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

**BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 4-5, 2017**

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of Article 6 of AS 44.62, a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board of Pharmacy was held May 4-5, 2017 at the Atwood Building 550 W7th, Suite 1620.

These minutes were prepared by the staff of the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing. The minutes have not been reviewed or approved by the Board of Pharmacy.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Leif Holm at 9:09 a.m.

Call to Order/Roll Call

Board Members Present constituting a quorum:

Leif Holm, PharmD, North Pole – Chair
Richard Holt, PharmD, Wasilla – Vice Chair
Phil Sanders, RPh, Soldotna
Lana Bell, RPh, Anchorage
James Henderson, RPh, Soldotna
Anne Gruening, Public Member, Juneau - Secretary

James Henderson arrived and joined the meeting at 9:11 a.m.
Anne Gruening arrived and joined the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Attending from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:

Donna Bellino, Licensing Examiner – Juneau
Brian Howes, Investigator – Anchorage
Sara Chambers, Deputy Director, Juneau – Telephonically

47 Visitors Present –

48 Adam Chesler, PharmD. - Director, Regulatory Affairs/ CardinalHealth
49 Telephonically
50 Alex Kirsonis, Pharmacy Intern – Pioneer Home

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52 **Agenda Item 1- Review Agenda**

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54 The board reviewed the agenda for Thursday, May 4, 2017.

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56 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Holt and approved**
57 **unanimously, it was**

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59 **RESOLVED to approve the agenda for Thursday, May 4, 2017.**

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61 **Agenda Item 2- Review/Adopt Meeting Minutes**

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63 The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 13th Teleconference.

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65 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Bell, seconded by Mr. Holt and approved**
66 **unanimously, it was**

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68 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from January 13, 2017,**
69 **Teleconference.**

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71 The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 2-3, 2017 Board of Pharmacy
72 Meeting.

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74 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Holm and approved**
75 **unanimously, it was**

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77 **RESOLVED to approve the minutes from the March 2-3, 2017, meeting.**

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79 **Agenda Item 3- Ethics**

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81 Mr. Holm called for any ethics disclosures to be made. No ethics violations to report
82 by board or staff.

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88 **Agenda Item 4 – Investigative Report – Investigator Howes**

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90 Investigator Howes presented the Investigative Report for the period of February
91 15, 2017 through April 14, 2017. Including cases, complaints, and intake matters,
92 since the last report, the Division opened eight (8) files and closed nine (9)
93 Pharmacy Board matters. A total of Eighteen (18) matters remain on-going and
94 under active investigation or are pending litigation.

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96 Investigator Howes advised the Board there were two cases to be discussed in
97 executive session and he had an update on a Board request to be discussed as well.

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99 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Holt, seconded by Ms. Bell and approved**
100 **unanimously, it was**

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102 **RESOLVED to go into executive session in accordance with AS44.62.**
103 **301(c), for purposes of discussing investigative matters.**

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105 Case No. 2016-001037
106 Case No. 2016-001006

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108 Board staff to remain.

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110 Off the record at 9:31 a.m.
111 On the record at 10:14 a.m.

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113 9:41 a.m. Ms. Gruening joined the meeting while the Board was in executive session.
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115 Due to the short time left until the budget review the Board decided to stay on track
116 and will vote on the cases discussed after the review.

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118 **Agenda Item 5 – Budget Review**

119
120 Sara Chambers, Deputy Director for the division reviewed the Revenue &
121 Expenditures reports for: FY 17 1st- 3rd Quarters. There were no fiscal questions
122 from the Board.

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124 Ms. Chambers provided a brief legislative update to the Board regarding key bills of
125 interest relating to pharmacy.

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129 The House is holding quite a few senate bills in House rules and not hearing them.
130 The Senate is refusing to hear bills on most topics other than the list that Senate
131 President Kelly has provided.

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133 The opioid issues are one of the topics that the senate president would like the
134 senate to hear testimony on. There is optimism that HB159 will move out of house
135 finance next week and go over to the senate side. This is the Governor's bill on
136 opioids that the pharmacy industry and both Leif Holm and Rich Holt have provided
137 feedback on.

