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Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

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Special Meeting COVID 19 – Agenda

June 19, 2020

9:00 AM (Open Session)

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CONVENE

Chair: Tim Lynch – called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Commission Members:

Teri Ferreira, RPh, Vice Chair
Jerrie Allard, Public Member
Steve Anderson, BSPHarm, RPh
Bonnie Bush, Public Member
Olgy Diaz, Public Member
Patrick Gallaher, BS, BPharm, MBA, MPH
Ken Kenyon, PharmD, BCPS
Craig Ritchie, RPh, JD
Sepi Soleimanpour, RPH, MBA-HA
Uyen Thorstensen, CPhT

Absent Commission Members:

Judy Guenther, Public Member
Kat Wolf Khatchatourin, PharmD, MBA

Staff Roll Call

Lauren Lyles-Stolz, Executive Director
Christie Strouse, Deputy Director
Chris Gerard AAG
Lindsey Trant, Rules Program Manager
Cori Tarzwell, Policy Analyst
Marlee O'Neill, Director of Office Inspection
and Legal Services
Doreen Beebe, Pharmacy Program Manager
Amy Robertson, Pharmacy Program Support

Absent Staff:

Martin Pittioni, Office Director, Health
Professions
Erika Brown
Crissa Hanson
Adam Wood

1.1 **MOTION** – Teri Ferreira moved to approve the meeting agenda. Steve Anderson, second.
Motion carried, 11-0.

2.1 **MOTION** – Ken Kenyon moved to approve the new *Chapter 246-945 WAC New WAC
Supersedes Old WAC: Clarification of Rules Enforcement after July 1, 2020* as amended with
the exception of the CE requirements (246-861 and 246-901-061) which remain in effect
until March 1, 2021 to align with the two-year renewal cycle. Sepi Soleimanpour, second.
Motion carried, 11-0.

2.2 *Chapter 246-945-178, 246-945-220, WAC 246-861-090, and WAC 246-901-061 Continuing
Education Requirements.* Discussion clarified CE requirements are retrospective for prior

license period. Renewals will be staggered through 2023 due to one-year renewal cycles transitioning to the two-year renewal cycle.

MOTION – Ken Kenyon moved to approve the new *Chapter 246-945-178, 246-945-220, WAC 246-861-090, and WAC 246-901-061 Continuing Education Requirements* policy #P003. Steve Anderson, second. Motion carried, 11-0.

2.3 Review for approval, statement/communication regarding *Ancillary Utilization Plans and Pharmacy Technician Administration*. RCW 18.64A.010(6), RCW 18.64A.030, RCW 18.64A.060, RCW 18.64.011

Discussion clarified/edited definition of injection to be immunizations as well as other intramuscular or subcutaneous injections. Furthermore, under current statutes it is permissible to allow technician to administer drugs/devices with the understanding the pharmacist is solely responsible to communicate to patient what to expect (including adverse reactions, benefits, risks, etc.). Patient safety and individual care are primary focus of pharmacists.

Stakeholder discussion:

Rich Molitor, stakeholder, expressed concern that ‘immediate supervision’ would have the pharmacist there at all times. Definition of ‘immediate supervision’ read: *... means to provision by a pharmacist who is immediately available at all times the delegated tasks are being performed, who is aware of delegated task being performed and who provides personal assistance, direction, and approval throughout the time the delegated tasks are being performed.*

Ann Hendrickson, stakeholder, due to COVID-19, some of the supervision rules are being relaxed. She has concerns this will allow the big pharmacies to find a way to abuse the ‘system.’ In addition, proper injection techniques training is at risk.

Lis Houchin, stakeholder, National Association of Chain Drugstores, agrees with the commission injection by technician under direct supervision is on track with the parameters already in place.

MOTION – Craig Ritchie moved to approve the AUP and pharmacy technician administration as edited. Ken Kenyon, second. Motion carried, 11-0.

3.1 Review of General Self-Inspection Worksheet. Various edits for clarity and definition made. The final General Self Inspection Worksheet, valid as of July 1, 2020, is on the DOH website: [Self-Inspection Worksheet \(07/2020\)](#) and [Summary](#).

3.2 Addendums. Edits 3.2.a-e made for clarification, definition, and efficient format. Completed questionnaires (not final) found on the DOH website as linked below.

- a. [Hospital Pharmacy and HPAC](#)
- b. [Long-Term Care Pharmacy](#)
- c. [Nuclear Pharmacy](#)
- d. [Sterile Compounding \(USP 797\)](#)
- e. [Non-sterile Compounding \(USP 795\)](#)

MOTION – Ken Kenyon moved to approve items as discussed/edited today be uploaded to website with a trial period of July 1st -30th to gather suggestions/corrections for final discussion/implementation with stakeholders at a later meeting to be determined. Steve Anderson, second. Motion carried, 11-0.

3.3 MOTION – Ken Kenyon moves to appoint Marc Defreyn, Office Director, Office of Investigative and Legal Services and Sara Kirschenman as Presiding officers on Brief Adjudicative Proceeding (BAP) hearings. Patrick Gallaher, second. Motion carried, 11-0.

4. Open Forum –

Stakeholder discussion:

Erika Anderson raised a question regarding the Commission’s enforcement of USP 800 and USP 825. The Assistant Attorney general responded that due to the Special Meeting rules, the commission was not able to opine on topic, since it was not identified on agenda. The commission agreed to address this topic at future commission meetings.

5. Summary of Meeting Action Items

a) Update as discussed:

- i) Technician administration guidance document.
- ii) Self-inspection sheets for 1 July release date on GovDelivery requesting public comments for 30 days. The commission plans for the August 28th meeting to revisit self-inspection sheets. Subcommittee needed for review: Teri Ferreira, Patrick Gallaher, Chris Gerard, Christie Strouse and Tim Lynch.
- iii) BAP Officer designation.

b) Future To Do/Discussion List:

- i) Use technician administration guidance document for rulemaking in future.
- ii) Further discussion regarding Compounding USP 800 and USP 825 at future commission meeting as well as general discussion on all USP chapters.

Business Meeting Adjourned – 2:26 PM

19 June Meeting Recording:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/620676920603950351>

Next Meeting –July 17, 2020

*Respectfully submitted by:
Amy Robertson, Administrative Assistant*

Approval July 17, 2020



Teri Ferreira, Vice-Chair

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