: Health Equity CE Standards.

The final rules workshop for the May business meeting focused on health equity continuing education standards. Joshua Monroe provided a brief recap of the rules process thus far and the draft language.

MOTION: Ann Wolken moved to approve the draft with approved edits. William Hayes, second. Motion carries, 10:0.

3.3 Legislative Overview and Bill Report: End of Session Recap.

The 2023 legislative session concluded on April 23, 2023.

Bills of note that did pass:

- SHB 1275 – Athletic trainers
- ESB 5120 – 23-hour crisis relief centers
- 2SSB 5263 – Psilocybin workgroups
- SSB 5389 – Optometrists
- SHB 1678 – Dental therapists
- 2SHB 1009 – Military spouse employment
- SB 5768 – Protecting access to abortion medications

Bills of note that did not pass:

- 2SSB 5536 – Concerning controlled substances and behavioral health treatment options
- SB 5271 – Uniform Facilities Enforcement Framework
- HB 1665 – Pharmacy scope-of-practice and drug therapy

4. Open Forum.

The purpose of the open forum is to provide the public an opportunity to address the commission on issues of significance to or affecting the practice of pharmacy. Discussion items may not relate to topics for which a hearing has or will be scheduled, or which are under investigation. ***No comments received.***

5. Commission Member Reports.

5.1 Pharmacy Practice Subcommittee – Craig Ritchie, Subcommittee Chair.

The scheduled March 23rd Pharmacy Practice Subcommittee meeting was canceled due to technical difficulties. Program staff members are currently working on a path forward to discuss the topic of stocking as it relates to the pharmacy assistant's scope of practice.

5.2 Budget Subcommittee – Patrick Gallaher, Subcommittee Chair.

At the January business meeting, the commission voted to retain a reserve of 15% of biennial expenditures. Our fund balance remains healthy and our expenses below what was estimated. Our revenue to date is slightly lower than what was estimated. Department staff are looking at how it forecasts revenue. DOH does revenue estimates based on our actual numbers of applications and renewals and in looking at the Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics to determine growth of the profession. Staff are continuing to investigate areas where we are overspent. We are overspent in attorney general support. This is a difficult area to estimate expenses as a disciplinary case or legal challenge can come along that is important and results in unanticipated expenses. Staff have a meeting later this month with the WRAPP program to ensure we are on the same page with our budget and WRAPP contract.

5.3 Compounding Subcommittee – Hawkins DeFrance, Subcommittee Chair.

The Compounding Subcommittee met twice in April to discuss matters related to compounding in Washington State. On April 13th, the subcommittee discussed the Nonresident Pharmacy Directive and assisted program staff in preparing an updated list of approved inspection programs for the full commission's review. On April 20th, the subcommittee began its review of the draft revised USP <795> self-inspection worksheet. The draft self-inspection worksheet was composed with the intent of helping licensees prepare for November 1, 2023, when the revised USP General Chapters <795> and <797> are scheduled to become official. The next meeting is on May 9th. We will continue discussing the draft revised USP <795> self-inspection worksheet and, if time allows, the draft revised USP <797> self-inspection worksheet.

5.4 Facility Subcommittee – Ken Kenyon, Subcommittee Chair.

The Facility Subcommittee met on March 30th to review the suspicious order reporting requirements in WAC 246-945-585. During our meeting, we recognized that the overall intent of the suspicious orders reporting requirement is to capture instances where there may be diversion or suspicious activity. It is not to create an undue burden on licensees. We also recognized the value of having a discussion around defining suspicious orders, as well as the importance of noting *how* we receive data from licensees. The subcommittee tasked program staff with looking at other states to determine if they have their own guidelines for handling suspicious orders, with the idea that this could be reviewed at a future subcommittee meeting.

5.5 Open Discussion

Judy Guenther was recognized for her 8+ years of service with the Commission.

6. Staff Reports.

6.1 Executive Director – Marlee O'Neill.

- Crystal Phipps's position as Pharmacy Inspector has been made permanent.
- Si Bui has been hired as the Pharmacy Inspector Supervisor.

- A non-permanent Health Services Consultant 4 position has been posted. This position will last for seven months to help with the rules backlog as well as to keep non-routine applications moving.
- Anita Nath of OILS has accepted a new position, and Ashley Maxwell will be assuming her position.
- At the June meeting, we will be reviewing the joint operating agreement which is required every biennium.
- Additional portions of the DSCSA are going into effect later this year. Staff are looking to see how that will align with the Commission's and will get some resources out.
- The department has put together a credentialing workgroup.

6.2 Deputy Director – Lindsay Trant-Sinclair.

Nothing to report.

6.3 Assistant Attorney General – Christopher Gerard

Nothing to report.

7. Summary of Meeting Action Items.

- 2 – Revisit mission and vision statement at future meeting. Make edits to bylaws as directed by today's discussion and bring back to future meeting. Task legislative subcommittee with discussion of seeking legislative fix to add more technician members. Add subcommittee reports as standing agenda item. Share updated SWOT analysis with commission and bring remaining strategic planning work back to future meeting.
- 3.1 – Accessible Labeling Rules Workshop - will edit the draft rules in line with the commission's decisions today and finalize scheduling a special meeting in the early evening for another rules workshop on the accessible labeling rulemaking.
- 3.2 – Staff will make the edits the commission approved today and file the CR-102 on the health equity CE rules.
- 6.1 – Get GovD out with DSCSA resources.

Business Meeting Adjourned - Teri Ferreira, Chair, called the meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.