

Maryland Board of Pharmacy  
Public Minutes (Revised)  
May 16, 2007

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**Officers Present:** Mark Levi, President; Donald Taylor, Secretary; and Jeanne Furman, Treasurer

**Commissioners Present:** Cindy Anderson, Margie Anne Bonnet, David Chason, Joseph DeMino, Harry Finke, Jr., Alland Leander, Michael Souranis, and Rodney Taylor

**Commissioners Absent:** Mayer Handelman

**Board Staff:** LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director; Patricia Gaither, Administrative and Public Support Manager; Anna Jeffers, Legislation and Regulations Manager; Summar Goodman, Public Information Officer; Tamarra Banks, MIS Manager; Vanessa Thomas-Gray, Compliance Investigator; Colin Eversley, Compliance Investigator; and Fannie Yorkman, Licensing Specialist.

**Board Counsel:** Linda Bethman

**Guests:** Ron Nicholson, VetCentric; Howard Schiff, MPhA; Sara Meyers-Clark, Target; Chris Wilburn, Walgreens; Chandra Mouli, Division of Drug Control; and Tony Tommasello, PEAC.

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**I. Introduction/Recusals** - Members of the Board with a conflict of interest relating to any item on the agenda were asked to notify the Board at this time. There were no recusals.

**II. Approval of Minutes April 16, 2007**

Page 3 – under B – Regulation Updates – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph – change last two sentences to “They regulations were amended to note that CPR courses must be given through live instruction and to state that fees charged for the administration of influenza vaccine *should not exceed* the Medicare reimbursement rate.”

Page 4 – under header Sterile Pharmaceutical Compounding – 1<sup>st</sup> sentence – change “The proposed Sterile Compounding regulations were published in January, 2007” to “The proposed Sterile Compounding regulations were published in *January 19, 2007.*”; 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence – change “Six official comments were received to which responses were prepared by *Ms. Jeffers*..... change to “Six official comments were received to which responses were prepared by the *Practice Committee*”.....

Page 4 – under VI.A, 9<sup>th</sup> sentence, insert the word “University” after Towson.

Page 6 – under VIII – delete 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph.

Page 7 – Motion – delete the words “change to” under the second and third motions; under second Board Action – delete the word “changed” and insert the word “amended.”

Page 8 - under e, 7<sup>th</sup> sentence, change the word “written” to “documented”.

Page 8 – under e, 8<sup>th</sup> sentence, delete the word “However.”; under g, first sentence, change the word ‘name’ to ‘names’

Page 9 – 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph – last sentence, change “pharmacist or physician” to “*pharmacy or physician*” in both instances.

Page 9,h - second answer (A), change “The Board suggests, however, that there should be a written agreement between the retail pharmacy and the counseling pharmacist” ..... to “*The pharmacist may give out the medication, however, the Board suggests that there should be a written agreement between the retail pharmacy and the counseling pharmacist.....*”; fifth answer (A) Add word “Yes” at the beginning of the sentence “You may access the Health Occupations Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.....”

Page 10 – delete header “Under new establishments – 10 new” and subsequent related information.

Page 10 – change header from “Pharmacy Technician” to “*Pharmacist Influenza Certification*”

Page 11 – add header “Pharmacy Technician” above second paragraph beginning with “Ms. Costley.....”

Page 11 – add header “Training Programs” after second “Board Action” and change sentence from “Applications to pharmacies will not be mailed until after the official”.... change to “*Training program applications will not be mailed to pharmacies until after the official comment period*”.

**Motion:** Joseph DeMino moved to accept the minutes as amended. Harry Finke, Jr. seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

### **III. President/Executive Committee Report – Mark Levi**

#### *Division of Drug Control (DDC) Meeting*

Mr. Levi and Ms. Naesea met with Georgette Zoltanti, DDC Director, Chandra Mouli, DDC Deputy Director, and Michael Wadja, Deputy Director of the DHMH Labs Administration, to continue discussion of the transition of routine pharmacy inspection responsibilities from the DDC to the Board of Pharmacy. They discussed the draft inspection forms prepared by Board members and DDC. The Licensing Committee met and reviewed 60% of the Community Pharmacy Inspection Form. It is expected that the Form will be ready for review at the next scheduled Board meeting and implemented by July.

