

2201 SHANNON PLACE, SE
2ND FLOOR
WASHINGTON, DC 20020

October 3, 2024

Time: 9:31 am-10:22 am

**OPEN SESSION 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: 9:31 am

PRESIDING: Board Member, Dr. Benjamin Miles

BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	MR. ALAN FRIEDMAN, R.PH, VICE CHAIRPERSON	ABSENT
	DR. BENJAMIN MILES, PHARM.D. R.PH, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	DR. ASHLEE BOW, PHARM.D. R.PH, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	DR. ALLISON HILL, PHARM.D. R.PH, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	MR. RODERICK MCGILL, CONSUMER MEMBER	PRESENT
STAFF:	DR. JUSTIN ORTIQUE, PHARM.D. R.PH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	DR. REGINAL BELLAMY, PHARM.D. R.PH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	KARIN BARRON, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LUANNE GREENAWAY, PROGRAM SPECIALIST	ABSENT
	COUNTEE GILLIAM, BOARD INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
	LISA ROBINSON, COMPLAINT COORDINATOR	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	CARLA WILLIAMS, SENIOR ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	PRESENT
VISITORS:	CHRISTINA ANTOUN	
	KARLA EVANS	
	DANIELLE DICIOCCA	
	GRACE SESI	
	HEATHER BURRIS	
	JACOB MBAFOR	
	JESSICA COLE	
	JESSICA PARKER-WU	
	JOAN LELMA	
	JOANNE DAIL	
	JOSEPH NEWBERT	
	MAX BROWN	
	SCOTT TOMERLIN	
	TRACI COLLIER	
	DOTTY	
	GREG	
	JANU PHILIP	

Open Session Agenda

Quorum: Yes

Introduction:		
1003-O-01	<p><u>Approval of the Open Session Meeting Minutes for:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• September 5, 2024, Open Session Meeting Minutes <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill moved that the Board approve the September 5, 2024, open session meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow.</p> <p>Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
<u>Consent Agenda</u>	None	
<u>Vice Chairperson Report</u>	None	Mr. Alan Friedman
<u>Office of Government Relations (OGR) Report Updates</u>	<p>Council Recess:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The District of Columbia Council returned from recess on September 16th and will resume their regular legislative business. <p>Board Confirmation Roundtable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Committee of the Whole held a legislative meeting on September 17th to vote on the nominees to the Boards of Social Work, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Dietetics and Nutrition, and Medicine, all of which passed on First Reading.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The nominee for Pharmacy is Rodrick McGill• The next legislative meeting is scheduled for October 1st. <p>Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA) Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This legislation was signed by the Mayor on May 29, 2024, and became law on July 19, 2024. DC Health is developing an implementation plan which will closely involve Board members.	

- **Statistical Report on Pharmacy Professionals in the District of Columbia**

PHARMACEUTICAL DETAILERS	702
PHARMACISTS	2,308
PHARMACY INTERNS	332
PHARMACY TECHNICIANS	1,302
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINEES	153
PHARMACISTS WITH VAC AUTHORITY	870
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAMS	14

- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates**

Dr. Ortique reported that pharmacists licensed in the District of Columbia are required to register with the DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (DCPDMP). The registration must be completed within 90 days of licensure. Notices are transmitted via email monthly to individuals who are newly licensed to meet the requirement. Dr. Ortique encourages individuals who are not registered to register within the required timeframe to avoid the issuance of a fine.

Dr. Ortique further reported that the next Prescription Drug Monitoring Advisory Committee (PDMP) Advisory Committee will be held in person on Tuesday, December 10th from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM located at DC Health, 2201 Shannon Place, 2nd Fl. Washington, DC 20020.

- **DCRx (DC Center for Rational Prescribing)**

Dr. Ortique reported that the vendor Innovation Horizons has released a total of four (4) modules this contract year. In addition, the DC Center for Rational Prescribing recently released the titled module "Long COVID: Exploring Advancements & Management". The course offers an overview of the most current evidence-based treatment options for long COVID and is classified as a live continuing education course (CE).

Dr. Ortique reported that the DC Center for Rational Prescribing sent an email about the annual survey to find out what topics people are interested in for continuing education next year. Dr. Ortique asked all who received the survey to take time to complete it.

