

**Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission
March 27, 2025 - Minutes**

Convene: Hawkins DeFrance, Chair, called the meeting to order March 27, 2025, 9:03 a.m.

Commission Members:

Hawkins DeFrance, Chair
Ann Wolken, Vice Chair
Jerrie Allard
Stephanie Bardin
Teri Ferreira
Patrick Gallaher
Judy Guenther
Kenneth Kenyon
Matthew Ray
Craig Ritchie
Uyen Thorstensen (absent
from 10:15am-10:38am)
Huey Yu

Commission Members Absent:

William Hayes

Staff:

Marlee O'Neill, Executive
Director
Si Bui, Inspector Supervisor
Christopher Gerard, AAG
Rachel Sahi
Taifa "Nomi" Peaks
Joshua Munroe
Haleigh Mauldin
Julia Katz
Irina Harris
Madison Washington
Amy Robertson
Scott Craig
Justin Sisney
Michael Kelly

1. Call to Order, Hawkins DeFrance, Chair

1.1. Meeting Agenda Approval – March 27, 2025

MOTION: Ann Wolken moved to amend the agenda to add that during lunch, Panel A of the commission will meet in closed session pursuant to RCW 42.30.140(1). Craig Ritchie, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to approve the amended agenda for the March 27, 2025, Business Meeting. Matthew Ray, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

1.2. Meeting Minutes Approval – February 6, 2025

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to amend the meeting minutes from February 6, 2025, with the corrections to the times he was absent from the meeting which was from 10:56 a.m. – 11:24 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Matthew Ray, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Craig Ritchie moved to approve the amended business meeting minutes for February 6, 2025. Ken Kenyon, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

2. Consent Agenda

- 2.1. Correspondence
 - 2.1.1. National Precursor Log Exchange Monthly Dashboard – January and February
 - 2.1.2. Pharmaceutical Firms Application Report
- 2.2. Ancillary Utilization Plans Approval
 - 2.2.1. Arbor Health
 - 2.2.2. Columbia Valley Community Health
 - 2.2.3. Infusion Solutions
 - 2.2.4. Paramount Pharmacy
 - 2.2.5. Peninsula Community Health Services
 - 2.2.6. Nordic Pharmacy
 - 2.2.7. RX Pharmacy Long Term Care (LTC)
 - 2.2.8. Franciscan Hospice LTC
- 2.3. Pharmacy Technician Training Program Approval
 - 2.3.1. Cascade Specialty Pharmacy
 - 2.3.2. Columbia Valley Community Health
 - 2.3.3. Family Health Centers Pharmacy
 - 2.3.4. Goldendale Pharmacy
 - 2.3.5. Kuslers Compounding Pharmacy
 - 2.3.6. Moses Lake Community Health Center Pharmacy
 - 2.3.7. Nordic Pharmacy
 - 2.3.8. Rays Pharmacy
 - 2.3.9. RX Pharmacy LTC
 - 2.3.10. Sy Pharmacy and Wellness
 - 2.3.11. Tallmans Pharmacy
 - 2.3.12. Whitestone Pharmacy multiple locations
 - 2.3.13. Hoagland Pharmacy multiple locations

MOTION: Ann Wolken moved to approve the consent agenda except for items 2.2.2. Columbia Valley Community Health, 2.2.3. Infusion Solutions, and 2.2.4. Paramount Pharmacy. Teri Ferreira, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

- 2.4. Regular Agenda Items Pulled from 2.1, 2.2, or 2.3. The commission discussed items removed from the consent agenda and placed them on the regular agenda for separate discussions.

2.2.2. Columbia Valley Community Health

MOTION: Teri Ferreira moved to approve item 2.2.2. Columbia Valley Community Health, contingent on striking “The Commission will be notified within 30 days of any changes to the program.” Ken Kenyon, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

2.2.3. Infusion Solutions

MOTION: Teri Ferreira moved to approve item 2.2.3. Infusion Solutions, contingent on changing the word “dispenses” to “hands out” in number 6 of the pharmacy technician AUP. Ken Kenyon, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

2.2.4. Paramount Pharmacy

MOTION: Terri Ferreira moved to deny item 2.2.4. Paramount Pharmacy and to ask the entity to clarify letter K in the pharmacy assistant AUP and to have the entity change “dispenses” to “hands out” in letter G of both the pharmacy assistant and pharmacy technician AUP. Ann Wolken, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

3. Presentations

3.1. Presentation on Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Management System (HELMS)

Carly McCarthy, HELMS Communications Consultant, provided an update on HELMS.