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139 There have been amendments made to this bill in response to feedback received
140 from the Board, the Alaska Pharmacist Association, ASHNA, and others, and is
141 getting a lot of support. This bill has been amended to take in to consideration some
142 of the concerns raised. Of the two opioid bills from the Governor it is anticipated
143 that HB159 would be the bill out of the two governor's opioid bills that would move
144 forward for the rest of this session.

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146 **SB32** – *“An Act relating to biological products; relating to the practice of pharmacy;*
147 *relating to the Board of Pharmacy; and providing for an effective date.”*

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149 Director Hovenden attended a hearing on May 3rd in House Finance and it was heard
150 and held. This would be its last stop before the House floor.

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152 **SB37/HB9** – *“An Act relating to the Board of Pharmacy; relating to licensing and*
153 *inspection of certain facilities located outside the state; relating to drug supply chain*
154 *security; and creating a position of executive administrator for the Board of*
155 *Pharmacy.”*

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157 Important to the Board but both bills are sitting in committee and have not moved
158 forward. If they do not move forward this year these bills will remain active for next
159 year.

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161 **HB90** – *“An Act relating to occupational licensing fees; relating to an occupational*
162 *investigation surcharge; and providing for an effective date.”*

163
164 This bill is still in the house and has not moved forward. The Division will keep the
165 Board updated.

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167 Ms. Chambers asked if the Board had any questions and there were none. The
168 Board thanked Ms. Chambers for her time and information provided to the Board.

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170 Resulting from executive session the board made the following motions:

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172 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Gruening, seconded by Mr. Holt and approved**
173 **unanimously, it was**

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175 **RESOLVED to accept the Imposition of two five-hundred dollar**
176 **(\$500) civil fines totaling one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for Wells**
177 **Pharmacy Case No. 2016- 001006.**

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179 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Gruening, seconded by Ms. Bell and approved**
180 **unanimously, it was**

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182 **RESOLVED to accept the Imposition of five-hundred dollar (\$500) civil**
183 **fine for American Specialty Pharmacy Case No. 2016- 001037.**

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185 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Gruening, seconded Mr. Henderson and**
186 **approved unanimously, it was**

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188 **RESOLVED to accept the voluntary suspension of pharmacist license for**
189 **Cynthia Aguiar Case No. 2017-000092.**

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191 Investigator Howes reviewed the PDMP Report (August 1, 2016-April 30, 2017).
192 Since that last report registered users increased from 1,629 to 2,181 equating to an
193 increase of 34%. The report also included the number of Opiate Agonists
194 prescriptions for each month from August 2016 through April 2017, and searches
195 made by active users for this same time period. Of the 2,181 users registered 1,327
196 are actively using the PDMP. The number of profile requests within the systems
197 totaled 123,407, 72, 966 pharmacists and 50, 441 prescribers make up that number.

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199 Two letters will be sent out. The first letter will be from the Governor advising all
200 providers what the requirements will be for July registration. The second letter will
201 be from Dr. Jay Butler who is the Chief Medical Officer for the state reiterating the
202 need to register with more details.

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204 Investigator Howes had Chair Holm signed the Board actions and the Board thanked
205 him for his time and information provided.

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207 **Break:**

208 Off the record at 10:59 a.m.

209 Back on the record at 11:13 a.m.

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211 **Agenda Item 6 – Annual Report**

212 The Board reviewed, discussed, and worked on the FY 17 Annual Report. As part of
213 the review the Board went over the letter Sara Chambers sent out to all Boards
214 regarding the Annual Report. Ms. Chamber’s letter is a reminder to Boards that this
215 report represents the opportunity to reflect on the year’s accomplishments and to
216 guide the Board’s focus toward upcoming goals and objectives and what report
217 deadline is.

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219 11:24 a.m. Due to technical difficulties with the new lap tops the Board was using
220 Ms. Bellino left the meeting to get IT to assist with the issues. IT was able to fix the
221 problem and the meeting continued.