- **Board of Pharmacy Vacancies**

Dr. Ortique further welcomed the DC Board of Pharmacy's newest Consumer Member, Mr. Roderick McGill. Dr. Ortique further reported that there were updates to HORA and with that update, the DC Board of Pharmacy can now have a Pharmacy Technician Board Member on the

	<p>Board. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, you can apply through the following link:</p> <p>https://motaboards.theresumator.com/apply/1L8k6Q/Board-Of-Pharmacy</p>	
<u>Senior Assistant General Counsel Report</u>		
1003-O-02	None	Ms. Carla Williams
<u>Subcommittee Reports</u>		
1003-O-03	<p><u>Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee Report</u></p> <p>Dr. Miles reported that the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee has held two meetings since the last Board of Pharmacy open meeting to discuss the changes to the pharmacist's scope of practice in accordance with the HORA update. In the first meeting, the subcommittee reviewed the changes line by line to determine which parts are currently allowed and which parts would require new regulations. On September 9th, an email was sent to all pharmacists, including FAQs clarifying which items require regulations (such as administration of medications, initiation of PrEP, and PEP) and which are permitted without new regulations.</p> <p>During the second meeting, the subcommittee proposed changes to regulations for the administration of immunizations and vaccinations by pharmacists. They conducted a line-by-line review of the DC Municipal Rules and Regulation for Pharmacists Chapter 65 and updated the regulations in response to the HORA update, which removed the requirement for pharmacists to administer vaccinations and immunizations pursuant to a standing order or protocol. They also began a review of updating the regulations for technicians in Chapter 99, which is still in progress.</p> <p>The Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee decided to prioritize the pharmacist initiation of PrEP and PEP and will review regulations from several other jurisdictions to determine the next steps. They also discussed emergency fill regulations in-depth and will review the regulations from several states regarding the supply allowed when the prescriber needs to be notified and any record-keeping requirements. Dr. Miles reported that the Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee plans to draft regulations based on these discussions for the next meeting, which will be at the end of the month.</p>	Dr. Alan Friedman
1003-O-04	<u>Communications Subcommittee Report</u>	Dr. Ashlee Bow

	<p>Dr. Bow reported that the Communications Subcommittee published the DC Pharmacy newsletter in September 2024. The newsletter featured articles on the NABP Annual meeting, an update on DC Health's relocation to Ward 8, and information about free CE for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians available on the DC Center for Rational Prescribing (DCRx) website, which included modules on Opioid Addiction Identification and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder.</p> <p>Dr. Bow also reported that the subcommittee will start working on the next newsletter, which is expected to be published in December 2024 or January 2025, depending on the progress.</p>	
<u>Pharmacy Technician Task Force</u>	<u>None</u>	
<u>Presentation 1003-O-05</u>	<p><u>Immunization Updates</u></p> <p>Presented Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ VFC Recruitment ▪ Vaccine Exchange Recruitment ▪ Seasonal Respiratory Plan <p>The presentation is attached for review.</p>	Ms. Heather Burris, MPH, and Joseph Neubert, Health Care Access Bureau
<u>Matter for Consideration</u>	<p><u>Hormonal Contraceptive Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-Administered Hormonal Contraceptive Prescriptions, (a new Section, 6517, to Title 17 of the DCMR) to implement the provisions of the Act which give authority to certain pharmacists to prescribe and dispense self-administered hormonal contraceptives under specific conditions. § 6517.2 states that pharmacists who do not possess a Doctorate in Pharmacy must undergo a training program approved by the Boards of Medicine and Pharmacy for prescribing and dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives. • <u>Potential Options:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oregon State University ○ Develop Specific DC specific Training ○ Other options <p>Dr. Ortique reported that the hormonal contraceptive law went into effect years ago and the Board recently developed draft regulations and submitted those for final rulemaking. This process is moving along. However, a crucial aspect of the regulations is selecting training for individuals who do not have a doctor at a pharmacy. In the past, the Board had a couple of options for the training with Oregon State University. Dr. Ortique presented this matter to the board to determine how to proceed.</p>	Dr. Justin Ortique