Commissioners asked staff to send a GovDelivery advising licensees of a possible credentialing freeze around the end of April 2025.

4. New Business

4.1. Resolutions for National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Annual Meeting

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 1’s resolution on drugs lost in transit. Matthew Ray, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 6’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 7 and 8) on care coordination. Matthew Ray, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 6’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 7 and 8) on community health workers, but if additional information is presented at the NABP annual meeting, the commission gives the voting delegate permission not to support this resolution. Stephanie Bardin, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 6’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 7 and 8) on joint accountability for pharmacy compliance. Teri Ferreira, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Matthew Ray moved to support District 6’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 7 and 8) on payer, processor, payment rates and methodologies impacting patient safety. Patrick Gallaher, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Patrick Gallaher moved to support District 6’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 7 and 8) for national practice pharmacy standards. Ken Kenyon, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 7’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 6 and 8) that NABP partner with other pharmacy organizations and engage with the National Conference of State Legislatures, the Council of State Governments, and the National Governors Association and other policy organizations on current pharmacy issues. Stephanie Bardin, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 8’s resolution (co-supported by District 7) on the implementation of a standard of care regulatory model. Patrick Gallaher, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to support District 8’s resolution (co-supported by Districts 7 and 8) on medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD). Patrick Gallaher, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

4.2. NABP 2025-2026 Committees and Task Forces

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to approve William Hayes’ request to apply to participate on a NABP committee or task force of his choosing. Jerrie Allard, seconded. Motion carried, 11:0.

4.3. Frequently Asked Question on Sterile Hypodermic Syringes and Needles

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to adopt the FAQ with the edit of changing “can” to “may” and have staff research intramuscular needles as well as any other edits that may provide clarity and bring this back to the commission at a future business meeting. Ann Wolken, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Jerrie Allard moved to have staff bring the topic of RCW 70.115.050 to a future business meeting for discussion on whether the commission should seek a legislative change to this law. Patrick Gallaher, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0

5. Old Business

5.1. Rescinding of Policy Statement on Regulation of the Handling of Hazardous Drugs

MOTION: Matthew Ray moved to rescind the Policy Statement on the Regulation of the Handling of Hazardous Drugs, Number 60.1. Stephanie Bardin, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

6. Strategic Plan

6.1. Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Marlee O'Neill provided an update on the implementation of the strategic plan.

7. Rules and Legislation Updates

7.1. Rules Tracker Update

MOTION: Ken Kenyon moved to rescind Policy Statement P008, Regulatory Standards Applicable to Manufacturers and Wholesalers of Dialysis Devices and Legend Drugs for Home Dialysis, on April 18, 2025, when the rulemaking on Manufacturers and Wholesalers of Dialysate and Dialysis Devices takes effect. Teri Ferreira, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

7.2. 2025 Weekly Legislative Update

Joshua Munroe reviewed bills pertinent to the commission.

7.3. Draft Comment on Department of Health Sunrise Review: Pharmacist Scope of Practice

MOTION: Hawkins DeFrance moved to delegate Ken Kenyon to provide comment at the public comment meeting on the Pharmacist Scope of Practice Sunrise Review. Judy Guenther, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

MOTION: Ann Wolken moved to approve the draft comment without edits. Teri Ferreira, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

7.4. Rules Workshop: Utilization of Ancillary Personnel

MOTION: Patrick Gallaher moved to pause work on proposed new rule WAC 246-945-316 Pharmacy Technician Final Product Verification. Matthew Ray, seconded. Motion failed, 5:7.

MOTION: Teri Ferreira moved to task back proposed rule WAC 246-945-316 Pharmacy Technician Final Product Verification to staff to review data and comments received and bring another iteration of the rule to a future business meeting. Stephanie Bardin, seconded. Motion carried, 10:1:1.

7.5. Rules Workshop: Alternate Distribution Models

MOTION: Matthew Ray moved to approve the draft rule language as presented and direct staff to file a CR-102 on Alternate Distribution Models. Judy Guenther, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

7.6. Rules Workshop: Pharmacy Inspection Requirements for Modifications or Remodels

MOTION: Matthew Ray moved to approve the draft rule language as presented and direct staff to file a CR-102 on Pharmacy Inspection Requirements for Modifications or Remodels. Patrick Gallaher, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

8. Open Forum

No public comments were received.

9. Commission Member Reports

9.1. Open Discussion Related to Items or Issues Relevant to Commission Business/Pharmacy Practice

Hawkins DeFrance provided a reminder that the Nonresident Pharmacy Directive Task Force will meet from 1-2pm PST on Tuesday, April 29, 2025.