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223 The Board went over all the components of the report and how to proceed. Chair
224 Holm will write the narrative and any updates. Once the draft of the report is
225 completed the Board will meet via teleconference to adopt the report before Ms.
226 Bellino submits it.

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228 **Break for lunch:**

229 Off the record at 12:06 p.m.

230 On the record at 1:16 p.m.

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232 **Agenda Item 7 – Tabled Applications**

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234 The Board reviewed additional information requested at the March meeting
235 regarding a technician application. Board member Rich Holt requested more
236 detailed information was satisfied with was submitted and approved the
237 application.

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239 **Agenda Item 8 –Regulations**

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241 The Board spent the remainder of the afternoon discussing and reviewing several
242 regulations in need of updates, revision, or clarification.

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244 When reviewing **12 AAC 02.107 Prescription drug monitoring program**
245 **registration.** This regulation establishes fees for registration with the database by
246 a pharmacist who dispenses or a practitioner who prescribes, administers, or
247 directly dispenses a scheduled II, III, or IV controlled substance under the federal
248 law as required under AS 17.30.200. The Board had many questions and requested
249 Ms. Bellino call Investigator Howes to see if he was available to re-join the meeting
250 to discuss this topic.

251 As requested, at 1:48 p.m. Investigator Howes joined the meeting to answer the
252 Board's questions.

253 The majority of questions the Board had was pertaining to the amount of fee the
254 division came up with, and how the monies collected go back to the PDMP.
255 Investigator Howes understood that it is set up that the fees collected from all the
256 impacted boards could somehow be credited back. The Board was also concerned
257 that by collecting a fee would it jeopardize any current or future grants.
258 Investigator Howes advised that fees collected would not impact any grants.
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260 Overall the Board's concerns were that the \$25.00 fee is slightly high. The Board felt
261 that a \$20.00 a year fee should cover expenses. The Board also wanted to know how
262 the fee is determined and would be re-evaluated based on the over and above cost
263 of the grant, and who is going to determine that and when/how. Is the intent to be
264 licensed every two years, and does it need to be more clear as to how this fee is
265 attached to a license, and to know that it is a two year fee of \$50.00 or \$40.00 and
266 just by paying the fee does not mean you have been registered to the PDMP by just
267 applying for a license. Investigator Howes advised there has been discussion that
268 this fee would be linked to license renewal, and can be done in such a way that the
269 licensee will have to provide documentation that registration of controlled
270 substances has occurred before a license would be renewed.
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272 The Board thanked Investigator Howes for being available to talk this through with
273 the Board.
274

275 The Board continued their review and discussion on the other regulations listed on
276 the agenda. The Board had spirited and deliberative discussions regarding changes
277 to the below listed regulations. All confirmed changes will be read into the record
278 when the Board has determined and completed their regulation review.
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280 **Break:**

281 Off the record at 3:00 p.m.

282 Back on the record at 3:19 p.m.
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284 **Regulations discussed for possible changes:**

285 12 AAC 52.130 Registration of Pharmacies Located Outside of the State

286 12 AAC 52.200 Pharmacist-in-Charge

287 12 AAC 52.210 Review of Pharmacist Intern License Examination

288 12 AAC 52.240 Pharmacist Collaborative Practice Authority

289 12 AAC 52.423 Remote Pharmacy License

290 12 AAC 52. 425 Telepharmacy System for a Remote Pharmacy

291 Due to the length and complexity of the Board's discussion regarding remote
292 pharmacy and telepharmacy regulations, and changes Mr. Holm is recommending
293 for these two regulations, the Board will continue this discussion on Friday when
294 the board will complete regulation review.
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296 Adam Chesler, PharmD Director of Regulatory Affairs for CardinalHealth
297 participated in the Board's discussion on remote pharmacy and telepharmacy
298 regulations. At Friday's meeting Mr. Chesler will provide feedback to the board on
299 how other states handled similar changes.
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301 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Holm, seconded by Ms. Gruening and approved**
302 **unanimously, it was**

