

Maryland Board of Pharmacy
Public Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2008

Name	Title	Today's Attendance		Year-to-Date Attendance	
		Present	Absent	Present	Absent
Anderson, C.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Bonnett, M.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Bradley-Baker, L.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Chason, D.	Commissioner/Secretary	x		2	0
Finke, H.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Handelman, M.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Israbian-Jamgochian, L.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Leandre, A.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Souranis, M.	Commissioner/Treasurer	x		2	0
Taylor, D.	Commissioner/President	x		2	0
Taylor, R.	Commissioner	X		2	0
Zimmer, R.	Commissioner	x		2	0
Bethman, L.	Board Counsel	x		2	0
Costley, S.	Licensing Manager	x		2	0
Jeffers, A.	Legislation/Regulations Manager	x		2	0
Eversley, C.	Compliance Investigator	x		2	0
Naesea, L.	Executive Director	x		2	0
Gaither, P.	Administration and Public Support Manager	x		2	0
Goodman, S.	Public Information Officer	x		2	0
Banks, T.	MIS Manager	x		2	0
Taylor, A.	Compliance Officer	x		2	0

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I. Introductions	Donald Taylor, Board President	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 or at the time the agenda item is addressed. There were no recusals. Mr. Taylor introduced Adetoro Adeyinka, an extern from the University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy.		Action Item: No action required
II. Approval of the Minutes	Donald Taylor, Board President	Revisions to Minutes of January 16,2008: Page 2. III, Executive Director, Remove crossed out words "Support" and "planning" Page 3. Section 3. Staffing. Change "DNMH" to DHMH and remove crossed out word" development" Page 4. Change punctuation in Mission Statement from semicolon to comma, remove "and" and "receiving" to read as follows: To protect Maryland consumers and to promote quality healthcare in the field of pharmacy through licensing pharmacists and registering pharmacy technicians, issuing permits to pharmacies and distributors, setting pharmacy practice standards through developing and enforcing regulations and legislation, resolving complaints, and educating the public.	Motion: M. Souranis moved to accept the minutes as amended. R. Taylor seconded the motion.	Board Action: The Board voted to approve the minutes as amended.

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III. President's Report	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>1.D. Taylor reported on the transition to Board oversight of pharmacy inspections. Applications have been reviewed and candidates will be selected by the end of February. Plans for training will be coordinated with the DDC.</p> <p>2. D. Taylor commented on the WBAL television report and the recent articles in USA Today on medication errors. It was noted that the Board of Pharmacy written response was not published or used as a reference.</p> <p>3. D. Taylor reported that the January 2008 Retreat was successful. M. Bonnett, the Chair of the Public Relations Committee, members L. Bradley-Baker, S. Goodman, and L. Naesea were asked to develop priorities and recommended procedures to implement the public relations and education recommendations approved at the Retreat. The Committee's recommendations are to be presented for full Board approval.</p> <p>4. D. Taylor reminded Board and staff about the importance of attendance at meetings and commitment to attending hearings. Members should work with A. Taylor to confirm attendance at hearings.</p> <p>5. D. Taylor and H. Schiff discussed the recent Legislative Day in Annapolis. Two hundred (200) pharmacists and students participated. The legislators were very responsive.</p>	<p>1. Action Item: No motion required.</p> <p>2. Action Item: No motion required.</p> <p>3. Action Item: No motion required.</p> <p>4. Action Item: No motion required.</p> <p>5. Action Item: No motion required.</p>	<p>1. Action Item: Interviews are on-going.</p> <p>2. Action Item: No action required</p> <p>3. Action Item: M. Bonnett to convene Public Relations Committee to develop proposals.</p> <p>4. Action Item: Members to confirm hearing attendance.</p> <p>5. Action Item: No action required</p>
IV. PEAC Report	Anthony Tommassello P.E.A.C	<p>1.A. Tommassello reported that PEAC's caseload consists of 11 cases, of which one (1) is a technician and two (2) are pharmacy students. PEAC received reports on 34 urine samples. One result was positive as a result of appropriate use of prescribed medication - all other results were negative. PEAC is working with five (5) cases that are under Board orders.</p> <p>2. A. Tommassello requested additional funding of \$6,798 to pay for overruns associated with the cost of their training and educational programs.</p>	<p>1. Action Item: No motion required</p> <p>2. Motion: H. Finke moved to provide the funding of \$6,978 to PEAC for costs associated with the program. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p>	<p>1. Action Item: No action required</p> <p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		3. D. Taylor requested a motion to approve modification of the contract to reflect the additional costs.	3. Motion: H. Finke moved to modify the contract with PEAC to reflect the change. M. Souranis seconded the motion.	3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.																												