#### *Flower Mart*

Mr. Levi reported that the Flower Mart event was extremely successful. The Board’s booth was awarded first prize for “Best Decorated.” Summar Goodman and Patricia Gaither received praise from Mr. Levi for organizing the event and decorating the Board’s booth. The Board applauded Ms. Goodman’s efforts on the Flower Mart event

and thanked Board members, the Maryland Pharmacy Coalition and Maryland School of Pharmacy for their support.

#### *Pharmacy Technician Regulations*

Mr. Levi stated that the Board can not begin accepting technician registration applications until the Emergency Technician regulations are published. The emergency regulations were expected to be published on May 11, 2007, but were not because of delays related to the review process by the AELR Committee (*Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review*). Proposed regulations were published for comment in the Maryland Register on May 11, 2007.

#### *Election of New Officers*

Elections of new Officers were held. The results of the election are:

President - Mark Levi  
Secretary - Donald Taylor  
Treasurer - Joe DeMino

#### *Wholesale Distributor Task Force*

Mark Levi and Dave Chason will co-chair the Wholesale Distributor Task Force to develop regulations for the Wholesale Distributorship statute. Anna Jeffers will staff the Task Force. Stakeholders will be invited to participate and will be provided with the schedule of monthly meetings that will begin in June 2007.

PEAC (Pharmacists' Education & Assistance Committee) – Dr. Tony Tommasello

Dr. Tommasello reported the following PEAC statistics for the month of May: 13 Total PEAC Cases; 10 Pharmacists; 1 Technician; 2 Pharmacy Students; 30 Drug Testing results; 0 Discharges; 1 New Case.

#### **IV. Executive Director's Report – LaVerne Naesea**

Ms. Naesea referred to the Board's Action Items chart provided in members' packets. She stated that some items would need to be updated since there had been recent changes. The "Duty to Report" article will be published in the upcoming Board Newsletter. A letter requesting information about the number of pharmacists certified to administer vaccines administered during the past influenza season was mailed to all certified to administer fill in word here pharmacists. Ms. Naesea informed the Board that Ms. Costley would provide an update on responses to the letter in a future Board meeting. A letter was also sent to the Division of Drug Control regarding whether non-resident pharmacies that have a CDS license in Maryland another state are required to obtain a

CDS license if they apply for a pharmacy permit in Maryland. An update will also be provided regarding the response to that letter at the next Board meeting.

One application has been received for the Prescription Drug Repository. The Licensing Committee is reviewing the application. The Board is researching the question regarding whether a drop-off site can also serve as a repository. In addition, the Med-Chi and the Board of Physicians will be asked to help publicize the locations of the drop-off sites once applications are approved.

## **V. Legislation/Regulations Manager Report – Anna Jeffers**

### *A. Legislation*

Ms. Jeffers reported that plans are in the works to request an extension of the Drug Therapy Management project through legislation during the next Legislative Session. The draft request will be presented to the Board at its June meeting.

### *B. Regulation Updates*

#### *Proposed Regulations*

The proposed *Pharmacy Technician Registration and Reinstatement* regulations were published May 11, 2007 in the *Maryland Register*. The re-proposed *Sterile Pharmaceutical Compounding* regulations are under Departmental review, and are expected to be published in the June 22, 2007 *Maryland Register*.

#### *Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccination*

The *Pharmacist Administration of Influenza Vaccination* amended regulations were published in the *Maryland Register* on March 30, 2007. The Notice of Final Action was signed May 9, 2007, and the publication of a final effective date should be forthcoming.

#### *Pharmaceutical Services to Residents in Long-Term Care Facilities*

The Long Term Care regulations are still in development by the LTC Task Force.

#### *Licensing of Wholesale Prescription Drug or Device Distributor*

The Wholesale Prescription Drug or Device Distributor Task Force is being convened to prepare regulations in follow-up to legislation passed during the 2007 Legislative Session.

## **VI. Administration and Public Support – Patricia Gaither**

### **A. Personnel Update**

Ms. Gaither reported that Steven Kreindler has been selected for the position as Coordinator of Special Programs. Mr. Kreindler will start Wednesday, May 23, 2007, and will hold primary responsibility for tracking and monitoring licensees under Board Orders. Recruitment for the Pharmacist Compliance Officer vacancy is in process. The closing date for the advertised position is Wednesday, May 16, 2007. Recruitment for an independent contractor for the recently vacated Helpdesk/Webmaster position is also in process.

