

**Maryland Board of Pharmacy
Public Board Meeting**

**Agenda
April 17, 2024**

Name	Title	Present	Absent
Evans, K.	Commissioner		
Fink, K.	Commissioner		
Geigher, P.	Commissioner/Treasurer		
Hardesty, J.	Commissioner		
Leikach, N.	Commissioner/President		
Morgan, K.	Commissioner		
Oliver, B.	Commissioner		
Oriafo, A.	Commissioner		
Patel, A.	Commissioner		
Robinson, D.	Commissioner/Pharmacy Technician		
Rusinko, K.	Commissioner/Secretary		
Slagle, K.	Commissioner		
Vázquez, J.	Commissioner		
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel		
Felter, B.	Board Counsel		
Speights-Napata, D.	Executive Director		
Partin, J.	Network Specialist		
James, D.	Licensing Manager		
Leak, T.	Compliance Director		
Vacant	Legislative Liaison		
Chew, C.	Enforcement Compliance Auditor		

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I. Executive Committee Report(s)	<p>A.) N. Leikach, Board President</p> <p>B.) K. Rusinko, Secretary</p>	<p><i>Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda are advised to notify the Board at this time or when the issue is addressed in the agenda.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Call to Order 2. Sign-in Introduction and of meeting attendees – (Please indicate on sign-in sheet if you are requesting CE Units for attendance) 3. Distribution of Agenda and packet materials 4. Review and approve March 2024 Public Meeting Minutes 		
II. A. Executive Director Report	D. Speights-Napata Executive Director	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meeting Update 2. Staff Update 		
B. New Business	N. Leikach, Board President			
C. Operations	J. Partin, Network Specialist	<table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="709 951 1493 1122"> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement and Budget Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financials – 2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates </td> </tr> </table>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procurement and Budget Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Financials – 2. Management Information Systems (MIS) Unit Updates 	
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E. Compliance	T. Leak, Compliance Director	<p>1. Unit Updates</p> <p>2. Monthly Statistics</p> <p>Complaints & Investigations:</p> <p>New Complaints – 63</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Refusal to Fill - 6 																																																			

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inspection Issues- 39 ● Medication Error - 1 ● Customer Service- 6 ● Licensing Issues- 2 ● Employee Pilferage- 2 ● Out-of-State Disciplinary Actions -6 ● Miscellaneous: Adverse Customer Reaction -1 <p>Resolved- 43 Actions within Goal- 38/43 Formal (Final) Disciplinary actions taken- 3 Summary Actions Taken- 1 Average Days to Complete- 55</p> <p>Regulatory Inspections: Total - 120 Annual Inspections - 110</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chain - 48 ● Independent - 24 ● Sterile Compounding - 9 ● Repository - 16 ● Comprehensive Care - 0 ● Hospital - 6 ● Supplemental Assisted Living - 4 ● Follow up - 0 ● Distributor - 3 ● Attempted- 0 <p>Openings/Remodels/Relocations - 4 Closing Inspections - 6 Change of Ownership - 0 Pending Opening – 0 Pending Closing - 1</p>	

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<p>F. Legislation & Regulations</p>	<p>Legislative Liaison</p>	<p><u>Legislation</u></p> <p><u>NONE</u></p> <p><u>Regulations</u></p> <p>COMAR 10.34.42 Review of proposed responses to comments submitted regarding (Nicotine Replacement Therapy)</p> <p>Proposed COMAR 10.34.34.02, .03, .06, and .09 (expanded pharmacy technician duties). The anticipated date of publication is April 5, 2024.</p>	
<p>III. Committee Reports</p> <p>A. Practice Committee</p>	<p>K, Evans, Chair</p>	<p><u>Practice of Pharmacy Questions</u></p> <p><u>NONE</u></p> <p><u>Drug Therapy Management</u></p> <p><u>Pharmacy:</u> LifeBridge <u>Pharmacists:</u> Mingxiang Wang, Michelle Mays, Veena Bettegowda, and Patricia Erin Kokoski (Maryam D’Alberto pending approval) <u>Protocol:</u> Clinic Management, Warfarin Management, Anticoagulation Reversal and Management of Bleeding, Perioperative Warfarin Interruption and Bridging with Parenteral Anticoagulants, and Direct Oral Anticoagulant Management.</p>	