V. Division of Drug Control	Ann Taylor, Compliance Officer	<p>1. A. Taylor provided the monthly report from the Division of Drug Control For November 2007, December 2007 and January 2008.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 605 1493 980"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type</th> <th>November</th> <th>December</th> <th>January</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Retail</td> <td>67</td> <td>63</td> <td>67</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Institutional</td> <td>1</td> <td>4</td> <td>14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opening Inspections Retail</td> <td>11</td> <td>8</td> <td>12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Opening Inspections Distributor</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Inspections Retail</td> <td>4</td> <td>2</td> <td>11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Closing Inspections Distributor</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. J. Furman asked about the status of the use of new Inspection forms. New forms will be available for use by DDC in the next month.</p>	Type	November	December	January	Retail	67	63	67	Institutional	1	4	14	Opening Inspections Retail	11	8	12	Opening Inspections Distributor	1	2	2	Closing Inspections Retail	4	2	11	Closing Inspections Distributor	1	3	1	<p>1. Action Item: No motion required</p> <p>2. Action Item: No motion required</p>	<p>1. Board Action: A. Taylor to contact DDC to obtain reports separating in state and out of state distributor license information.</p> <p>2. A. Taylor to work with D. Chason to complete the transition to new inspection forms.</p>
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VI. Legislation	Anna Jeffers, Legislation and Regulations Manager	<p>A. PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED LETTERS AND POSITION PAPERS</p> <p>A. Jeffers presented the current status of pending legislation and the recommended actions proposed by the Legislative Committee. She reviewed for the Board previously submitted position papers and letters to committees listed below for Ratification by the Board.</p> <p>1. HB 233-Physician and Pharmacists-Therapy Management Contracts-Extension of Law. Position Paper in Support. Status: Approved by House of Delegates, crossed into Senate.</p> <p>2. HB 435-Pharmacists-Generic Drugs-Treatment of Epileptic Seizures. Letter of Information.</p>																														

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		<p>3. HB 514-Maryland Medbank Program-Funding. Letter of Support</p> <p>4. HB 525- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Letter of Support</p> <p>5. HB 586SB304- Consumer Product Safety-Lead and Mercury Reduction Act. C. Anderson asked for a change in the wording to reflect the Prescription only status of all vaccines. Letter of Support</p> <p>6. There are 6 Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) bills that have been filed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. HB 120-Pharmacy Benefit Managers-Transparency. Letter of Support b. HB 257-Pharmacy Benefit Managers-Contracts with Pharmacies. Letter of Support c. HB 343-Pharmacy Benefit Managers- Prescription Drug Substitution. Letter of Support d. HB 580-Pharmacy Benefits Managers-Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. Letter of Support e. HB 243-Pharmacy Benefit Managers-Choice of Pharmacy. Letter of Support with Amendment Position paper. The amendment moves the location of the language that would require a Pharmacy Benefits Manager to be licensed as a non-resident pharmacy in Maryland to avoid confusion for existing non-resident pharmacies. f. HB 419-Pharmacy Benefits Managers-Registration. Support with the same Amendment Position Paper as HB 243. <p>7. SB 401-Public Health-Ephedrine, Pseudoephedrine, or Phenylpropanolamine Purchases-Statewide Electronic Logbook. Letter of Information.</p> <p>8. SB 141-Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program- Letter of Support.</p> <p>9. HB 433-Pharmacy Permit Holders-Signs for Reporting Incorrectly Filled Prescriptions. Board members discussed the recommended amendments intended to refocus the legislation to have the first response to medication errors occur between the pharmacist and the patient. Subsequent information in the chart would guide the patient on how to follow up with the Board for unresolved complaints. Support with Amendment that deletes redundant requirements for a sign.</p>	<p>Motion: R. Taylor moved to approve the previously submitted position. L. Israbian-Jamgochian seconded the motion.</p>	<p>5. A. Jeffers to reword the letter reflecting status of vaccines and concerns with impact of the legislation for submission if the bill passes in the house of origin.</p> <p>Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>B. BILLS SCHEDULED FOR HEARINGS.</p> <p>1. HB 551-Pharmacists-Administration of Vaccines-Expanded Authority. The hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2008. The legislation removes: the restriction to only influenza administration of vaccines by pharmacists, and the requirement that the Board of Physicians and Board of Nursing participate in the promulgation of regulations.