



NEW HAMPSHIRE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - April 28, 2020

Meeting convened at 10:05 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Commissioner Pervanas, Commissioner Genovese, Commissioner Bouchard, Commissioner Laliberte, Commissioner Rochefort, Commissioner Peicker, and Commissioner Harrington in attendance. A roll call vote confirmed a full Board was in attendance.

On motion from Commissioner Rochefort with a second from Commissioner Genovese to move into Non-Public session at 10:07 a.m. under RSA 91-A III section 2(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.* Roll call vote 7-0-0.

The Public session re-convened at 10:14 a.m. On motion from Commissioner Genovese and a second from Commissioner Laliberte to Seal the Minutes with a Roll Call Vote of 7-0-0.

Because of the Covid-19 we had received a couple waiver requests, which went to compliance, and a couple of Board members reviewed and they felt that a couple of these items should be reviewed and discussed with the Board.

1. DHMC – Site of dispensing, they have been talking about for a while. Lindsey Courtney had discussed with DHHS and they were going to follow up with the people from the 2 towns and Lindsey will follow up as well with them. She is waiting for more information, then she suggests a dialog with them to fully understand what this is going to look like. There are quit a few alternate sites being set up where patients can be. Most are working under another hospital, the only one is Dartmouth, which is why they are asking us to waive Ph 709.02.
2. DHMC – Sterile Compounding – Preserving the PPE, they are asking to suspend Ph 404.05. The standard that everyone is held to is the standard of USP. The guidance document of USP is on the Board’s website, and the Board is stating, just follow the USP guidelines. The Board can just make it clear, this is the standard to which pharmacies will be held to, and reference the USP guidelines. During this time the board of pharmacy will be holding pharmacies to the current guidelines of the USP Covid-19 Pandemic.

On Motion from Commissioner Rochefort with a second from Commissioner Genovese with a Roll Call Vote 7-0-0 to issue a statement to be put on the Board’s website which states; ***During the Covid-19 pandemic emergency, all pharmacies will be held to the current USP response on the use of PPE equipment and the shortages of garb and personal protective equipment during the covid-19 pandemic.***

3. DHMC – they are asking to waiver Ph 404.05 – these rules ensure quality and safety for the patients. Commissioner Pervanas will reach out to them and ask specifically what they are asking to be waived because this section of the rules are very long, and ensure the safety of all patients.

4. DHMC – request to allow electronic signatures for the Collaborative Practice applications. On motion from Commissioner Genovese with a second from Commissioner Rochefort to accept electronic signatures, from here on, not just during the Covid-19 timeframe. Board Roll Call Vote of 7-0-0.
5. Update from Director Courtney regarding fees for Manufacturers, Wholesalers; their renewal begins on May 1, 2020. She has spoken with the Governor’s office about the fee’s issue and the timeline crunch, and they will get back to her about it.
6. Update from Director Courtney regarding the Pharmacist Covid-19 testing – Attorney Porter sent a draft to Director Courtney, she changed it to be consistent with Emergency Orders format and sent it back to him, and he will be getting in touch with the Board very soon. She is thinking that this will move forward very quickly, it sounds like the Governor will support this. This document will be a guidance document only. There are 3 tests out now, once you get a license to be a lab, then once you get the Cleo waiver, and once you get your site, it can be approved. Once you get the Cleo waiver, then you can add to it. So at this time, only the nasal swab test is available, but once the other tests are available, then you can add to it.

On motion from Commissioner Genovese with a second from Commissioner Rochefort to adjourn the public meeting at 11:30 a.m. with a Roll Call Vote of 7-0-0.

Signature of Board Chair _____ Date _____