Sandra Hines, Office Secretary III for the Administration and Public Support Unit, announced her retirement from State service effective July 1, 2007. Ms. Gaither indicated that the Board would request a freeze exemption in order to hire staff to replace Ms. Hines.

## **B. Public Information – Summar Goodman**

### *Newsletter*

Summar Goodman reported that the Spring edition of the Newsletter is in printing and is expected to be distributed soon. Articles for the Summer edition of the Newsletter should be submitted over the next few weeks. Mark Levi will provide an article about the new inspection forms that will be utilized by State inspectors for the Summer Newsletter. Mr. Levi also indicated that, once completed, all new inspection forms should be posted on the Board's website.

### *Flower Mart*

Summar Goodman thanked Board members and staff for their participation with the Flower Mart. She reported that there were over 200 booths at the Flower Mart. Pictures of the Flower Mart will be posted on the Board's website.

### *Cultural Competency Forum*

Ms. Goodman reported on the Workforce and Cultural Diversity Public Health Forum that she attended April 24, 2007. She informed members that the Forum covered several topics including: Diversifying Medical Education, Patient Centered Care, and Health Disparities. Studies from the Institute of Medicine Reports were discussed which included an examination of the unequal treatment of minorities presented in the 2002 *Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care Report*. Presenters discussed methods of evaluating practitioners' communications with patients and the studies conducted that measured the emotional tone during medical visits and how to move towards more patient centered communications. Ms. Goodman noted that the information gathered from the Forum will be placed in the Board members' work area.

## **VII. Management Information Services – Tamarra Banks**

### *MIS Status Report*

### *Database – In-house Database Implementation*

Ms. Banks reported that the contract with Towson University ended April 24, 2007. At the recommendation of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a new contract with new deliverables and outcomes will be signed between the Board and Towson University. Ms. Naesea and Board staff met with Towson University contractors to document all the requirements necessary to finish the project and fine-tune the database entry screens. Ms. Banks stated that current Board products would be improved through the process of documenting requirements. The new contract is expected to begin in June 2007.

### *HIPDB*

The updated HIPDB database was sent to NABP April 4, 2007. Fifteen (15) of 194 submitted records required additional changes. The Board will correct the records and re-submit to NABP. Representatives of HIPDB will notify licensees directly of all changes or new submissions related to their disciplinary records.

### *MS Access*

Michelle Hsu, Board Database Specialist, is in the process of creating a temporary Pharmacy Technician database. It is expected to be completed and tested by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### *Personnel*

MIS is in the process of writing a 6-month vendor contract for help desk services. The process is expected to be completed by June 2007.

### *Emergency Preparedness Planning*

MIS staff from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Information Resources were contacted regarding the process for the Board's obtaining a secured web area and the ability to send blast faxes and emails. The Board has 2 different web servers that could be used to host the secured web site. Both are housed at Maryland Archives along with DHMH's and other Boards' servers. The Board's MIS Unit is awaiting instruction from the Department about the process of utilizing existing secured servers. If they are no longer available, other avenues will be explored.

The Board's contract with Maryland Archives for hosting the online renewal servers ends in June. A meeting is scheduled with Maryland Archives personnel to discuss adding disaster recovery servers to the new contract.

### *Hardware/Software*

- a. The Board's replacement server arrived at the end of April.

b. Laptops – A former Board member called to report that he would be returning his loaned laptop on May 17, 2007.

*Other News/Events*

a. DHMH sent an email requiring all agencies to upgrade their operating systems to Windows XP or newer, and to upgrade all servers to Windows 2003 or higher. The Board is predominantly running Windows NT, with a few systems that have Windows 2000. One PC system still has Windows 95. This requirement is the result of the virus attacks to several DHMH systems in February and March 2007.

b. DHMH requested that all agencies install Groupwise service patches to help prevent viruses from penetrating emails. Agencies that do not upgrade will be unable to access the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's system.

c. Establishment Online Payments: A meeting was held in April with the Bank of America to discuss adding online payments for the 2007 establishment renewal period. The Board will soon survey the chains and sample other establishments regarding their preferred payment methods. Ms. Banks reported that she had already talked with Rite Aid and Giant via telephone about using electronic checks.

d. LaVerne Naesea and Board managers met with Systems Automation (SA) for a demonstration and technical conversation regarding *MyLicense*, the database product being used by the Dental and Nursing Boards. SA has indicated that they could integrate their modules with the database system being developed by Towson University. Ms. Banks reported that it is still unclear whether that is possible, or whether SA would sell separate components of their system as modules (as was implied in December 2006).

