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**STATE OF ALASKA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS,  
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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**MINUTES OF MEETING  
February 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

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By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of Article 6 of AS 44.62, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was held February 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at the State Office Building 333 Willoughby Ave Floor 9 Conference Room C, Juneau, Alaska.

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These minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations,  
Business and Professional Licensing.

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The meeting was called to order by Dirk White, President, at 9:03 a.m.

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**Call to Order/Roll Call**

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Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

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Dirk White RPh, Sitka - Chairman  
Lori DeVito RPh, Soldotna - Vice Chairman  
C.J. Kim RPh, Anchorage - Secretary  
John Cotter RPh, Fairbanks -  
Bill Altland RPh, Craig -  
Anne Gruening Public Member, Juneau -  
Taryl Giessel Public Member, Eagle River -

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In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development were:

Donna Bellino, Licensing Examiner – Juneau  
Sara Chambers, Division Director – Juneau  
Martha Hewlett, Administrative Officer – Juneau  
Brian Howes, Investigator – Telephonically from Anchorage  
Al Kennedy, Sr. Investigator, Telephonically from Anchorage  
Ed Riefle, Sr. Investigator, Telephonically from Anchorage

**Visitors Present –**

47                    Visitors Present –  
48                    Kim Boyd - AHCS  
49                    Richard Holt - Walmart  
50                    Barry Christiansen - AKPhA  
51                    Caren Robinson- Lobbyist AKPhA  
52                    Michele Vaughn – AKPhA  
53                    Molly Gray – AKPhA  
54                    Tara Ruffner – AKPhA  
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56                    **Agenda Item 1- Review Agenda**

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58                    The board reviewed the agenda for Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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60                    **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Ms. Giessel and approved**  
61                    **unanimously, it was**

62                                            **RESOLVED to approve the agenda for Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**  
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65                    **Agenda Item 2- Minutes**

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67                    The Board reviewed the minutes from the November 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 meeting.

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69                    **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Ms. Giessel and approved**  
70                    **unanimously, it was**

71                                            **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the November 20-21, 2014**  
72                                            **meeting with no changes.**  
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75                    **Agenda Item 3- Ethics**

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77                    Mr. White called for any ethics disclosures to make. No ethics disclosures to report.

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79                    **Agenda Item 4 - Investigative Report - Investigators Kennedy and Howes**

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81                    Investigator Kennedy along with Investigator Howes presented the Investigative  
82                    Report for the period of November 19, 2014 to February 11, 2015. Including cases,  
83                    complaints, and intake matters, since the last report, the Division opened twelve  
84                    (12) files and closed twenty-six (26) Pharmacy Board matters. A total of eight (8)  
85                    matters remain on-going and under active investigation or are pending litigation.  
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87 Investigator Kennedy advised the board he had two Consent Agreements to review  
88 with the board and vote on. It was decided that the board go into executive session  
89 to discuss them.

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91 **On a motion duly made by Lori DeVito, seconded by Ms. Gruening and**  
92 **approved unanimously, it was**

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94 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with**  
95 **AS44.62.301(c) 3, for the purpose of discussing investigative matters.**

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97 Board staff to remain

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99 **Break:**

100 Off the record at 9:32 a.m.

101 Back on record at 9:49 a.m.

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103 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Cotter, seconded by Ms. DeVito and approved**  
104 **unanimously, it was**

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106 **RESOLVED to accept the Consent Agreements for:**

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108 **Case #2014-002042 and Case #2014-002048**

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110 **On a motion duly made by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. DeVito and approved**  
111 **unanimously, it was**

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113 **RESOLVED to accept the pharmacy technician license surrender for:**

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115 **PHA C 3897 Sharlene Oyao Case #2014-002042**

116 **PHA C 2369 Karen Oyao Case #2014-002048**

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118 **Agenda Item 4 – Budget Review/Division Update**

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120 Sara Chambers, Director for the Division until Monday March 2, 2015 joined the  
121 meeting in person to address the board to review of FY15 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Schedule  
122 of Revenues and Expenditures and provide Division updates. The new Director for  
123 the Division appointed by Governor Walker is Janey Hovenden. Ms. Hovenden  
124 previously held the position of City Clerk for the city of Fairbanks. Ms. Chambers will  
125 return to her role as the Operations Manager for the Division.