</p> <p>2. HB 542-Database for Terminated Health Occupation Licensees and Employees Who Provide Services to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. The hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2008. This bill would establish a central database for licensees who have been terminated for client abuse, stealing from a client or licensee, chronic absenteeism, or poor work performance.</p> <p>3. SB 549/HB 615 State Government-Custodian of Records-Inspection of Public Records. The hearing is scheduled for February 27, 2008. This bill restricts the denial of inspection of public records. Under current law a Board can deny inspection of a public record if the record was privileged or confidential. The bill allows denial of inspection of records if the request is related to a civil suit. The bill provides exceptions: The party to the lawsuit would have to file a petition for inspection with the court where their lawsuit was filed AND they would have to show good cause.</p>	<p>1. Motion: R. Taylor moved to approve a motion to support the legislation through a letter to the Committee. The Board will not testify on the bill. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>2. Motion: M. Souranis moved to approve the motion not taking a position on the bill. R. Taylor seconded the motion.</p> <p>3. Motion: M. Handelman Moved to approve the motion not taking a position on the bill. A. Leandre seconded the motion.</p>	<p>1. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>4. HB 666/SB857-Uniform Emergency Volunteer Health Practitioners Act. The hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2008. This legislation is being sponsored by many states to standardize programs for emergency response involving health care workers.</p> <p>5. HB 757-Consumer Protection-Sale or Distribution of Personal Information-Limitations. This legislation addresses the sale of mailing lists. It was introduced in 2007 as HB 210. The Board submitted a Letter of Information in 2007 The hearing is scheduled for March 11, 2008</p> <p>6. HB 772-Pharmacists-Substitution of Generic Drugs or Device Products- Consent of Consumers or Authorized Prescribers. The hearing is scheduled for February 26, 2008 This legislation mandates the written approval of generic substitution by the patient or prescriber.</p>	<p>4. Motion: M. Souranis moved to approve a motion to support the legislation through a letter to the Committee. M. Handelman seconded the motion.</p> <p>5. Motion: L. Israbian-Jamgochian moved to approve a motion to support the legislation through a letter of Information to the Committee. M. Souranis seconded the motion.</p> <p>6. Motion: D. Chason moved to approve a motion to Letter of Concern on the legislation. M. Handelman seconded the motion.</p>	<p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>5. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>6. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>7. SB 767/HB1387-Health Occupations-Board of Pharmacy-Remote Automated Medication Systems. This legislation allows the use of remote devices in nursing homes that extemporaneously repackage multiple medications in one unit dose package. The hearing is scheduled for March 13, 2008 M. Handelman was recused.</p> <p>L. Bethman provided information regarding the limitations on regulation by the Board of Pharmacy in the legislation that has been proposed. Board members discussed the need to rewrite the legislation to be in compliance with other sections of Maryland law and regulation. The changes to include the following: 1. The pharmacy permit holder is the responsible party to monitor the device. 2. A pharmacist must conduct a final check after the final packaging step. 3. Limit removal of medications to a LPN or RN. 4. Require equipment quality assurance policies and procedures. 5. Revise language of the legislation to remove any reference to the “company “ as the source of control of the device.</p> <p>8. HB 1383-Good Samaritan-State of Emergency-Liability Protection. This legislation extends liability protection to volunteer health care workers in declared emergencies. The hearing is scheduled for March 12, 2008</p> <p>9. HB 942-Health Disparities-Institutions of Higher Learning-Report</p> <p>10. HB 1417-Housing and Community Development-Program for Military health Care Workers. The hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2008.</p> <p>11. HB 1500-Health Occupations Boards-Investigators-Confidentiality of Medical Information and Records.</p>	<p>7. Motion: M. Souranis moved to approve a motion to Support with amendments to the legislation reflecting Board concerns. R. Zimmer seconded the motion.</p> <p>8. Motion: C. Anderson moved to approve a motion to support the legislation through a letter of support. H. Finke seconded the motion</p> <p>9. No position 10. No position</p> <p>11> No position</p>	<p>7. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>8. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>C. JOINT POSITIONS WITH OTHER BOARDS</p> <p>1.HB 427-House: Health Occupations-Power of Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene-Regulatory Boards. This legislation permits the Secretary to set aside the actions of the Health Boards. The legislation may be withdrawn. The hearing is scheduled for February 22, 2008.</p> <p>2. SB 698-Criminal Procedure-Occupational Licenses or Certificates-Issuance of a Certificate of Relief from Disabilities. The hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2008</p> <p>3. HB 1334-Health Regulatory Boards-Additional Powers and Duties. The hearing has not been scheduled.</p> <p>4. HB. 172-Creation of a State Debt-CIVISTA Medical Center, Inc. The hearing has not been scheduled.</p>	<p>1. Motion: C.Anderson moved to approve a motion to oppose the legislation in coordination with other Boards. H. Finke seconded the motion.</p> <p>4. No position</p>	<p>1. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>
VII. Regulations	Anna Jeffers, Legislation and Regulations Manager	<p>1. The proposal for COMAR 10.34.22, Licensing of Wholesale Prescription Drug or Device Distributors was published in the Maryland Register on February 1, 2008. The 30 days comment period began on that date.</p> <p>2. The re-proposal for COMAR 10.07.14 Assisting Living Programs was published in the Maryland Register on February 1, 2008. The 30 day open comment period began on that date. M. Handelman proposed that the Board submit a comment concerning the medication safety benefits of quarterly medication use review by a pharmacist. The comment would include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Quarterly inspections by a pharmacist of medication profiles b. The requirement to label all OTC medication with patient name and directions for use specific to the individual resident. 	<p>2. Motion: M.Handelman moved to approve a motion to propose the comments to the OHCQ Assisted Living regulations R. Taylor seconded the motion.</p>	<p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>3. Regulatory Review and Evaluation Act Report for COMAR Section 10.13.01-Dispensing of Prescriptions by a Licensee. A. Jeffers prepared the report required by this Act that evaluates the relevancy, appropriateness and intended purpose of regulations on an 8 year cycle.</p> <p>The Board received four submissions whose comments focused on two topic areas. The first topic area concerned enforcement of the current regulations. The second topic area concerned revisions that can address patient safety and the juxtaposition of pharmacies and dispensing licensees. The suggested revisions that were included in the Board's responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Amend the regulations to require inspection of the dispensing licensee's office as a condition for obtaining a dispensing permit; B. Clearly define the term "conveniently available to the patient" since that is the condition for a dispensing licensee to dispense; C. Amend the regulations so that when a licensed pharmacy is physically located within the same facility or premises, the practitioner licensee dispensing will be limited to samples; D. Amend the regulations to prohibit dispensing permits for a practitioner licensee if a pharmacy is located within five miles of the practitioner licensee; E. Amend the regulations to address the large number of dispensing permits issued to practitioner licensees in urban areas where numerous pharmacies are also located. F. Amend the regulations so that the Board is notified when a dispensing permit is issued to a practitioner licensee; and G. Amend the regulations to include procedural requirements regarding storage, security of drug inventory, over prescribing, dispensing expired drugs, diversion, refills, ancillary personnel dispensing, repackaging, child resistant packaging, maintenance of biennial inventories, reporting of medication errors, limited inventory for drug selection and conflicts of interest. 	<p>3. Motion: M. Souranis moved to approve a motion to propose the revisions to Section 10.13.01 of the regulations. H. Finke seconded the motion</p>	<p>3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>
<p>XIII. Practice Committee</p>	<p>David Chason, Chair</p>	<p>1. Constituent Questions and Responses.</p> <p>a. Mahro M. Ershadi, Director of Pharmacy, Suburban Hospital Question concerning the requirements for compliance with USP 797 regulations during a renovation to install a clean room.</p> <p>Summary: The pharmacy is responsible for maintaining the same level of compliance as was previously in place that must include an ISO 8 room containing an ISO5 hood or similar device. All personnel must adhere to compliant procedures, training must be completed and documentation of compliance is required for inspection.</p>	<p>1. Motion: D. Chason moved to approve the letter as presented. R. Zimmer seconded the motion.</p>	<p>1. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>