*Emergency Preparedness – Donald Taylor*

Donald Taylor reported on a list of recommendations provided in the NABP newsletter as submitted by its Emergency Preparedness Committee. Specifically, NABP recommends that the state boards should incorporate the following items in their emergency preparedness planning:

1. Insuring an awareness of the need for emergency preparedness planning;
2. Promoting pharmacists as first responders in their respective states;
3. Working with their governor's offices and state officials regarding emergency preparedness;
4. Training members of their boards in the incident command management system;
5. Providing IDs for pharmacists for admittance into secured emergency or disaster areas throughout their states. Three Maryland Board members currently have FRAC (*First Responder Accreditation Credentials*) cards that would allow admittance into secured areas (Donald Taylor, Dave Chason and LaVerne Naesea); and

6. Working with DEA to come up with rules and regulations for dispensing CDS during declared emergencies. NABP is working with DEA on a national level.

Mr. Taylor also informed members that there would be a Statewide emergency preparedness exercise this Summer or Fall. Local health departments, along with the Board and other State units will be involved. The exercise is anticipated to have media coverage. Pharmacy will play an important role at the RSS (Receipt, Store, Stage) site in the exercise.

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Practice Committee – Dave Chason**

#### **1. Constituent Questions and Responses**

- a. Jennifer Folkes – ER Nurse, wrote the Board to express concern regarding the location of low-dose aspirin in Food Lion Stores.

**Board Action:** The Board agreed to table its response until further review by the Practice Committee.

- b. Tom Lesko, P.D., FASCP, contacted the Board concerning repackaging mail order medications sent directly to a pharmacy into a Bingo/Blister system for AL and SNF residents. *”The Practice Committee determined that Maryland Law does not address this issue, but the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy and the American society of Consultant Pharmacists have urged that this practice be discontinued due to substantial concern regarding the safety of repackaged products. The Practice Committee recommended that this practice be discouraged based on patient risk, and refer to NABP and ASCP recommendations.”*

**Motion:** Jeanne Furman moved to accept the Practice Committee’s letter as written. Alland Leandre seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee’s letter.

- c. Michael Swehla, St. Louis College of Pharmacy Student, contacted the Board concerning compounded medications and the state-specific laws that apply to their dispensing. Specifically: 1) Are compounded drug products allowed to be compounded and delivered to a physician’s office for “Office Use?” If so, is there a limit on the percentage of a compounding pharmacy’s prescription volume that can be used for this purpose; 2) Can a compounded medication be delivered to a physician’s office in anticipation of receiving a patient specific prescription prior to the time that the prescription is received by the pharmacy; 3) Is automated dispensing, (*i.e. use of Pyxis or Diebold type machines*), allowed in physician’s offices or in a medical clinic in



Maryland. If so, can compounded medications be placed in these machines and then administered without a pharmacist on site and could a pharmacist enter a prescription remotely following the physicians order; 4) If #2 or #3 a is allowed, who would be responsible for stocking the machine. Could a pharmacist compound a product, either for office use (*if permitted*) or in anticipation of receiving a prescription, and then deliver the medication to an office where it could be stocked by a nurse or other office employee; and 5) Does MD have any standard for determining the amount of product that a compounding pharmacy can keep on hand for future use based on the anticipation of a prescription/order. Can this be correlated to historical prescription patterns or does your MD have a specific way to determine what quantity can be made in advance?

**Board Action:** The Board tabled its response and referred the letter back to the Practice Committee for further deliberation.

d. Dave Chason, acting on behalf of Medstar, contacted the Board to determine what kind of license would be required to provide warehouse services to distribute “own use” drugs to 7 hospital facilities. All drugs would be purchased in unit dose packaging from a licensed wholesaler and distributed based on requisitions, refill requests or through automated dispensing machines orders from Medstar facilities only. Specifically:

1. Should this facility be licensed as a wholesale distributor or a waiver pharmacy?

*“The Practice Committee determined that a wholesale distributor’s permit is not necessary under the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.34.22.02(11)(b)(i). The pharmacy warehouse described is exempt from obtaining a wholesale distributor permit or pharmacy permit since it will distribute only to pharmacies within the same parent organization. This type of transaction is referred to as “Intracompany sales.”*

2. Would there be any restriction associated with purchasing unit dose drugs and distributing them in smaller quantities to the individual hospitals? For example, buying unit dose products in a box of 100 and dispensing 10 doses to a pharmacy?