	<p>Dr. Ortique mentioned that training from Oregon State University incurs a cost and is also used by Maryland. Although there are other training options available, Dr. Ortique proposed creating training specific to DC by leveraging our resources with DCRX, potentially at no cost.</p> <p>Mr. Janu Philip asked the Board whether or not a hormonal contraceptive employer-based training program CE might be considered and if the training program could be submitted for approval to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Carla Williams reported that employer-based training must be approved by the DC Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine to be considered as one of the options. Both boards will need to decide on this through a motion. If they both agree, we can proceed with the process.</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow moved that the Board review the Hormonal Contraceptive employer-based program CE that will be submitted to the DC Boards of Pharmacy and Medicine for review to determine approval.</p> <p>Seconded By: Consumer Member, Roderick McGill</p> <p>Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p> <p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow moved that the Board develop a specific DC training for the hormonal contraceptive training that's needed for pharmacists who do not possess the Doctor of Pharmacy.</p> <p>Seconded by: Board Member, Dr. Allison Hill.</p> <p>Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	
<p>NABP E-Newsletters</p>	<p>September 18, 2024</p> <p>Pharmacy Workforce Suicide Awareness Day Is September 20th</p>	<p>Mr. Alan Friedman</p>

	<p>CDC Recommends COVID-19 Vaccines (2024-2025 Formulas) for All Individuals Ages Six Months and Older</p> <p>FDA Releases Guidance on Misinformation About Medical Products</p> <p>FDA Podcasts Provide Important Updates to Health Care Providers</p> <p>Fewer Than Half of Americans Consider Childhood Vaccinations Important, According to Gallup Survey</p> <p>CDC Introduces Worker Well-Being Database</p> <p>Pharmacist Intervention and Remote Monitoring Helped 74% of Patients Lower Blood Pressure</p> <p>September 25, 2024</p> <p>Career Advancements and Opportunities Noted as Benefits of Earning CPhT Certification</p> <p>DEA Issues Temporary Scheduling Order for Two Synthetic Benzimidazole-Opioid Substances</p> <p>Cost-Related Medication Nonadherence Still a Factor in Older Adults</p> <p>DEA Operation Seizes Individuals Responsible for Pharmacy Burglaries</p> <p>FIP Updates Policy Statement to Improve Access to Safe and Quality Medications</p> <p>Note to the Public: To receive weekly updates from NABP, please sign up by using the following link: https://nabp.pharmacy/newsroom/news/.</p>	
<p><u>Comments from the Public</u></p>	<p>Dr. Karla Evans reported to the Board about issues with validating licenses through the DC Health online license verification site. She wanted to confirm whether the Board or staff were aware of this change.</p> <p>Dr. Ortique confirmed that the office is aware of the issues experienced through the online license verification site and our IT team is actively working to update and resolve this issue. If anyone has specific individuals to inquire about, they could email those inquiries to Justin Ortique at Justin.Ortique@dc.gov, and he will address them specifically until this matter is resolved. This is currently a widespread issue that is affecting all DC Health Licensing Boards.</p> <p>Dr. Miles clarified the new change to the terms of a license and registration for the public. DC Health previously operated with fixed renewal windows for each profession. In response to feedback from the health professional community, the Director has moved to change the</p>	

	<p>renewal system to align with each licensee’s month of birth. As such, all applicable licenses, certificates, or registrations issued on or after June 16, 2024, will expire on the last day of the birth month of the license holder. This will apply to all new applicants and will become applicable to licensees renewing later this year.</p> <p>Dr. Ortique reported that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who have an expiration date of February 28, 2025, will still have the ability to renew their licenses by that date without a late fee. The renewals will open at the beginning of the year 2025 in January. Once the license is renewed, the license will expire on the last day of the birth month, and the license holder will receive a two-year license or registration, give or take depending on the month the license holder was born.</p> <p>Dr. Ortique further reported that further communication surrounding this significant change will be forthcoming.</p>	
<p><u>Motion to Adjourn the Open Session</u></p>	<p>Motion: Board Member, Dr. Ashlee Bow moved that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).</p> <p>Seconded by: Consumer, Member, Mr. Roderick McGill</p> <p>Dr. Allison Hill: Votes in favor of the motion. Dr. Ashlee Bow: Votes in favor of the motion. Mr. Roderick McGill: Votes in favor of the motion.</p> <p>Abstentions: None.</p> <p>Motion Carried</p>	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting. The Board will now move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the reasons set forth in the motion.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned at am 10:22 am.

This meeting is governed by the Open Meetings Act. Please address any questions or complaints arising under this meeting to the Office of Open Government at opengovoffice@dc.gov.