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		<p>2. David W. Williams, MD, MBA, Vice President American Society of Retina Specialists. Question concerning the legality if a physician purchasing vials of Avastin (R) from a drug wholesaler for shipment to a compounding pharmacy, requirements for physician name on the invoice and transfer of the vial to a pharmacy for compounding. Summary. A physician would be required to have a wholesale distributor license to transfer the drug. A compounding pharmacy must dispense prescriptions in a final patient specific form. And the Board does not recommend compounding commercially available products. C. Anderson recommended revisions to the letter to confirm that compounding a drug that is available commercially is not legal pursuant to FDAMA..</p> <p>3. Georgette Zoltani, Chief of the Division of Drug Control, regarding regulatory review of Regulations Section COMAR 10.13.11, Sale of Drugs by Vending Machine. The Practice Committee’s recommendation is to revise 10.13.11.01 A and B to remove the words “alleviate pain” to accommodate the variety of medications that may be safely sold from vending machines.</p> <p>4. Dr. Charles Zee, COO, CRT Health, Inc. Question. Concerning the legality of a physician purchasing vials of Avastin® from a drug wholesaler for shipment to a compounding pharmacy, requirements for physician name on the invoice and transfer of the vial to a pharmacy for compounding. Summary. The Practice Committee recommended responding that a physician would be required to have a wholesale distributor license to transfer the drug. A compounding pharmacy must dispense prescriptions in a final patient specific form. The Board does not recommend compounding commercially available products. C. Anderson recommended revisions to the letter to confirm that compounding a drug that is available commercially is not legal pursuant to FDAMA.</p>	<p>2. Motion: D. Chason moved to approve the letter as amended. C. Anderson seconded the motion.</p> <p>3. Motion: D. Chason moved to approve the letter as presented. R. Zimmer seconded the motion.</p> <p>4. Motion: C. Anderson moved to approve the letter as amended. R. Zimmer seconded the motion</p>	<p>2. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>3. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p> <p>4. Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion</p>
IX. Administration & Public Support	Patricia Gaither Manager, Administration and Public Support	<p>P. Gaither reported on the status of staff positions.</p> <p>1. Vanessa Thomas-Gray has been rehired into a contract position.</p> <p>2. The selection of the five (5) inspectors has been completed. One candidate did not accept the offer. The four (4) positions should be staffed by March 5, 2008. Interviews are on-going for the last position.</p> <p>3. The Executive Secretary and Receptionist positions are awaiting freeze exemptions. No date has been provided for these exemptions.</p>	Action Item: No motion required	Action Item: No action required
X. Public Information Officer Report	Summar Goodman, Public Information Officer	1. D. Taylor reported on the recent Center for Disease Control (CDC) program recommending stockpiling of antiviral drugs for agencies with large workforces. RELENZA® and TAMIFLU® are included in the stockpiling recommendation. The issue that needs to be addressed is how this conflicts with state requirements for control, storage and rotation. The CDC may provide funding for the purchase of the majority of these stockpiles.	Action Item: No motion required	

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		<p>2. S. Goodman reported on the project with the Consumer Reports -Best Buy web site to provide links to the Board consumer information page. Consumer Reports will provide materials and information for the Flower Mart and will participate in consumer education on site in May.</p> <p>3. S. Goodman reported that the NABP National Meeting brochure, scheduled for Baltimore in May 2008 is included with the meeting packet. The Board has been asked to provide a speaker for the introductory greeting.</p> <p>4. L. Naesea reported that Maryland has been given two free registrations. D. Taylor will be the Delegate and D. Chason will be the Alternate in addition to the other two free registrations.</p>		<p>4. Action Item: Board members should register for the NABP meeting through S. Goodman.</p>
