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DC Board of Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

(WEBEX MEETING)

Board of Pharmacy Mission Statement:

“To protect and improve the public health through the efficient and effective regulation of the practice of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Detailing; through the licensure of Pharmacists, Pharmaceutical Detailers, Pharmacy Interns, and Pharmacy Technicians.”

CALL TO ORDER: 3:03 PM

PRESIDING: Mr. Alan Friedman, RPH Vice Chairperson

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:		
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	Present
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH	Present
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH	Absent
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	MS. WILLIAMS WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	Present
VISITORS:	Grace Sesi (CVS Health)	
	Jessica Adams (Consultant)	
	Scott Tomerlin (Walgreens)	
	DelMonico (Genoa Healthcare)	
	Ademola Are (HAHSTA)	
	Allison Hill (Board Member)	

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
o828-O-01	<p>Changes to the Pharmacist Scope of Practice Pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Williams has reviewed the HORA, and the committee will review scope of practice and determine what is currently permitted and what might need regulations<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Discussion around ordering and administration of immunizations – HORA will result in repeal of requirements for protocol, prescription, standing order – Ms. Williams to follow up<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If a multi-dose vaccination, the same pharmacist will need to order all doses unless separate orders for each dose – will clarify so that each dose is a separate order▪ We will clean up regulations, address technicians vaccinating (6512)○ Discussion around CLIA-waived tests – decided it does not need new regulations○ Medication therapy management – may need to address recordkeeping○ Management of chronic conditions, including DM2 and HTN – will need regulations○ Offering tobacco-cessation services – will look into and see about regulations for possible smoking cessation med prescribing○ Consider adding a general statement to pharmacy regulations about recordkeeping to cover some of these new expanded scope of practice items• Items from HORA that will require new regs<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Prescribing contraception – in process○ Administration of a prescribed drug, device, or biological○ Collaborative practice agreements with non-physicians○ Administering anticoagulation therapy○ Screening for depression and other mental health conditions<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Alan identified articles with pharmacists screening for mental health conditions○ Screening for sexually transmitted diseases – for discussion regarding need for regs around screenings	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Extending prescriptions as medically necessary, excluding controlled substances and specialized medications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Need to define specialized medications (is this specialty medications, which are already defined in DC law?) ○ Initiation of PrEP and PEP for prevention of HIV/AIDS pursuant to a protocol <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will look to MD/VA who allow this 	
o828-O-02	Pharmacy Scope of Practice Document / FAQs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above (FAQs will consist primarily of above content) 	
o828-O-03	Action Items/Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Williams to develop FAQ document with which items may be done by pharmacists now and which are pending regulations. Will bring to next Board meeting (will add a short open session to September meeting to expedite) and plan to post on the website for the public • Drafting regulations for scope of practice items identified as requiring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pick top 2-3 so that we can start looking at regs from other states 	
<u>Comments from the Public</u>	None	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the DC Board of Pharmacy Legislative & Regulatory Subcommittee meeting.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned at 4:44 PM

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