

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

Date: June 16, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, First Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar (use link below)  
Participation: <https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/91551211842>

Members Present: Alanna Isobe, Chairperson  
Julie Takishima-Lacasa, PhD, Public Member, Vice-Chairperson  
Kent Kikuchi, Pharmacist  
Mark Brown, Pharmacist  
Patrick Adams, Pharmacist  
Sheri Tokumaru, Pharmacist  
Catalina Cross, Public Member

Staff Present: James Skizewski, Executive Officer (“EO Skizewski”)  
Lee Ann Teshima, Executive Officer (“EO Teshima”)  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jaymie Nakama, Secretary  
Mia Dao Linh Trung Hoang, Tech Support Staff

Excused: None

Guests: Annie Macapagal  
Brandon Saike  
Cherylynn Cheng  
Corrie Sanders, HPA  
Diana Shaw  
Erik Abe  
Gail Elliott  
Grace Sesi  
Hilton Raethel  
Jessica Adams  
Kellie Noguchi  
Kevin Judeich  
Mark Taylor  
Michael Hua  
Paige Heckathorn Choy  
Patrick Uyemoto  
Stacy Pi

Tam Le  
Tiffany Yajima

Call to Order: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

A short video regarding virtual meetings was played for the attendees and the Chair provided information on internet and phone access for today's virtual meeting.

The Chair then took roll call to establish quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. All Board members were present and alone.

Chair's Report: **Announcements**

The Chair reported she had no announcements.

**Approval of Minutes of the May 19, 2022, Meeting**

The Chair asked if there were any corrections or discussion of the May 19, 2022, meeting minutes.

There being no corrections/amendments, upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Ms. Tokumaru, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2022, meeting, as circulated.

The Chair asked if anyone attending wanted to address the Board on this agenda item.

Staff reported that no one raised their hand.

Executive Officer's Report: **Correspondence**

Staff reported that Tam Le is raising his hand.

The Chair asked that Mr. Le be promoted to a panelist to address the Board.

EO Skizewski asked Mr. Le if he wanted to talk about his application or the Department of Public Safety's topic.

Mr. Le confirmed he wanted to talk about his application.

EO Skizewski informed Mr. Le that he will be allowed to address the Board later when the Board discuss the applications.

USP 797 and Contrast Media Related to Beyond Use Dates

EO Skizewski stated that the Board's office received an email from Tiffany Yajima, on behalf of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, asking for clarification on the beyond use by date and compounding guidelines related to

contrast media.

Ms. Heckathorn Choy raised her hand and was promoted to panelist to address the Board on behalf of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

Ms. Heckathorn Choy stated that they represent several types of healthcare providers including the hospitals and that this issue arose as the facilities try to address the CT media supply shortage and are asking for some affirmation of the more flexible guidelines that were provided in the document issued in April 2020 considering the COVID-19 pandemic. She stated that they have discussed this issue with other associations and there is a consensus that hospitals reach out to the Board for affirmation of the guidelines as they continue to address the shortages of this particular media.

The Chair asked the Board members for discussion on this matter.

Mr. Adams recommended the Board to look at the FDA compounding guidelines if they are going to do more than contrast.

The Chair stated that pharmacies are required to comply with the USP 797.

Mr. Brown confirmed that it is a violation to not comply with USP 797.

Mr. Kikuchi stated that he understands that the manufacturers are willing to validate the product as long as Healthcare Association of Hawaii are following the guidance and the requirements of USP 797.

The Chair noted that the email asks the Board if there is anything further that Healthcare Association of Hawaii needs to do to confirm compliance with the USP 797 guidance.

After further discussion, upon a motion by Mr. Kikuchi, seconded by Mr. Brown, it was voted on and unanimously carried to affirm that pharmacies comply with the USP 797 guidance, including the emergency COVID-19 guidance from USP.

The Chair announced the next agenda item and asked if there was anyone attending who wishes to address the Board.

Erik Abe raised his hand and was promoted to panelist.

#### Pilot Project Update

##### **Lanai Community Health Center**

Mr. Abe introduced himself as the Public Affairs and Policy Director of Hawaii Primary Care Association and introduced Diana Shaw, Director of Lanai Community Health Center.

Staff promoted Ms. Shaw to panelist.

Mr. Abe provided a status update on the Tele Pharmacy Pilot Project and asked the Board to extend the length of the pilot project by one year, to June 2023.

Ms. Shaw stated that due to the lack of response from the pharmacy benefit manager ("PBM"), this delay given them time to make sure that they have their systems safe and secure, they have on-going training to ensure the workers are up-to-date and know what they are doing and making sure their patients are safely being provided with their medications. She stated that they are hoping with the success of the program they will be able to publish a report.

Mr. Brown noted in their timeline that they provided, they had a soft grand opening and asked for an overall update on the center and what medications are being provided for their patients.

Ms. Shaw stated she will provide the Board a list of the medications that are being prescribed and dispensed to their patients but currently patients do not pick up their medications because the PIC only is there periodically.

Mr. Brown asked what the volume of prescriptions are provided.

Ms. Shaw responded that the volumes are low, because of the patient count due to the limited space at the health center, and that they are limited to the number of patients they see on a daily basis and not every patient will be prescribed medications.

The Chair asked the Board if they had any further questions.

There being none, upon a motion by Ms. Cross, seconded by the Vice Chair, it was voted on to approve the request for extension until June 2023.

EO Teshima asked how long is the extension?

Chair confirmed they are requesting a 1 year, June 2023 extension.

EO Teshima asked if the Board would like a status report six (6) months later or wait for a report at the end of the year.

Mr. Brown suggested Lanai Community Health Center provide a report in December as to the status of the project.

The DAG advised the Board that a motion was made but before it was voted on, it appears that there is an addition to the motion.

Ms. Cross withdrew her motion.

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by the Vice Chair, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the request for a one-year extension until June 2023 and that a status report on the pilot project be provided in December 2022.

EO Skizewski thanked Ms. Shaw.

Ms. Shaw and Mr. Abe thanked the Board for their support in their program.

The Chair announced the next agenda item and asked if anyone attending wanted to address the Board.

Stacy Pi raised her hand and was promoted to panelist.

**Kaiser Permanente**

Ms. Pi stated that in February 2020, the Board approved the pilot project request for pharmacy technicians to be able to do certain functions such as ordering, receiving, storing, and non-dispensing functions without the supervision of a pharmacist. The Board approved the project on March 3, 2020, and Kaiser initiated the pilot project and they COVID-19 happened and the two (2) clinics that were approved for the pilot project closed temporarily. Kaiser did subsequently re-open the clinics, however, the decision was made that they will no longer put a pharmacy technician at these locations and will not pursue this project any further at this time.

Chair asked the Board if they had further questions.

There were none.

The Chair announced the next agenda item and asked if there was anyone attending who wishes to address the Board.

Corrie Sanders raised her hand and was promoted to panelist.

**Hawaii Pharmacists Association:**

Ms. Sanders shared that the Hawaii Pharmacist Association (“HPhA”) has a draft for a bill to address Medicaid payment for pharmacists who provide cognitive services. She stated that this bill does not expand the pharmacist’s scope of practice but is seeking reimbursement for services already being provided by pharmacists such as medication monitoring, medication counseling, and managing chronic disease.

She stated that there has been an increase in care provided by pharmacists, especially on our neighbor islands. The physician shortage has also added to the concern for access to healthcare and for pharmacists to fill that gap regarding managing a patient’s medication. She added that we are now up to a couple of hundred Full-Time Equivalents across the Hawaiian Islands and that increasing access to patient pharmacy care is a public health initiative.

Ms. Sanders stated that for their October meeting, they will have a speaker from the American Pharmacists Association and will share information about the topic once the details become available.

As for the 2023 Legislative session, in the in the next 2 months, they will be working with their membership.

Ms. Sanders concluded by addressing pilot projects and stated if there are issues getting funding from PBMs, they may want to get donations from

manufacturers that are willing to provide medications for a very low cost for chronic disease states.

Chair asked the Board if they had further questions.

There were none.

The Chair announced the next agenda item and asked if anyone attending wishes to address the Board and noted that Mr. Le had already raised his hand previously.

There being no further discussion, the Chair asked for a motion to move into executive session.

Executive Session: At 9:36 a.m., upon a motion by Ms. Tokumaru, seconded by Mr. Adams, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, 92-4 and 92-5(a) (1) and (4),” To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for pharmacy licensure,” and, “To consult with the board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities.”

At 10:30 a.m., upon a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Tokumaru, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Applications:

**Ratification Lists**

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Tokumaru, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the ratification lists.

**Applications**

Pharmacist

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Brown, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application:

Tam Le

Miscellaneous Permit

The Chair asked for a motion regarding the miscellaneous permit applications:

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Kikuchi, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application:

Creative Compounds, Inc. dba Harbor Compounding and Home Health Care Pharmacy

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Adams, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application:

Optime Care Inc.

Upon a motion by the Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Adams, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application:

Eventus RX LLC

Upon a motion by Mr. Brown, seconded by Mr. Adams, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following application:

Curexa-East, LLC dba Curexa

The Chair announced the next agenda item and asked if there was anyone attending who wishes to address the Board.

No one raised their hand.

Chapter 91, HRS  
Adjudicatory  
Matters

The Chair called for a motion regarding the following adjudicatory matters:

Upon a motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Cross, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the following adjudicatory matters:

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Permit of **Edge Pharma; PHA 2022-18-L**, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, Exhibit "1"

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Permit of **Trustedmedrx LLC; PHA 2022-23-L**, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, Exhibit "1"

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Permit of **Anazaohealth Corporation; PHA 2021-60-L**, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, Exhibit "1"

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Permit of **Walgreens.com, Inc. dba Walgreens #02445; PHA 2021-55-L**, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, Exhibits "1" - "3"

In the Matter of the Miscellaneous Permit of **Archway Apothecary LLC; PHA 2022-13-L**, Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order, Exhibits "1"

Next Meeting:

There being no further agenda items, the Chair announced the next meeting.

The Vice Chair stated that her term is up. Mr. Adams stated that he will try to join virtually as he will be off island.

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Date: Thursday, July 14, 2022  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
In-Person: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building, 1st Floor  
335 Merchant Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
Virtual: Zoom Webinar

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Taken by:  
  
/s/ Jaymie Nakama  
Jaymie Nakama, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by:  
  
/s/ James Skizewski  
James Skizewski, Executive Officer

JS: jn  
6/20/22

Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_