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127 Ms. DeVito stated for the record what an incredible job Director Chambers did in the  
128 short period of time that she worked with the Board of Pharmacy. Ms. Chamber's  
129 work to provide more transparency to the boards regarding the states accounting  
130 practices has been invaluable and very helpful in assisting the Board of Pharmacy  
131 with gaining a much clearer understanding of the fiscal accountability and  
132 accounting practices associated with the costs of running the board.

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134 10:02 Martha Hewlett joined the meeting. Director Chambers advised that she  
135 continues to be embroiled in legislative activity and it's a good thing because we  
136 need the legislator's help as we have been asking the last two years for assistance  
137 through HB187 even though that bill was not successful last year. Director  
138 Chambers also advised that we may not see any fee setting legislation this year. If  
139 nothing is introduced this year, it is the hope that next year may be a better time.

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141 Director Chambers then spoke briefly to the board about the AKPDMP. As of this  
142 meeting there has not been legislation pertaining to the Prescription Drug  
143 Monitoring Program introduced yet. It is unknown what the proposals will be for  
144 the funding of the AKPDMP and Director Chambers will keep the board apprised if  
145 anything is introduced or changes. HSS has provided funding for the program this  
146 last year and the program as required is functional.

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148 Ms. DeVito inquired with Director Chambers is there any consideration in funding  
149 how the board is going meet the regulations to provide for investigations or even  
150 approval of out-state pharmacies or sterile compounding pharmacies. Ms. DeVito  
151 attended a meeting at NABP in January where the information discussed brought in  
152 to focus how Alaska is really lacking in this area compared to the rest of the United  
153 States. A system needs to be created to inspect out-of-state pharmacies shipping  
154 prescriptions into Alaska, and any in-state pharmacies shipping compounded  
155 products out of Alaska. The biggest hurdle pertaining to these issues is funding.  
156 Director Chambers advised that if the board would like for Ms. DeVito to be the  
157 liaison for the board and reach out to Chief Angela Birt, Chief Investigator for the  
158 Division, to discuss these concerns and potential solutions so continued discussions  
159 with outgoing Director Chambers, and incoming Director Hovenden could  
160 commence.

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162 Mr. Altland brought to the board's attention that the Alaska Healthcare Commission  
163 is holding a meeting on Thursday 2/26 and Friday 2/27 in Juneau and on their  
164 agenda is a discussion about opioid control program development. There is a public  
165 comment period on Thursday at 1:30 and Mr. Altland believes it is good time to  
166 work together on the topic. Outgoing Director Chambers offered to attend the  
167 meeting and report back to the board the pertinent items discussed.

168 Ms. Hewlett then addressed the board and reviewed FY15 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter schedule  
169 of revenue and expenditures. There were no issues or concerns from the board.

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171 **Break:**

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173 Off the record at 10:35 a.m.

174 Back on the record at 10:55 a.m.

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176 **Agenda Item 5 - Regulation Review/Update**

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178 Ms. Bellino provided the board with an update on the regulation projects already in  
179 process and that will be sent out for public notice and two new regulation projects  
180 from the November 2014 Board of Pharmacy meeting, 1) Emergency Preparedness  
181 and 2) Pharmacy Technician Certification have been submitted to the Regulation  
182 Specialist.

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184 **Agenda Item 6 - Legislative Review**

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186 Mr. Cotter asked if there is anything else the board needs to do to support the  
187 reintroduction of a bill for licensing of out-of-state wholesale drug distributors this  
188 legislative session. Representative Tammie Wilson is interested in reintroducing  
189 the bill again this session. Mr. White advised that Caren Robinson, Lobbyist for the  
190 AK Pharmacist Association, suggested that the board write a letter to the legislature  
191 stating that is an essential requirement that the Board of Pharmacy have the  
192 authority to license out-of-state wholesale drug distributors.