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304 **RESOLVED to recess the meeting until Friday morning, May 5th at 9:00**
305 **a.m.**
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307 **Off the record at 4:55 p.m.**
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309 **Friday May 5, 2017**
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311 The meeting was called to order by Leif Holm, Board Chair, at 9:00 a.m.
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313 **Call to Order/Roll Call**
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315 Those present, constituting a quorum of the board, were:
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317 Leif Holm, Pharm D, North Pole- Chair
318 Rich Holt, Pharm D, Wasilla – Vice Chair
319 Anne Gruening Public Member, Juneau – Secretary
320 Phil Sanders RPh, Soldotna
321 James Henderson, RPh, Soldotna
322 Lana Bell, RPh, Anchorage
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324 In attendance from the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional
325 Licensing, Department of Commerce, Community and Economic
326 Development were:
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332 Donna Bellino, Licensing Examiner – Juneau

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334 Visitors Present –

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336 Adam Chesler, PharmD - Director, Regulatory Affairs/CardinalHealth -
337 Telephonically

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339 **Agenda Item 1 Review Agenda –**

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341 The Board reviewed the agenda for Friday, May 5, 2017.

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343 **On a motion duly made by Ms. Bell, seconded by Ms. Gruening and approved**
344 **unanimously, it was**

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346 **RESOLVED to approve the agenda as is for Friday May 5th.**

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348 **AGENDA ITEM 1 – Public Comment –**

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350 Chair Holm called for public comment at 9:05 a.m. No callers, nor anyone present
351 for public comment.

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353 **Agenda Item 2 – MPJE Item Workshop Recap**

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355 Mr. Holt provided a brief recap to the Board from the MPJE Item Workshop he and
356 Ms. Bellino attended in March.

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358 Mr. Holt thought it was extremely helpful to have a second person attend to work
359 with. Mr. Holt was the only Board member to attend last year, and it is more
360 difficult to achieve the goals of the MPJE Item Workshop with one person attending
361 and recommends that two people always attend. Mr. Holt also recommended that
362 the Board does not attempt this remotely which is an option and has the Board has
363 done in the past. NABP strongly recommends at least two people from each state
364 board attend this yearly workshop and provides a \$1,500.00 travel grant for each
365 member to attend.

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367 Mr. Holt discussed with NABP that the Board has nine regulations that are about to
368 be signed off by the Lt. Governor and in thirty days of signature will go into effect.
369 Mr. Holt wanted to know from NABP how to pull those questions that are on the
370 exam that are related to the regulation changes. NABP advised they can quickly pull
371 questions based on category or key word search and send it to the Board. A Board
372 member or members would have to go through them and determine if the question

373 is still applicable or not based on the regulation changes. If not, the question can be
374 pulled from the exam so that questions no longer applicable to state regulations
375 remain on the exam. There is a pool of 2,000 questions for the Alaska MPJE exam.
376 With all the changes to the regulations that the Board has is continuing to work on,
377 Mr. Holt suggested that the Board start reviewing all the questions in the pool to
378 ensure they are up to date and accurate. The questions that are no longer up to date
379 can be pulled from the exam quickly. Mr. Holt advised that there are other states
380 that devote time at each meeting to into executive session to review exam questions.
381 The Board could choose a category of questions to review and have NABP pull them
382 for the Board to go over and determine what questions are no longer pertinent.
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384 The Board is in agreement that this should be incorporated into future BOP
385 meetings. Ms. Bellino stated she was very thankful for the experience to attend and
386 what an eye opener it was regarding the importance of language chosen when
387 writing regulations and how that works back to writing regulation questions. Mr.
388 Holt will reach out to NABP to get started with reviewing the pool of exam questions
389 at future BOP meetings.
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391 **Agenda Item 3 – New/Old Business**
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393 The Board reviewed the August and November Board of Pharmacy dates previously
394 chosen and also had to determine the meeting format. The Board's decision is to
395 travel and meet in person in Anchorage for both meetings.
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397 August 10th & 11th meet in Anchorage
398 November 30th & December 1st meet in Anchorage
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400 The Board will determine the next round of meeting dates at the August meeting
401 instead of waiting until the November meeting to do it.
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403 Ms. Bellino advised the Board that since SB74 regulations were not ready to
404 review/adopt for this meeting that a teleconference will be scheduled when the
405 regulations are ready for board review.
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407 Ms. Bell has been approved for out-of-state travel to attend NABP's 113th Annual
408 Meeting being held May 20-23 in Orlando, Florida. Ms. Bell will provide a recap to
409 the Board at the August meeting.
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411 The Project Tracking Spreadsheet included with the meeting information has been
412 updated. Ms. Bellino will add the regulations determined to be amended at this
413 meeting.