*The Maryland Board of Pharmacy laws and regulations impose no restriction regarding “breaking” unit-dose boxes into smaller quantities.*

3. Can a waiver pharmacy exist in the same location under the same management to provide patient specific medications?

*“The Practice Committee determined yes, a waiver pharmacy may exist in the same location under the same management providing patient specific medications provided that all pharmacy security regulations are followed.”*

**Motion:** Jeanne Furman moved to accept the Practice Committee’s letter as written. Joe DeMino seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee’s letter.

e. Ms. Hui, Ms. Kline and Ms. Roll, representatives of the Clinical Law Office, University of School of Law, requested the Board’s support in ensuring that Maryland pharmacies provide meaningful access and quality assurance to pharmacy services for the estimated 300,000 Marylanders with limited English proficiency. “ The Practice Committee recommended that the Board respond as follows: *the Board recognizes the importance of providing meaningful access and quality assurance to pharmacy services for all Maryland citizens. Due to the increasing diversity in Maryland of cultures, races, nationalities, religions and languages, the Board had recently voted to approve the inclusion of courses covering cultural competency toward a licensee’s or registrant’s continuing education requirement for renewal. The Board has also addressed labels written in a language other than English. Maryland law does not limit prescription labeling to English. See Health Occupations Article, §12-505, Annotated Code of Maryland. The Board has recommended that pharmacies, in addition to the original label, print labels in languages other than English for the convenience of their customers. The pharmacist filling and checking the prescription, however, must have the capability to translate the label into a language other than English*”.

**Motion:** Donald Taylor moved to strike the last two sentences of the seconded paragraph and to delete the word “recommendations” and replace with the word “advising”. Jeanne Furman seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee’s letter as amended in the motion.

f. Hedi Harmon, Kaiser Permanente, contacted the Board concerning whether investigational drugs are subject to the same state labeling laws as FDA approved/marketed drugs. “*The Practice Committee determined that any medication dispensed to a patient in Maryland is required to comply with Maryland and federal labeling laws and regulations regardless of whether it is dispensed by the pharmacy or an investigator. See Criminal Law article, §§ 21-218 and 21-221, Annotated Code of Maryland; Health Occupations Article, § 12-505, Annotated Code of Maryland; the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.19.03.01 - .12; 10.34.03.10; 10.34.19.04; and 10.34.23.09.*”

**Motion:** Rodney Taylor moved to accept the Practice Committee’s letter with the proviso that Linda Bethman, Board Counsel, review the citations. Alland Leandre seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee’s letter with the proviso that Linda Bethman, Board Counsel, review the citations.

g. Rita & Richard Helgeson, wrote to the Board requesting that Maryland pharmacies be required to possess and maintain an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) on site and

that Maryland pharmacists be required to be AED and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) trained. The Practice Committee's recommended response was that: *the Board is considering developing a voluntary program that would encourage pharmacists to participate in deployment of AEDs and further recommending that all pharmacists be CPR certified. At the present time pharmacists are required to have CPR training before they may be registered to administer influenza vaccinations. The Board will recommend in an upcoming Maryland Board of Pharmacy newsletter that pharmacy permit holders and pharmacists be aware of sudden cardiac arrest and strongly recommend that they obtain an AED machine, as well as obtaining CPR certification.*

**Motion:** Cindy Anderson moved to accept the Practice Committee's letter after striking the language: "strongly recommend that they obtain an AED machine" and replacing with "advise they may want to". Harry Finke, Jr. seconded to motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee's letter as amended.

h. Megan Potter, Sinai Hospital (Life Bridge Health), contacted the Board to ask whether a pharmacist in an inpatient setting may withdraw an epidural catheter once it has been discontinued by the physician. *The Practice Committee determined that the manipulation of catheters is outside the scope of the practice of pharmacy. See Health Occupations Article, 12-101(s), Annotated Code of Maryland.*

**Motion:** Jeanne Furman moved to accept the Practice Committee's letter as written. Alland Leandre seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee's letter.

i. Marc R. Summerfield, Director of Pharmacy, contacted the Board to ask whether a unit-based cabinet (Omniceil) located in the O.R. and accessed only by authorized end-users may be stocked by anesthesia technicians when they re-stock the supplies. The Practice Committee recommended that the Board respond as follows: *remote automation systems may be refilled by a licensed healthcare professional authorized to administer medication in addition to a pharmacist or someone under the supervision of a pharmacist. See the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.34.28.06.*

**Motion:** Jeanne Furman moved to accept the Practice Committee's letter as written.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Practice Committee's letter.