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194 Barry Christiansen and Caren Robinson from AKPhA addressed to the board and  
195 reviewed the AKPhA Priorities for 2015:

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- 197 1) Reintroduction of the Pharmacy Fair Audit Legislation
- 198 2) To get legislation introduced on Immunization – Senator Giessel to introduce bill
- 199 3) Assisting the Alaska Board of Pharmacy with Wholesaler Licensure Legislation
- 200 4) Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Legislation (monitor and advise)
- 201 5) Monitor legislation regarding State Medicaid Expansion Program
- 202 6) Revisit the Mediset Regulations

203 The board discussed strategies and where combined efforts could best be served.  
204 The board will reconvene on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. and will adjourn to attend the  
205 Public Comment period at 1:30 for the Alaska Healthcare Commission meeting  
206 coinciding with the Board of Pharmacy meeting and reconvene at 2:30 p.m.

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208 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Kim and approved**  
209 **unanimously, it was**

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211 **RESOLVED to recess the meeting to 1:06 p.m. on Thursday 2/26/15.**

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213 Off the record at 1:06 p.m.

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215 **Thursday February 26th, 2015**

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217 The meeting was called to order by Dirk White, Board Chair, at 1:10p.m.

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**Call to Order/Roll Call**

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221 Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

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223 Dirk White RPh, Sitka - Chairman

224 Lori DeVito RPh, Soldotna - Vice Chairman

225 C.J. Kim RPh, Anchorage -Secretary

226 John Cotter RPh, Fairbanks

227 Bill Altland RPh, Craig

228 Taryl Giessel Public Member, Eagle River

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230 Board member not present: Anne Gruening Public Member, Juneau

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232 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional

233 Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic

234 Development were:

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236 Donna Bellino, Licensing Examiner – Juneau

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238 Visitors Present -

239 Richard Holt – Walmart

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241 **Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda -**

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243 The board reviewed the agenda and Ms. Bellino advised that information for the CE

244 Audit Review scheduled for today will be moved to the May meeting due to

245 information needed not accessible from the NABP website in time for this meeting.

246 Mr. White also wanted to add time for discussion to recap/discuss any additional

247 information received from legislative meetings. Time for the discussion will be

248 added after the AKPhA Report at 3:15 p.m.

249 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Ms. Giessel and approved**  
250 **unanimously, it was**  
251 **RESOLVED to approve the amended agenda with changes for Thursday**  
252 **2/26/15.**

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254 **The board recessed meeting at 1:30 p.m.**

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256 **Back in session at 2:30 p.m.**

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258 **AGENDA ITEM 2 – Recap NABP Inspection Blueprint Meeting held in January at**  
259 **NABP**

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261 Ms. DeVito gave the board an overview of the NABP Inspection Blueprint meeting  
262 she attended in January. The purpose of this meeting was to develop an inspection  
263 blueprint for those pharmacies that are engaged in compounding, in particular  
264 sterile compounding. Ms. DeVito advised that the majority of people who attended  
265 this meeting were pharmacy inspectors and not practitioners. Most of the first day  
266 of the meeting was spent reviewing the Pharmacy Multistate Inspection Blueprint  
267 Crosswalk Worksheet to narrow down what it exactly needed on the inspection  
268 form and how it can trigger when someone is a distributor or a compounder. Some  
269 states are considering this form as a possible self-inspection form. The end goal is to  
270 have uniformity within the states. The upshot of the discussion that ensued is that  
271 the board needs to write compounding regulations for sterile and non-sterile  
272 compounding. Currently regulations **12 AAC 52.430 GUIDELINES RELATING TO**  
273 **STERILE PHARMACEUTICALS AND 12 AAC 52.440 GUIDELINES RELATING TO**  
274 **COMPOUNDING PRACTICES** both refer to pamphlets titled “Sterile  
275 Pharmaceuticals” and “Compounding Practices” that are not specific enough to  
276 utilize for a multistate inspection form. The board will start the regulation process  
277 to accomplish this at the May Board of Pharmacy Meeting.

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279 **Agenda Item 3 – Correspondence**

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281 The board reviewed general correspondence, NABP correspondence and updated  
282 draft guidance received from the FDA regarding DQSA (Drug Quality Supply Act).

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284 Pennsylvania and Wisconsin sent notification that they have implemented  
285 Electronic Verification of Licensure only. Both states will no longer send paper  
286 license verifications.

287 Gerald Brown a pharmacist in Fairbanks sent an email to the board asking for their  
288 opinion regarding a dental clinic to be held in Fairbanks that is asking pharmacists  
289 who volunteer to provide distribution services and consulting for medications

290 during this event. Mr. Brown's question is for this type of event outside of a  
291 registered pharmacy, can medication be distributed like this. Mr. Brown will be at  
292 the board meeting on Friday for public comment and the board will discuss this  
293 further with him.

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295 The board reviewed an email received from Mary Heaster, Pharmacy Manager for  
296 Fred Meyer Store #224 in Anchorage. Ms. Heaster in her email petitioned the board  
297 to allow electronic prescriptions to be kept separately or preferably not at all.

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299 The board advised to follow the regulation **12 AAC 52.450 PRESCRIPTION DRUG**  
300 **ORDER RECORDS** and go with the longest length of time for electronic hard copies,  
301 for example Part D electronic records must be retrievable for 10 years.

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303 The board also reviewed, Report of Theft Reports received since the November  
304 2014 Board Meeting from Geneva Woods Mat-Su Pharmacy, Safeway/Ketchikan  
305 SEARCH Medical Center/Juneau, COSTCO/Juneau, and Fred Meyer/Soldotna.

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307 The board reviewed the AKPhA report that Molly Gray, Executive Director provided  
308 for the board.

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310 Mr. White advised the board that he has been asked to come up with Board of  
311 Pharmacy Resolutions in support of the immunization bill and the licensing of out-  
312 of-state wholesale drug distributor bill. Mr. White will work on it this evening and  
313 email Ms. Bellino to print out and bring for discussion at Friday's meeting.

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315 **On a motion duly made by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Giessel and approved**  
316 **unanimously, it was**

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318 **RESOLVED to recess the meeting to 9:00 a.m. on Friday 2/27/15**

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322 Off the record at 4:30 p.m.

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331 **Friday February 27th, 2015**

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333 The meeting was called to order by Dirk White, Board Chair, at 9:04p.m.

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335 **Call to Order/Roll Call**

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337 Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:

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339 Dirk White RPh, Sitka - Chairman

340 Lori DeVito RPh, Soldotna - Vice Chairman

341 C.J. Kim RPh, Anchorage - Secretary

342 John Cotter RPh, Fairbanks

343 Bill Altland RPh, Craig

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345 9:10 Taryl Giessel Public Member, Eagle River arrived.

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347 Board member not present: Anne Gruening Public Member, Juneau

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349 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional  
350 Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic  
351 Development were:

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353 Donna Bellino, Licensing Examiner – Juneau

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355 **Visitors Present –**

356 Richard Holt – Walmart

357 Gerry Brown, Fairbanks

358 Sher Zinn, Records and Licensing Supervisor

359 Sara Chambers, Division Director

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361 **Agenda Item 1- Review Agenda**

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363 The board reviewed the agenda for Friday 2/27/15. Time was added to the agenda  
364 to discuss/review the resolutions for the immunization and out-of-state wholesale  
365 drug distributor bill.

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367 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Mr. Kim and approved**  
368 **unanimously, it was**

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370 **RESOLVED to approve the agenda for Friday February 27, 2015.**

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372 **Agenda Item 2 – Public Comment –**

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374 Mr. Gerald Brown from Fairbanks addressed the board regarding his email sent to  
375 the board concerning participation as a coordinating volunteer in a free dental clinic  
376 sponsored by the Alaska Dental Society to be held August 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Carlson  
377 Center in Fairbanks.

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379 Mr. Brown's concern/question to the board is since pharmacists are not recognized  
380 in the State of Alaska as healthcare providers, do the functions of a pharmacist  
381 operating in a nonprofit free clinic allow for a pharmacist to operate under the  
382 direction of the dentists who are providing the service. The dental clinic would only  
383 dispense medications that are not a controlled substance.

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385 Mr. Cotter asked how and where medication dispensed at this clinic is being  
386 recorded, is it a prescription file going back to your pharmacy or is it part of the  
387 medical record being retained by the dentist. Mr. Brown stated that if a clinic  
388 participant should be in need of a controlled substance they are given a prescription  
389 to be filled at an existing pharmacy. It is the other medications being dispensed to  
390 clinic patients and how the activity occurring is recorded that would dictate what is  
391 allowed. If Mr. Brown is working out of his pharmacy prepacking medications,  
392 labeling, maintaining records and inputting information into the pharmacy  
393 computer then the onus would be on him as a pharmacist. If there is a common  
394 dispensing area where patients come with a dental record from the dentist with  
395 instructions to dispense XYZ drug (non-controlled substance) to them then you  
396 would be covered under the dentist dispensing.

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398 Mr. Brown advised he had not participated in an event such as this, and wanted to  
399 check in with the board for their thoughts/opinions in participating in the free  
400 clinic. The board asked for Mr. Brown to keep them apprised on how this event  
401 goes. Mr. Brown will forward a recap to the board after the event in August in time  
402 for the August board meeting.

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404 Mr. Richard Holt, RPh from the Wasilla Walmart addressed the board regarding  
405 Regulation **12 AAC 52.585 MANDATORY PATIENT COUNSELING** and wanted to  
406 get some more specification of details of the regulation. The regulation says: (a)  
407 With each new prescription dispensed, the pharmacist shall verbally provide  
408 counseling to the patient. Mr. Holt asked if a new prescription is defined as a new  
409 paper prescription that a patient is bringing which could potentially be a medication  
410 they have been on for 10 years or is a new medication deemed to be something that  
411 is new to them, new drug, new dose, new frequency. The regulation also states the  
412 patient can decline counseling. Does the counseling then have to be offered directly

413 by a pharmacist or can a technician (which is not stated in the regulation) offer the  
414 patient counseling from a pharmacist on a prescription irrespective if it is a new or  
415 existing prescription at which time a patient could then refuse.

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417 The board advised that the regulation is broad enough and that is the intent of the  
418 regulation and a best practice to offer counseling on all prescriptions regardless.  
419 The regulation does not state that a technician cannot ask if a patient would like  
420 counseling from a pharmacist and Alaska is more relaxed than other states on this.

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422 Mr. Holt reiterated that in this state a technician can offer prescription counseling  
423 from a pharmacist,? The board said that would be ok, but the pharmacist if possible  
424 from a work flow standpoint should make every attempt to offer counseling when  
425 patients are picking up prescriptions.

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427 **AGENDA ITEM 4 – License Application Review –**

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429 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Ms. Giessel and approved**  
430 **unanimously, it was**

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432 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with**  
433 **AS44.62.301(c) 3, for the purpose of discussing Zipperer Medical Group**  
434 **Pharmacy application.**

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436 Board staff to remain

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438 Off the record at 10:26 a.m.

439 Back on the record at 10:39 a.m.

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441 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Cotter, seconded by Mr. Altland and approved**  
442 **by roll call vote with 2 abstained it was**

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444 **RESOLVED to approve Zipperer Medical Group Pharmacy application.**

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446 Dirk White – approve

447 John Cotter – approve

448 Taryl Giessel – abstain

449 CJ Kim – approve

450 Bill Altland – abstain

451 Lori DeVito – approve

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453 The board reviewed the following applications for approval.

454 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito, seconded by Ms. Giessel and approved**  
455 **unanimously, it was**

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457 **RESOLVED to approve the following Collaborative Practice Plans:**

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459 Whale Tail Pharmacy

460 Walgreens Pharmacy #15944

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462 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito and seconded by Mr. Cotter and**  
463 **approved unanimously, it was**

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465 **RESOLVED to approve the following Pharmacist Applications:**

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467 Jimmie Baker - Pending passing MPJE exam score

468 Mimi Clayton – Pending 2 affidavits of Moral Character, Verification of one

469 Year of practice and passing MPJE exam score

470 Bryce Farrar – Application complete

471 Regina Ma – Pending passing MPJE exam score

472 Nathan Scott - Passing MPJE exam score and VOL from UT

473 Arthur Skrundevskiy - Pending passing MPJE exam score

474 Ivan Von Messer – Application complete

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476 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito and seconded by Ms. Giessel and**  
477 **approved unanimously, it was**

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479 **RESOLVED to approve the following Location Change Drug Room**  
480 **Application:**

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482 Alaska Spine Institute Surgery Center

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484 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito and seconded by Mr. White and**  
485 **approved unanimously, it was**

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487 **RESOLVED to approve the following In-State Pharmacy Application:**

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489 Northstar Hospital, Debarr Circle

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491 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito and seconded by Ms. Giessel and**  
492 **approved unanimously, it was**

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495 **RESOLVED to approve the following Out-of-State "YES" Answer Applications:**

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497 Out-of-State Pharmacy: Banner Family Pharmacy

498 Pharmacy Technician: Anna Hampton

499 Pharmacy Intern: Kathy Tran

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501 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito and seconded by Mr. Cotter and**  
502 **approved unanimously, it was**

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504 **RESOLVED to approve the previously tabled Applications:**

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506 Out-of-State of pharmacy application for Cardinal Health

507 Drug Room application for Anchorage Treatment Solutions

508 Pharmacy Application for Zipperer Medical Group

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510 The board reviewed and discussed a letter received from Ron Engberson a  
511 pharmacist who voluntarily surrendered his license in June 2013. In his letter Mr.  
512 Engberson requested the board consider reinstating his pharmacist license.

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514 The board instructed Ms. Bellino to contact the investigator to review the file and  
515 provide guidance to Ms. Bellino and the board on the best way to proceed with the  
516 request.

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518 The board reviewed the draft resolutions that Mr. White presented to be included in  
519 the immunization and the licensing of out-of-state wholesale drug distributors. The  
520 board made some revisions.

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522 **On a motion duly made by Ms. DeVito and seconded by Mr. Altland and**  
523 **approved unanimously, it was**

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525 **RESOLVED to approve the revised resolutions requested from the board**  
526 **to allow for the statutory authority to license out-of-state wholesale**  
527 **drug distributors.**

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529 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Cotter and seconded by Mr. Altland and**  
530 **approved unanimously, it was**

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532 **RESOLVED to approve the resolutions for immunization legislation to**  
533 **allow pharmacists to administer immunizations without obtaining a**  
534 **collaborative practice agreement with a physician or nurse**  
535 **practitioner.**

536 Out-going Division Director, Sara Chambers followed up with the board regarding  
537 the Healthcare Commission meeting she attended as a panelist. Director Chambers  
538 felt it was a very good meeting and was glad that the board mentioned it and she  
539 was happy to go. The Healthcare Commission discussed the wider issue of opioid  
540 abuse and recognized the topics of the licensed professional's role and how it  
541 pertains to the PMDP. The take away that was relevant for her role was to advocate  
542 for the boards to have a place to have this discussion with all of the boards reflecting  
543 users, pharmacy, nursing, medical, dental, possibly optometry and veterinary. The  
544 HealthCare Commission is planning on reaching out to the boards and opening up  
545 discussion and perhaps at their next meeting. Having a representative there to  
546 listen and then have an active conversation about not only the future and use of the  
547 PDMP but the wider issue of should CME's be required, what best practices  
548 prescribers put in place when they are prescribing and what threshold could be  
549 useful. The Healthcare Commission does not want come from a place to dictate that,  
550 but a place to come to the table so all participants can move this conversation  
551 forward. Director Chambers had a conversation with Chad Hope who acknowledged  
552 that there is a definite gap in communication between the boards and the  
553 Healthcare Commission and was aware that there was very little notice of the  
554 meeting and no invitation to the board itself to be part of the discussion.

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556 Director Chambers has spoken to the nursing and medical board executive team  
557 and like the pharmacy board is in agreement that the invitation to be part of the  
558 discussion would be welcomed and that it should be an interesting and fruitful  
559 discussion. Director Chambers advised that she if she hears about anything or if  
560 there is more she can do to facilitate board participation she will advise.

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562 **AGENDA ITEM 7 – New/Old Business –**

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564 The board signed wall certificates and provided travel receipts from the meeting.

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566 This is Mr. White's last board meeting. Mr. White has completed two four year  
567 terms on the Board of Pharmacy. The board presented Mr. White with a certificate  
568 of appreciation for all of his hard work and service, the past eight years as a member  
569 and as chairman for the past year on the Board of Pharmacy.

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572 Leif Holm, RPh, from Fairbanks has been appointed to the Board of Pharmacy. Mr.  
573 Holm's term begins March 1, 2015 and his first board meeting will be the May 21<sup>st</sup>-  
574 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Anchorage.

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576 The board adjourned at 11:26 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Donna Bellino  
Licensing Examiner

Approved:   
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John Cotter, RPh., Chair

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