414 Wall Certificates were given to Chair Holm for signature.

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416 **Agenda Item 4 – Correspondence/Report of Theft or Loss Reports**

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418 The Board reviewed correspondence and one Theft/Loss report received since the
419 March meeting.

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421 **Break:**

422 Off the record at 10:05 a.m.

423 Back on the record at 10:15 a.m.

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425 **Agenda Item 5 – Regulation Discussion Cont'd from Thursday**

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427 The Board continued their regulation review/discussion from Thursday's meeting.

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429 Additional regulations reviewed/discussed:

430 **12 AAC 52.470 Refills**

431 **12 AAC 52.480 Labeling**

432 **12 AAC 52.610 Wholesale Drug Distributor License**

433 **12 AAC 52.991 Disciplinary Decision or Conviction Reporting Requirement**

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435 Resulting from the Board's regulation review and discussion the following nine
436 regulation amendments were approved.

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438 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Holt, seconded by Ms. Gruening and approved**
439 **unanimously, it was**

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441 **RESOLVED to approve the following regulations changes for submission**
442 **to Regulation Specialist in preparation for public comment:**

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444 **12 AAC 52.120 REVIEW OF PHARMACIST INTERN LICENSE APPLICATION -**

445 **Currently reads:**

446 (b)(6) submits a completed authorization of release of records on a form provided
447 by the department and signed by the applicant; and

448 (7) submits a completed Alaska Jurisprudence Intern Practice Questionnaire
449 prepared by the board covering the provision of AS 08.80 and this chapter and 21
450 U.S.C. 801-847 (Controlled Substances Act).

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452 **12 AAC 52.120 REVIEW OF PHARMACIST INTERN LICENSE APPLICATION is**
453 **amended to read:**

454 *(b)(6) submits a completed authorization of release of records on a form*
455 *provided by the department and signed by the applicant;*
456 *(7) submits a completed Alaska Jurisprudence Intern Practice Questionnaire*
457 *prepared by the board covering provisions of AS 08.80 and this chapter and 21*
458 *U.S.C. 801-847 (Controlled Substances Act); and*
459 *(8) submits two affidavits from reputable citizens that the applicant has known*
460 *for at least one year attesting to the applicant's good moral character.*

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462 **12 AAC 52. 130 REVIEW OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF**
463 **PHARMACIES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE STATE - Currently reads:**

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465 (b)(4) submits an inspection report or self-inspection report completed within the
466 last two years

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468 (c) A pharmacy located outside the state that ships, mails or delivers prescription
469 drugs more than twice during a 12-month period to individual patients in the state
470 shall register with the board.

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Amended to read:

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12 AAC 52.130 REGISTRATION OF PHARMACIES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE
473 **STATE**

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(b) (4) submits a completed self-inspection of the premises questionnaire on a
475 *form provided by the department;*

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(5) submits a copy of the most recent report resulting from an inspection of the
477 *pharmacy by the regulatory or licensing agency of the jurisdiction in which the*
478 *pharmacy is located; and*

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(6) submits proof satisfactory to the board that the pharmacy maintains its
480 *records of prescription drugs dispensed to persons in the state so that the*
481 *records are readily retrievable from the records of other prescription drugs*
482 *dispensed by the pharmacy.*

