

**BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: Thursday, August 16, 2018

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Members Present: Kerri Okamura, RPh, Chair, Pharmacist  
Julie Takishima-Lacasa, PhD, Vice Chair, Public  
Alanna Isobe, Pharmacist  
Mary Jo Keefe, RPh, Pharmacist  
Ronald Weinberg, Public Member

Members Excused: Carolyn Ma, Pharmacist  
Kenneth VandenBussche, RPh, BCACP, Pharmacist

Staff Present: Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer ("EO")  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")

Guests: Fred Cruz, CVS  
Reece Uyeno, Pharmicare  
Veronica Morales, UH Hilo DKICOP  
Paul Smith, Walgreens  
Lindsey Reinholz, UH Hilo DKICOP  
Stacy Pi, Kaiser Permanente  
Tiffany Yajima, Ashford & Wriston  
Lori Walmsely, Walgreens  
Ashok Kota, Foodland  
Kellie Noguchi, Kaiser Permanente  
Tanya Demattis, CVS/Longs  
Patrick Uyemoto, Times/HPhA

Call to Order: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS").

There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

Chair's Report:                   **Announcements and Introductions**

The Chair excused Dr. Ma and Mr. VandenBussche and asked the audience to introduce themselves.

The Chair acknowledged Ms. Isobe's picture on the cover of the July 2018 issue of Pharmacy Today, a publication of the American Pharmacists Association.

**Approval of the Previous Minutes – July 19, 2018 Meeting**

The Chair called for a motion in regards to the minutes of the July 19, 2018 meeting.

There being no substantive amendments, upon a motion by Mr. Weinberg, seconded by Ms. Isobe, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes for the July, 19, 2018 meeting as circulated.

Executive Officer's Report:                   **Conferences/Seminars/Meetings**

NABP/AACP Districts VI, VII & VIII (Annual Meeting, October 14, 17, 2018, Kansas City, Missouri)

**2018 Legislation**

SB 2247, SD1, HD2, CD1 Relating to Opioid Antagonists – Authorizes pharmacists to prescribe, dispense, and provide related education on opioid antagonists to individuals at risk of opioid overdose and to family members and caregivers of individuals at risk of opioid overdose without the need for a written, approved collaborative agreement; subject to certain conditions. (CD1) Governor approved on 7/9/2018, Act 154, SLH 2018.

The EO reported that the pharmacy working group is working on a bill for the 2019 Legislative session that would amend Act 154, SLH 2018 and align it with the HD2 version and other amendments for clarification and that one of the questions raised at the working group meeting was if a pharmacist was able to "prescribe" an opioid antagonist, but not dispense the opioid antagonist.

The Board discussed various scenarios in which a pharmacist may not be able to dispense the opioid antagonist because the pharmacy does not have it in stock or ran out. They also asked if the prescription could be transferred to another pharmacy if that was the case.

The EO explained that this was not the intent of the law and pointed out the following:

- Section 1 of the bill refers to expanding "the scope of registered pharmacists' practice by allowing pharmacists to prescribe, dispense, **and** provide related education on opioid antagonists without the need for a written approved collaborative agreement.";

- The definition of “Practice of pharmacy” specifically refers to “prescribing **and** dispensing an opioid antagonist...”; and **not** “prescribing **or** dispensing”;
- The current law states that a pharmacist who prescribes and dispenses opioid antagonists pursuant to subsection (a) shall:
  1. Complete a training program...
  2. Provide the individual who is receiving the opioid antagonist with information and written educational material on risk factors of opioid overdose, etc; and
  3. **Dispense** the opioid antagonist to the individual who is at risk for an opioid overdose, family member, or caregiver **as soon as practicable after the pharmacist issues the prescription.**

The EO stated that the intent of the legislature was not to give pharmacists “prescriptive authority” but to give the pharmacist the authority to “prescribe and dispense” opioid antagonists, like women’s contraceptives.

#### **Revisions to Pharmacist’s Corresponding Responsibility Guidance Statement - Draft**

The EO reported that she is working with the Chair on revisions that will also include reference to the new laws recently enacted by the Governor.

#### **Pharmacists Continuing Education Audit – Report**

The EO reported that there are still a few pharmacists who did not respond and a few more that are deficient. She will try to finalize by the next Board meeting.

#### **Working Conditions Survey**

The EO reported that she is checking if the working conditions survey can be placed on the Board’s web page.

#### **State Board of Pharmacy ACPE CPE Activity**

The EO reported that she is still considering this as an option to provide a laws and rules update online course.

Ms. Isobe volunteered to assist the EO on this project.

#### Correspondence:

#### **Inpatient and Outpatient Dispensing Emergency Kits**

The Chair asked Ms. Keefe to lead the discussion on the following inquiry from Emily Cowan:

"I we spoke yesterday about some questions regarding inpatient MedDispense units being managed from out of state. I was just following to see if you were able to get some clarification.

To expand on that question- if it allowed what license would be needed? Just a regular Hawaii pharmacy license?

My other question regarding off side medication management pertains to outpatient dispensing. You had mentioned that automatic dispensing pharmacy laws were repealed, so is there a way to dispense emergency medications from an IPU to out patients?

For example, if a hospice patient in an outpatient setting emergently needs morphine in the middle of the night, would there be a way to utilize meddispense or another dispensing model to dispense the medication without an RPH present from the inpatient setting (ie pyxis) to get delivered to the patient? "

Ms. Keefe stated that this sounds like an ekit under HAR 16-95-80

The Chair wondered if the unit was more like a Pyxis machine and that an out-of-state pharmacy is servicing the unit.

The EO asked for clarification about who can stock a Pyxis machine.

Ms. Pi stated that their pharmacy technicians stock the Pyxis machines.

Ms. Keefe stated that HAR §16-95-81 (e) specifies that a pharmacist replace any expired drugs, relabel, and reseal the kit.

After further discussion, the Board deferred this matter to their October meeting.

Chapter 91, HRS  
Adjudicatory Matter(s):

At 9:35 a.m., the Chair called for recess pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS to discuss and deliberate on the following adjudicatory matter:

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Permit of **Welldynex, Inc.**; **PHA 2016-98-L**, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order; Exhibit "1"

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Ms. Keefe, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the Board Final Order for PHA 2016-98-L

Following the Board's review, deliberation, and decision in these matters, pursuant to Chapter 91, HRS, the Chair announced that the Board was reconvening its scheduled meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 20, 2018  
9:00 a.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room, First Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
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The Chair asked if everyone could attend.

Everyone acknowledged they could attend.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Taken and recorded by:

                  /s/ Lee Ann Teshima                    
Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_