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		<p><u>Pharmacy</u>: Johns Hopkins <u>Pharmacists</u>: Pharmacist: Katharine Russo <u>Protocols</u>: Hypertension, Diabetes, Smoking Cessation, Cardiovascular Risk Reduction, and Management of Acid Suppressing Pharmacotherapy.</p> <p><u>Pharmacist</u>: Aklil Hiruy <u>Protocols</u>: Renal Dose Adjustment, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, and Antithrombotics</p> <p><u>Pharmacist</u>: Katie Dircksen <u>Protocols</u>: Renal Dose Adjustment, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring, Antithrombotics, and Management of Acid Suppressing Pharmacotherapy Commissioners Rusinko and Vázquez Recused</p>	

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B. Licensing Committee	J. Vázquez, Commissioner	<p>1. Review of Pharmacist Applications:</p> <p>a. 138207- Requesting to extend her application for three months to take her exams. <u>Committee Recommendation:</u> <i>Deny, the extension and will need to reapply.</i></p> <p>2. Review of Pharmacist Renewal Applications:</p> <p>a. N.N- Requesting to be exempt from the Implicit Bias in place of his teaching scholarship activities in the area. <u>Committee Recommendation:</u> <i>Deny. This is not required by the MD BOP but the state. We will provide you a link to do bias.</i></p> <p>b. J.C- Requesting to waive the reinstatement fee. <u>Committee Recommendation:</u> <i>Deny.</i></p> <p>3. Review of Pharmacist Reinstatement Applications:</p> <p>4. Review of Technician Applications: NONE</p> <p>5. Review of Technician Reinstatement Applications: NONE</p> <p>6. Review of Intern New Applications: NONE</p> <p>7. Review of Pharmacy Applications: NONE</p> <p>a. 141823- Requesting an exemption for FDA, NABP, or State Board of Pharmacy inspection within 90 days. The pharmacy has a Clean Room inspection from 3/6/2024 and a New York State Board of Pharmacy inspection from April 2022. <u>Committee Recommendation:</u> <i>Deny</i></p> <p>8. Review of Continuing Education Program Request:</p>	

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		<p>a. Mastering Diabetes Devices Integrating Continuous Glucose Monitors, Insulin Pumps and Automated- Requesting 6.5 Committee Recommendation: <i>Deny, work with the program and NABP to get it recognized.</i></p> <p>9. Review of Pharmacy Technicians Training Programs:</p> <p>a. University of Maryland Medical Center Pharmacy Technician Training Program Committee Recommendation: <i>Approve</i></p> <p>b. PEER Pharmacy Technician Training program; EdenRX Pharmacy Committee Recommendation: <i>Approve</i> Commissioner Leikach Recused</p> <p>c. MedSurg Pharmacy using (PEER) Committee Recommendation: <i>Approve</i> Commissioner Leikach Recused</p> <p>d. Lifeline Glen Burnie Pharmacy Technician Training Program Committee Recommendation: <i>Approve</i></p> <p>10. New Business: NONE</p>	

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C. Public Relations Committee	J. Vázquez, Chair	Public Relations Committee Update:	
D. Disciplinary	K. Fink, Chair	Disciplinary Committee Update	
E. Emergency Preparedness Task Force	N. Leikach, Chair	Emergency Preparedness Task Force Update	
IV. Other Business & FYI	N. Leikach, President		
V. Adjournment	N. Leikach, President	<p>A. The Public Meeting was adjourned</p> <p>B. I would like to ask for a motion to close the public meeting and open a closed public session for the purpose of engaging in medical review committee deliberations of confidential matters contained in licensure applications in accordance with General Provisions Article Section 3-305(b)(13).</p> <p>C. Immediately thereafter, N. Leikach, convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases.</p> <p>D. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.</p>	