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(c) A pharmacy located outside of the state that ships, mails, or delivers
485 *prescription drugs more than twice during a 12-month period into the state*
486 *shall register with the board.*

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(d) an out-of-state pharmacy registered with the board under this section shall
488 *furnish to the board annually:*

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1) the location, names and titles of all principal corporate officers and
491 *of all pharmacists who are dispensing prescription drugs to residents of*
492 *the state;*

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- 494 2) *a copy of a current valid license, permit, or registration to conduct*
495 *operations in the jurisdiction in which it is located;*
496 3) *a copy of the most recent report resulting from an inspection of the*
497 *pharmacy by the regulatory or licensing agency of the jurisdiction in*
498 *which the pharmacy is located;*
499 4) *a sworn statement indicating that the pharmacy complies with all*
500 *lawful directions and requests for information from the regulatory or*
501 *licensing authority of the jurisdiction in which the pharmacy is licensed;*
502 *and*
503 5) *proof satisfactory to the board that the pharmacy maintains its records*
504 *of prescription drugs dispensed to persons in the state so that the records*
505 *are readily retrievable from the records of other prescriptions drugs*
506 *dispensed by the pharmacy.*
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508 (e) *a pharmacy located outside of the state that is subject to this section but is*
509 *not registered with the board under this section may not ship, mail, or deliver*
510 *prescription drugs into the state and may not advertise its services in the state.*
511 (f) *A change in pharmacy ownership shall require the new owner of the*
512 *pharmacy to apply for a new and separate facility registration in accordance*
513 *with (b).*
514 (g) *A change of pharmacy location or name shall require the pharmacist-in-*
515 *charge of the pharmacy to apply for a new and separate facility registration in*
516 *accordance with (b).*
517 (h) *The board may, after hearing, deny, revoke, or suspend the registration of a*
518 *pharmacy located outside of the state and subject to this section if the pharmacy*
519 *fails to comply with the requirements of this section, AS 17.20.080-AS 17.20.135,*
520 *or AS 17.30.020-AS 17.30.080, or if the license, permit, or registration of the*
521 *pharmacy is denied, revoked, or suspended by the licensing or regulatory*
522 *agency of the jurisdiction in which the pharmacy is located.*

523
524 **12 AAC 52.200 Pharmacists-in-Charge -Currently reads:**

- 525 (c) A pharmacist designated to replace the pharmacist-in-charge of a
526 pharmacy shall notify the board within 10 days of the designation.

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528 **12 AAC 52.200 Pharmacists-in-Charge is amended to read:**

- 529 (c) *A pharmacist designated to replace the pharmacist-in-charge of a*
530 *pharmacy shall notify the board by submitting the Change of Pharmacy*
531 *Manager form provided by the department and pay a \$50.00 fee within 10*
532 *days of the designation.*

533 **12 AAC 52 240 PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AUTHORITY – Currently**
534 **reads: (a)** A pharmacist planning to exercise collaborative practice authority in the
535 pharmacist’s practice by initiating or modifying drug therapy in accordance with a written
536 protocol established and approved for the pharmacist’s practice by a practitioner
537 authorized to prescribe drugs under AS 08 must submit the completed written protocol to
538 the board and be approved by the board before implementation.

539 **12 AAC 52.240 PHARMACIST COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE AUTHORITY is**
540 **amended to read: (a)** *A pharmacist planning to exercise collaborative practice*
541 *authority in the pharmacist’s practice by initiating or modifying drug therapy in*
542 *accordance with a written protocol to the board, pay a \$50 application fee and*
543 *be approved by the board before implementation.*
544

545 **12 AAC 52.470 REFILLS is amended by adding new sections to read:**

546 *(d) if an original prescription drug order is prescribed as a 30-day supply, the*
547 *pharmacist may dispense up to a 90-day supply on refills provided that the*

548 *(1) patient has completed an initial 30-day supply of the drug;*

549 *(2) total quantity of dosage units dispensed does not exceed the total*
550 *quantity of dosage units authorized by the prescriber on the*

