

# ***Annual Report***

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# ***Fiscal Year 2020***

**Alaska Board of Pharmacy**



**Department of Commerce, Community  
and Economic Development**

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**Division of Corporations, Business  
and Professional Licensing**

This annual performance report is presented in accordance with  
Alaska statute AS 08.01.070(10).

Its purpose is to report the accomplishments, activities, and the  
past and present needs of the licensing program.









































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**Goals and Objectives (continued)**

**Part I (continued)**

***FY 2020's goals and objectives, and how they were met:***

**Goal # 5:**

The board will continue to assess and evaluate the licensing of pharmacy technicians and discuss the introduction, recognition, and duties for a nationally certified pharmacy technician.

**Met by:** Regulation projects, including during emergency regulations, which will be made permanent.

**Goal # 6:**

The board will continue to assess and evaluate the jurisprudence practice exam and its effectiveness as a learning tool for interns.

**Met by:** Including as a discussion item at board meetings.

**Goal #7:**

The board will continue its affiliation with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and send one member to the District 7 NABP meeting and two members to the annual NABP meeting.

**Met by:** Renewed membership and continued participation in meetings and forum discussions.

**Goal #8:**

The board will continue to evaluate the impact of current regulations and the need for new regulations or amendments to current regulations to advance our mission.

**Met by:** Regulation projects, strategic planning, and subcommittee meetings.

**Goal #9:**

The board will continue to assess and evaluate the growing public concern regarding the abuse of illicit and prescription drugs, internet pharmacies, counterfeit drugs and support continuing funding and enhancement for the PDMP.

**Met by:** Continued monitoring of PDMP compliance, data evaluation, and submission of new Bureau of Justice Assistance grant.

**Goal #10:**

The board will monitor, assess, evaluate, and modify the Alaska PDMP based on the best interest of the public and profession.

**Met by:** Continued discussion amongst affected boards and constituents.

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**Goals and Objectives**

**Part II**

**FY 2021's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.**

**Describe any strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats and required resources:**

**Goal #1:**

The board will continue to promote, preserve, and protect the public, safety, and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

**Goal #2:**

The board will continue to provide input and comment on any proposed regulations involving medications, pharmaceutical care, or the practice of pharmacy.

**Goal #3:**

The board will continue to promote effective patient counseling by licensees.

**Goal #4:**

The board will continue to assess and evaluate the multi-state pharmacy jurisprudence examination (MPJE) and send two members to the MPJE Item Development workshop.

**Goal #5:**

The board will continue to assess and evaluate the licensing of pharmacy technicians and discuss the introduction, recognition, and duties for a nationally certified pharmacy technician.

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**Part II (continued)**

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**Goal #9:**

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**Goal #10:**

The board will monitor, assess, evaluate, and modify the Alaska PDMP based on the best interest of the public and profession.

**Goal #11:**

The board will develop a strategic plan around communication, administration, regulation and legislation, licensure, and enforcement.

**Goal #12:**

The board will continue its affiliation and collaboration with the Alaska Pharmacists Association, including attendance at its annual meetings.

**Goal #13:**

The board will support its staff in participating at training opportunities and attendance at professional conferences, including training to support assigned investigators.

**Goal #14:**

The board will continue to simplify its statutes and regulations by assessing outdated, burdensome, or unnecessary regulations.

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**Sunset Audit Recommendations**

**Date of Last Legislative Audit:  
Board Sunset Date:**

<b>Audit Recommendation:</b>	DCBPL's chief investigator should work with the director to improve the timeliness of investigations.
<b>Action Taken:</b>	A Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) was adopted to require investigative staff to enter case notes explaining any gaps between activities greater than sixty days. In addition, each member of staff is held accountable for timeliness of investigative actions.
<b>Next Steps:</b>	Monitor for effectiveness.
<b>Date Completed:</b>	January 5, 2018

<b>Audit Recommendation:</b>	DCBPL's director should improve procedures to ensure required licensure documentation is appropriately obtained and retained.
<b>Action Taken:</b>	The division will continue to provide training to staff to ensure they are aware of their roles and responsibilities in preserving an accurate and complete administrative record.
<b>Next Steps:</b>	
<b>Date Completed:</b>	