Hawkins DeFrance shared that Bonnie Bush has stepped down from her role as a commissioner and thanked Bonnie for her years of service and work on the commission.

Patrick Gallaher asked staff if there was a way for the commission to pay for a subscription to United States Pharmacopeia-National Formulary (USP-NF) Online for the commissioners.

Patrick Gallaher expressed concern about tariffs and the impact that might have on drugs.

Patrick Gallaher shared that the FDA no longer requires prescribers, pharmacies, and patients to participate in the REMS program for Clozapine and wants to ensure pharmacists are aware of the changes.

10. Staff Reports

10.1. Executive Director – Marlee O’Neill

- Marlee shared that she attended Hawkins’ and Patrick’s senate confirmation hearings, which was the same day Jessica Todorovich, Interim Secretary for DOH, introduced herself to the Senate Health and Long-Term Care Committee.

- On February 19-20, 2025, Marlee participated in NABP's Interstate Privilege Workgroup meeting looking at ways to ensure licensure portability.
- At the OHP All Staff meeting last week, Lindsay Trant-Sinclair and Danielle Lee were recognized for their five years of state service.
- Continuing to work on commissioner recruitment.
- Additional resolution for the NABP annual meeting from the NABP Executive Committee about examining the use of the TOEFL-iBT as a requirement for FPGEC certification

MOTION: Hawkins DeFrance moved to support the NABP Executive Committee's resolution to evaluate the use of the TOEFL-iBT as a requirement for FPGEC certification. Ken Kenyon, seconded. Motion carried, 12:0.

10.2. Pharmacist Supervisor – Si Bui

- Marlee and Si presented to the Southwest Washington Pharmacy Association and, along with Lindsay and Nomi, presented at WSPA's New Drugs New Law.
- Reminded everyone that self-inspections must be completed during the month of March.

10.3. Assistant Attorney General – Christopher Gerard

- Christopher attended one of the FDA's Town Halls related to DSCSA implementation. Information was presented that indicated numerous trading partners were having success in the continued implementation of DSCSA requirements.

11. Summary of Meeting Action Items

- **1.2 Meeting Minutes Approval** – Staff will update and finalize the minutes to include the times Ken Kenyon was missing and post them on the commission's website.
- **2. Consent Agenda** – Staff will relay the decisions to the Office of Customer Service.
- **3.1 Presentation on Healthcare Enforcement and Licensing Management System (HELMS)** – Staff will send a GovDelivery letting licensees know about a likely credentialing freeze at the end of April.
- **4.1 Resolutions for National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) Annual Meeting** – Staff will provide Hawkins and Ann with the commission's decision on the resolutions ahead of the NABP Annual Meeting.
- **4.2 NABP 2025-2026 Committees and Task Forces** – Staff will let William Hayes know that he can apply to whichever committee or task force he chooses.
- **4.3 Frequently Asked Question on Sterile Hypodermic Syringes and Needles** – Staff will post the FAQ changing "can" to "may." Staff will research intramuscular needles and any other edits that may provide clarity and bring the

policy statement to a future business meeting. Staff will bring RCW 70.115.050 to a future business meeting for a determination on whether the commission should seek a legislative change to this law.

- **5.1 Rescinding of Policy Statement on Regulation of the Handling of Hazardous Drugs** – Staff will rescind the policy statement and remove it from the web.
- **7.1 Rules Tracker Update** – Staff will rescind, and remove from the web, Policy Statement P008 on April 18, 2025, when the rulemaking on Manufacturers and Wholesalers of Dialysate and Dialysis Devices takes effect.
- **7.3 Draft Comment on Department of Health Sunrise Review: Pharmacist Scope of Practice** – Staff will submit the draft comment by April 1, 2025, and register Ken Kenyon to provide comment at the public comment meeting. Staff will also prepare talking points for Ken.
- **7.4 Rules Workshop: Utilization of Ancillary Personnel** – Staff will continue to refine this rule considering comments received and will continue to research this topic.
- **7.5 Rules Workshop: Alternate Distribution Models** – Staff will file the CR-102.
- **7.6 Rules Workshop: Pharmacy Inspection Requirements for Modifications or Remodels** – Staff will file the CR-102.
- **9.1 Open Discussion Related to Items or Issues Relevant to Commission Business/Pharmacy Practice** – Staff will send another GovDelivery message regarding the Nonresident Pharmacy Directive Task Force meeting. Staff will mail Bonnie Bush her certificate of service on the commission. Staff will research the cost of getting all commissioners a subscription to USP.

4:17 p.m. Business Meeting Adjourned