551 *prescription, including refills;*

552 *(3) drug is not a control substance; and*

553 *(4) pharmacist is exercising professional judgement.*

554 *(e) To indicate that an increased supply shall not be dispensed pursuant to*
555 *this section, a prescriber may indicate “No change to quantity”, or words of*
556 *similar meaning, on the prescription drug order.*

557 *(f) Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a health care service*
558 *Plan, health insurer, workers’ compensation insurance plan, pharmacy*
559 *benefits manager, or any other person or entity, including, but not limited to, a*
560 *state program, or state employer, to provide coverage for a drug in a manner*
561 *inconsistent with a beneficiary’s plan benefit.*

562 **12 AAC 52. 480 LABELING - Currently reads:**

563 One or more labels containing the following information shall be affixed to every
564 container in which a prescription drug order is dispensed:

565 1) Name, address, and phone number of the dispensing pharmacy;

566 2) Unique identification of the prescription drug order;

567 3) date the prescription drug order is dispensed;

568 4) initials of the dispensing pharmacist;

569 5) name of the prescribing practitioner;

- 570 6) name of the patient or, if the drug was prescribed for an animal, the species of
571 animal and the name of the owner;
572 7) direction for use;
573 8) quantity dispensed
574 9) appropriate ancillary instructions or cautions;
575 10) if the prescription drug order is for a schedule II-V controlled substance, the
576 statement "Caution: Federal law prohibits the transfer of this drug to any person
577 other than the patient for whom it was prescribed";
578 11) the name and strength if the actual drug product dispensed; if the drug product
579 dispensed has multiple ingredients, the pharmacist shall provide this information in
580 writing to the patient's agent.

581 **12 AAC 52.480 LABELING is amended to read:**

- 582 *(a) One or more labels containing the following information shall be affixed to*
583 *every container in which a prescription drug order is dispensed:*
584 *1) name, address, and phone number of the dispensing pharmacy;*
585 *2) unique identification number of prescription drug order;*
586 *3) date the prescription drug is dispensed;*
587 *4) initials of the dispensing pharmacist;*
588 *5) name of the prescribing practitioner;*
589 *6) name of the patient or, if the drug was prescribed for an animal, the species*
590 *of the animal and the name of the owner;*
591 *7) directions for use;*
592 *8) quantity dispensed;*
593 *9) appropriate ancillary instructions or cautions;*
594 *10) if the prescription drug order is for a schedule II-V controlled substance, the*
595 *statement "Caution: Federal Law prohibits the transfer of this drug to any*
596 *person other than the patient for whom it was prescribed";*
597 *11) the name and strength of the actual drug product dispensed, unless*
598 *otherwise directed by the prescribing practitioner; and*
599 *12) the accepted generic drug name and strength of the drug dispensed; if the*
600 *drug product dispensed has multiple ingredients, the pharmacist shall*
601 *provide this information in writing to the patient or the patient's agent.*
602 *(b) In addition to section (a), a pharmacy registered with the board as an out-of-*
603 *state pharmacy shall provide their toll-free number and the hours that the*
604 *service is available on a label affixed to each container of drugs dispensed to*
605 *persons in the state.*
606 *(1) the telephone service shall be available at least 40 hours a week and at least*
607 *six days a week.*

608 **12 AAC 52.510 SUBSTITUTION – Currently reads:** (a) A pharmacist may
609 dispense an equivalent drug product instead of the prescribed drug if
610 (1) the prescribing practitioner does not hand write or electronically not on the
611 prescription drug order that a specific brand must be dispensed, using language
612 such as “brand medically necessary” or similar wording;
613 (2) the patient is notified and consents to the substitution;
614 (3) the equivalent drug product costs the patient less than the prescribed drug product;
615 and
616 (4) for the drug product actually dispensed, the pharmacist notes on the prescription
617 drug order on of the following:
618 (A) the drug product’s manufacturer or distributor;
619 (B) national drug code number;
620 (C) short name code; or
621 (D) trade name.

622 **12 AAC 52.510 SUBSTITUTION is amended to read:** *(a) A pharmacist may*
623 *dispense an equivalent drug product instead of the prescribed drug if*
624 *(1) the prescribing practitioner does not indicate on the prescription drug order*
625 *that a specific brand must be dispensed using language such as “brand*
626 *medically necessary”, “dispense as written –DAW”, “do not substitute” or other*
627 *similar wording.*
628 *(2) the patient is notified and consents to the substitution.*
629 *(3) the equivalent drug product costs the patient less than the prescribed drug*
630 *product; and*
631 *(4) for the drug product actually dispensed, the pharmacy record shall contain one*
632 *of the following:*
633 *(A) the drug products manufacturer or distributor;*
634 *(B) national drug code number;*
635 *(C) short name code; or*
636 *(D) trade name*

637 **12 AAC 52.610 WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTOR LICENSE – Currently reads:**
638 (c) Within 30 days of a change in a facility manager, the new facility manager must
639 meet the requirements of (a)(4) and (6) of this section.

640 **12 AAC 52.610 WHOLESALE DRUG DISTIBUTOR LICENSE - is amended to read:**
641 *Within 30 days of a change in facility manager, the new facility manager*
642 *must submit the Change of Pharmacy Manager form provided by the*
643 *department, pay a \$50 fee and meet the requirements of (a)(4) and (6) of*
644 *this section.*
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646 **12 AAC 52.991 DISCIPLINARY DECISION OR CONVICTION REPORTING**
647 **REQUIREMENT – Currently reads:** A licensee shall report in writing to the board
648 any disciplinary decision or conviction, including conviction of a felony or
649 conviction of another crime that affects the applicant’s or licensee’s ability to
650 practice competently and safely, issued against the licensee not later than 30 days
651 after the date of the disciplinary decision or conviction.

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653 **12 AAC 52.991 DISCIPLINARY DECISION OR CONVICTION REPORTING**
654 **REQUIREMENT – is amended to read:** *A licensee or facility licensed by the*
655 *board under 12 AAC 52.010 shall report in writing to the board any disciplinary*
656 *decision or conviction, including conviction of a felony or conviction of another*
657 *crime that affects the facility, employee of the facility, or licensee’s ability to*
658 *practice competently and safely, issued against the facility, employee of the*
659 *facility or licensee not later than 30 days after the date of the disciplinary*
660 *decision or conviction.*

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662 The Board continued their spirited and deliberative discussion on **12 AAC 52.423**
663 **Remote Pharmacy License and 12 AAC 52.425 Telepharmacy System for a**
664 **Remote Pharmacy.** Resulting from the Board’s discussion on these regulations
665 more work is needed and changes identified will be added to the regulations for the
666 Board to review at the next BOP meeting or at the teleconference that will be
667 scheduled to review/adopt SB 74 regulations.

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669 The Board decided to work past the noon end time to have a chance to review and
670 discuss possible changes regarding pharmacy technicians. The Board requested a
671 short break.

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673 **Break:**

674 Off the record at 11:50 a.m.

675 Back on the record at 12:12 p.m.

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677 The Board spent the remainder of the meeting discussing pharmacy technicians and
678 the best way to proceed given how the role of the technician is rapidly changing in
679 the pharmacy profession.

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681 The Board looked at the current licensing requirements and the impact of possibly
682 adding a “nationally certified” technician category. There are pro’s and con’s to
683 establishing a “type” of technician license from how it currently is which only has
684 the one category for a Pharmacy Technician.

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686 The Board had spirited and deliberative discussion on this topic and many opinions
687 were given. Due to the large scope of this topic and varying opinions, Mr. Holt will
688 work up the changes agreed upon and the Board will review what those changes
689 look like at the August meeting.

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692 **On a motion duly made by Mr. Holm, seconded by Ms. and approved**
693 **unanimously, it was**

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695 **RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting.**

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697 The board adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted:

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Leif Holm, PharmD., Chair

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