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**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission Meeting
March 3, 2023 - Minutes**

Convene: Chair, Teri Ferreira called the meeting to order March 3, 2023, 9:04 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
Bonnie Bush, Public Member
William Hayes, PharmD CCHP

Staff:

Marlee O’Neill, Executive Director
Lindsay Trant-Sinclair, Deputy Director
Kristi Knieps, Assistant Attorney General
Joshua Munroe, Legislative and Rules Consultant
Joanne Miller, Program Manager
Taifa “Nomi” Peaks, Pharmacist Consultant
Haleigh Mauldin, Program Consultant
Amy L Robertson, Communications Coordinator
and Program Support
Desiré Gudmundson, Administrative Support
Hope Kilbourne, Policy Analyst

Staff Members Absent:

Irina Tiginyanu, Pharmacy Technician Consultant
Christopher Gerard, Assistant Attorney General

1. Call to Order Terri Ferreira, Chair.

1.1 Meeting Agenda Approval – March 3, 2023.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moved to approve the business meeting agenda for March 3, 2023, with the addition of 4.2 Sample AUP, 4.3 DOC Pharmacy Services AUP approval, and 4.4 Executive Director report. Jerrie Allard, second. Motion carries, 13-0.

2. Public Hearing.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the supplemental rulemaking to remove subsection (2)(h)(i) from the proposed WAC 246-945-488 safe donation of unexpired prescription drugs.

Chair, Teri Ferreira, calls Public Hearing to order at 9:11 AM.

2.1 Public Hearing Comments.

Sara DiBernado, SIRUM provided oral comment in support of the decision to remove the prescriber notification requirement.

Jay Lopez, Washington State Medical Oncology Society, provided written comment in support of the decision to remove the prescriber notification requirement.

George Want, SIRUM, provided written comment in support of the decision to remove the prescriber notification requirement prescribed in the proposed rules WAC 246-945-488.

Chair, Teri Ferreria, closes Public Hearing at 9:15 AM.

2.2 Review of Public Hearing Comments and Authorization for CR-103.

The Commission considered and discussed responses to public comments received during the comment period and public rules hearing.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moved to approve the suggested responses to the received comments, adopt proposed WAC 246-945-488, and authorize staff to file a CR-103P. Kenneth Kenyon, second. Motion carries, 13:0.

3. Rules and Legislative Updates.

3.1 Review of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and Other Federal Regulations.

No action deemed necessary by the commission.

3.2 Accessible Labeling Rulemaking Workshop.

Addressing accessible prescription labeling standards in rule is one of the commission's highest priorities. The commission discussed who they would like this rule to be applicable to (e.g., pharmacies, HCEs, HPACs, nonresident pharmacies, etc). The commission also discussed what information they would like to be provided to the patient.

No action deemed necessary by the commission.

3.3 Legislative Bill Report.

The 2023 legislative session is more than halfway done. Joshua Munroe presented an overview of the remaining bills related to the practice of pharmacy and their current status in the legislative process

MOTION: Hawkins DeFrance moved that the commission not support SHB 1275 and SSB 5308 on the athletic trainer scope of practice as written. Craig Ritchie, second. Motion carries, 13:0.

4. Old Business.

4.1 Monitoring of Drug Therapy.

MOTION: Tim Lynch moved that the commission affirm WAC 246-945-355, monitoring of drug therapy by pharmacists, as written. Kenneth Kenyon, second. Motion carries, 12:0. (Craig Ritchie abstained)

4.2 Sample AUP.

MOTION: Kenneth Kenyon moved to approve the sample AUP with all edits presented today. Judy Guenther, second. Motion carries, 12:0.

4.3 DOC Pharmacy Services AUP.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moved to approve the DOC Pharmacy Services AUP. Kenneth Kenyon, second. Motion carries, 12:0. (William Hayes recused.)

4.4 Executive Director Report. Marlee O’Neill

June Business Meeting – time for Chair and Vice Chair elections.

Summary of Meeting Action Items.

- 2.2 – File the CR-103 for WAC 246-945-488 related to pharmacy-to-pharmacy donation of unexpired prescription drugs.
- 3.1 – Staff made a note to provide the information on the federal regulations related to accessibility included in today’s SBAR to licensees when the rule is finalized.
- 3.2 – Staff will revise the draft rule for the accessible label and research the questions raised by commissioners at today’s discussion. We will plan bring the next draft back in May.
- 3.3 – Staff will communicate the commission’s position to not support SHB 1275 and SSB 5308 on the athletic trainer's scope of practice to the department and the athletic trainer program.
- 4.1 – Staff asked to start getting preliminary feedback testing the waters related to monitoring of drug therapy and screenings.
- 4.2 – Post new sample AUP online, send out GovDelivery notice with new sample AUP, continue to work with Pharmacy Practice Subcommittee to discuss the pharmacy assistant scope of practice.
- 4.3 – Communicate AUP approval.
- 4.4 – Bring more information on commission elections back in May.

Business Meeting Adjourned.

Teri Ferreira, Chair, called the meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM.