

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2019

ALASKA BOARD OF PHARMACY



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

**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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Budget Recommendations for FY 2020 (continued)

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
TBD 2020	Washington DC	0	2	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
The Alaska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) was the recipient of the 2017 Harold Rogers enhancement grant, which provided funds to enhance the existing state PDMP. The Harold Rogers Awardee meeting is a required annual meeting for state PDMP administrators. This travel is 100% grant-funded.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$2,161.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$1,041.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$608.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		M&IE		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$3,811.60	\$0.00	\$0.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
TBD 2020	Boston, MA	0	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
The International Conference on Opioids brings together clinical and regulatory experts to address the nation's opioid epidemic. Attendance at this meeting provides support to multi-agency efforts to combat this issue and informs the PDMP administrator of strategies and tools needed to improve the database and				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$709.71	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$956.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$849.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$284.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		M&IE		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$2,798.71	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
TBD	Atlanta, GA	0	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
The PDMP is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which awarded the state funds for its Data Driven Prevention Initiative (DDPI). Funding is used to support education and outreach activities for mandatory use following SB 37 and HB 157.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$2,161.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$1,041.90	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$608.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		M&IE		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$3,811.60	\$0.00	\$0.00

Out-of-State Meetings and Additional In-State Travel

Date	Location	# Board	# Staff	
November 7-10, 2020	San Diego, CA	1	1	
Description of meeting and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:				
The American Society for Pharmacy Law highlights trending topics affecting the pharmacy profession and brings together regulations from around the nation. Attendance at this meeting will keep the state apprised of current pharmacy trends.				
Expenditure	License Fees (RSS)	Third-Party Reimbursement	Third-Party Direct Booked	Total
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Airfare:	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hotel:	\$0.00	\$1,00.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Ground:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conference:	\$0.00	\$TBD	\$0.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$0.00	\$440.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Describe "Other" (break out all sections):		M&IE		
Net Total:	\$0.00	\$2,940.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Budget Recommendations for FY 2020 (continued)

Non-Travel Budget Requests

- Not Applicable Resources Examinations
 Membership Training Other

Product or Service	Provider	Cost Per Event
		\$0.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Other Items with a Fiscal Impact

Cost Per Event: **\$0.00**

- Not Applicable

Number of Events: **0**

Product or Service	Provider	Total Cost
		\$0.00

Description of item and its role in supporting the mission of the Board:

Summary of FY 2020 Fiscal Requests

Board Meetings and Teleconferences:	\$20,000.00
Travel for Exams:	\$0.00
Out-of-State and Additional In-State Travel:	\$6,000.00
Dues, Memberships, Resources, Training:	\$0.00
Total Potential Third-Party Offsets:	-\$6,000.00
Other:	\$0.00
Total Requested:	\$20,000.00

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Legislation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed legislation at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed legislation:

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Regulation Recommendations Proposed Legislation for FY 2020

No Recommendations

The Board has no recommendations for proposed regulations at this time.

Recommendations

The Board has the following recommendations for proposed regulations:

The board will continue to evaluate the fast paced change in the practice of pharmacy nationwide and address any regulatory changes as they arise. The board has a heavy project list including those previously mentioned in this report.

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Goals and Objectives

Part I

FY 2019's goals and objectives, and how they were met:

- With passage of SB32 and SB37 the board of pharmacy has written and sent regulations to public comment to comply with those statutory changes. The public comment period has ended, and the board is waiting to review the comments at our next publicly notice board meeting. Based on the comments, the board will make a decision on how to proceed.
- The board continues to write and evaluate regulations related to nationally certified pharmacy technicians and is an active project. This is taking some time due to its complexity and the number of regulatory changes that will need to take place as a result of their introduction.

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Goals and Objectives

Part II

FY 2020's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

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

Board of Pharmacy Mission:

To promote, preserve, and protect the public health, safety and welfare by and through the effective control and regulation of the practice of pharmacy.

The Board of Pharmacy goals and objectives remain fluid and the board tries to meet its goals and objectives in a proactive manner. It is always the board's goal of introducing legislation and regulation projects to advance our mission. These will continue in FY 20.

Goals and Objectives for FY 2020

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. The board has a very aggressive list of regulations that will be reviewed and potentially finalized in FY 20 to advance this goal, including but not limited to:

- 12 AAC 52.095 APPLICATION FOR PHARMACIST LICENSE BY RECIPROCITY ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.140 PHARMACY TECHNICIAN LICENSE ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.210 PHARMACIST DUTIES ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.220 INTERNS ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.230 PHARMACY TECHNICIANS ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.235 APPROVED NATIONALLY CERTIFIED PHARMACY TECHNICIAN FUNCTIONS ***NEW***
- 12 AAC 52.420 SECURITY ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.421 AUTOMATED PRESCRIPTION DISPENSING MACHINES ***NEW***
- 12 AAC 52.423 REMOTE PHARMACY LICENSE ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.460 PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER INFORMATION ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.470 REFILLS ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.480 LABELING ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.500 TRANSFER OF PRESCRIPTION DRUG ORDER ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.510 SUBSTITUTION ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.585 MANDATORY PATIENT COUNSELING ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.865 REPORTING AND REVIEWING PDMP INFORMATION ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.992 INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES AND RELATED EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS ***AMEND***
- 12 AAC 52.995 DEFINITIONS ***AMEND***

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Goals and Objectives (continued)

Part II

FY 2020's goals and objectives, and proposed methods to achieve them.

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

- 2) The board will continue to provide input and comment on any proposed legislation involving medications, pharmaceutical care, or the practice of pharmacy.
- 3) The board will continue to promote effective patient counseling by licensees.
- 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.
- 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.
- 6) The board will continue to assess and evaluate the jurisprudence practice exam and its effectiveness as a learning tool for interns.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 10) The board will monitor, assess, evaluate, and modify the Alaska PDMP based on the best interest of the public and profession.

Strengths:

- board is very active in updating regulations to comply with statutory requirements and advancing the practice.
- Full board of public members and pharmacists.
- New Executive Administrator position for the board; this position is filled.

Opportunities / Threats:

- The volume of regulations that need to be reviewed, updated or created are numerous given the frequency at which the volunteer board currently meets.
- The speed at which regulations are prepared by the Regulation Specialist and Reviewed by Assistant Attorney General given their large board workload.

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Sunset Audit Recommendations

Date of Last Legislative Audit: August 7, 2017
Board Sunset Date: June 30, 2022

Audit Recommendation: DCBPL’s chief investigator should work with the director to improve the timeliness of investigations.

Action Taken: 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.

Next Steps: Monitor for effectiveness.

Date Completed: January 5, 2018

Audit Recommendation: DCBPL’s director should improve procedures to ensure required licensure documentation is appropriately obtained and retained.

Action Taken: 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.

Next Steps: Monitor for effectiveness.

Date Completed: Ongoing