## 2. Approval of:

a. The Report on the Board of Pharmacy Drug Therapy Management Evaluation Study; and

b. The Draft Evaluation of the Maryland Therapy Management Program (data collection and analysis plan)

**Motion:** Jeanne Furman voted to approve the Report on the Board of Pharmacy Drug Therapy Management Evaluation Study and the Draft Evaluation of the Maryland Therapy Management Program (data collection and analysis plan). Joe DeMino seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Report on the Board of Pharmacy Drug Therapy Management Evaluation Study and the Maryland Therapy Management Program (data collection and analysis plan).

**B. Long Term Care Task Force** – No report given.

**C. Licensing Committee – Michael N. Souranis**

*Statistics*

Michael Souranis reported the statistics for the month of April in Ms. Costley’s absence. The number of pharmacists due to renew in April was 300 compared to 297 last April; the total renewed to date was 271 (180 renewed online compared to 110 online in April 2006); Non-Renewed 29 compared to 26 in April 2006.

<i>New Establishments:</i>		<i>Compared to April 2007</i>
<i>New:</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>New: 7</i>
New -Distributors – In State	0	N/A
New- Distributors – Out of State	9	N/A
New- Resident Pharmacy	1	<b>New:</b> 11
New - Non-Resident Pharmacy	2	N/A
New- Pharmacy w/Waiver	2	N/A

<i>Closed:</i>		
Distributor – In State	0	
Distributor – Out of State	2	5
Pharmacies	1	
Non-Resident Pharmacies	3	
Pharmacies w/Waiver	1	

*Pharmacy Technicians – Process*

Mr. Souranis referred the Board’s attention to the Pharmacy Technician Training Program Application for approval. Ms. Naesea suggested that language be added to the bottom of the application or in the instructions to state: “Training programs that prepare individuals to take a National Certification Examination are **Not** required to be approved by the Board. However, technician candidates **may not** work at pharmacies as trainees

unless the training program in which they are engaged has been approved by the Board.” It was also suggested to delete “yes/no” from the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the application numbers 5, 6, and 7.

**Motion:** Jeanne Furman moved to accept the Pharmacy Technician’s Training Program Application as amended. Joe DeMino seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Pharmacy Technician’s Training Program Application as amended.

#### *Drug Repository*

Michael Souranis reported that the Licensing Committee has received its first application from an entity that wants to serve as both a drop-off site and a repository. The Committee is in the process of determining whether the entity is allowed to serve in both roles concurrently.

#### *Draft Response to Maryland Psychiatric Research Center*

Mr. Souranis reported that the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center located on the grounds of Spring Grove State Hospital asked whether a pharmacy permit is required for a research pharmacy (room) that is located at a pharmacy site that already has a pharmacy permit. A draft response was prepared by the Licensing Committee stating that after careful review, *the Board determined that (even though) or although it is on a shared premises, it would require state licensure. Furthermore, since the pharmacy room at the Spring Grove location will dispense Schedule I-V drugs, it is not exempt from Maryland licensure. In addition to a Maryland pharmacy license, they are required to apply for a Controlled Drug Substance (CDS) license. They may contact the Division of Drug Control for information regarding CDS licensure.*

**Motion:** Rodney Taylor moved to accept the Licensing Committee’s letter as written. Dave Chason seconded the motion.

**Board Action:** The Board voted unanimously to approve the Licensing Committee’s Letter.

#### **D. Disciplinary Committee - no report provided**

The Board adjourned the Public Meeting at 11:53 pm, and immediately thereafter convened an Administrative Session for purposes of discussing confidential disciplinary cases. With the exception of cases requiring recusals, the Board members present at the Public Meeting continued to participate in the Administrative Session.