<p>XI. Executive Director</p>	<p>LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director</p>	<p>1. L. Naesea reported that she attended a meeting of Health Boards to discuss concerns about the legislation that would change the mandate, operations and autonomy of all the Boards. The Executive Directors of the Boards are meeting with the Secretary of DHMH to inform him of their concerns and receive guidance and approval to move forward with opposition to many of the bills.</p> <p>2. L. Naesea informed the Board that the Board of Pharmacy budget hearing has been completed. The new inspection program was discussed and the budget required the conversion of one inspector position to a contractual slot.</p> <p>3. L. Naesea reported that the on-going Legislative Audit has focused on the on-line relicensure monetary process. This may be converted to a DHMH program in the future to assure appropriate control of funds throughout the system.</p> <p>4. L. Naesea reported on the response to the letter from H. Schiff regarding the interpretation of the Maryland Open Meeting law. Committee meetings of the Board are not subject to the Open Meeting Law because there is no quorum and the resulting recommendations are not approved by the Board until a subsequent Public Meeting.</p> <p>5. L. Naesea reported that the Board tracking document is being revised and a new version will be available within a month.</p>		<p>1.Action Item: No action required.</p> <p>2. Action Item: No action required</p> <p>3. Action Item: No Action required</p> <p>4. Action Items: No Action required.</p> <p>5. Action Items: L. Naesea to present revised version of tracking document to Board in March 2008.</p>

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XII. Licensing Committee	Michael Souranis, Chair	<p>1. M. Souranis provided the Licensing Report for the months of December and January.</p> <p>Pharmacists:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 313 1493 467"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>December 2007</th> <th>January 2008</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New Licensure:</td> <td>22</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examination</td> <td>14</td> <td>10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reciprocity</td> <td>8</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Request for Reciprocity in other States</td> <td>12</td> <td>19</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Establishments:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 516 1493 699"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>December 2007</th> <th>January 2008</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>New:</td> <td>19</td> <td>13</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Distributor- In State</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>(??Distributor-Out-of-State</td> <td>10</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resident Pharmacy</td> <td>4</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Resident Pharmacy</td> <td>4</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pharmacy w/Waiver</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <table border="1" data-bbox="646 721 1493 878"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Closed</td> <td>8</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Distributor- In State</td> <td>0</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Distributor- Out-of-State</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pharmacy</td> <td>0</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Non-Resident Pharmacy</td> <td>3</td> <td>0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pharmacy w/Waiver</td> <td>1</td> <td>0</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>2. S. Costley reported that approximately 300 requests for information and background check forms have been received. Some finger printing sites are charging more than the State Police fee of \$38. The results of the finger print verification are being returned before the applicant returns the remainder of the information. Packets are being sent to new permit holder applicants based on the reported number of technicians they have on staff.</p> <p>3. M. Souranis reported that the Licensing Committee would be meeting Friday to begin review of technician training programs that have been submitted for approval.</p> <p>4. M. Souranis reported that the distributors who did not renew would be reported to the DDC for follow-up up on compliance with closing requirements.</p>		December 2007	January 2008	New Licensure:	22	16	Examination	14	10	Reciprocity	8	6	Request for Reciprocity in other States	12	19		December 2007	January 2008	New:	19	13	Distributor- In State	0	1	(??Distributor-Out-of-State	10	5	Resident Pharmacy	4	2	Non-Resident Pharmacy	4	5	Pharmacy w/Waiver	1	0	Closed	8	6	Distributor- In State	0	1	Distributor- Out-of-State	4	0	Pharmacy	0	6	Non-Resident Pharmacy	3	0	Pharmacy w/Waiver	1	0	.	
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		5. J. Furman recommended that a list of distributors that did not renew be printed in the Board's Newsletter.		5. Action Item: S. Goodman to prepare an article for the Newsletter to provide a list of distributors that did not renew their licenses.
XIII. Disciplinary Committee	Mayer Handelman, Chair	No Report		Action Item: No Action required.
XIV. Long Term Care Subcommittee	Mayer Handelman, Chair	No Report		Action Item: No Action required.
XV. Informational	LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director	L. Naesea reported that the Health Regulatory Boards have been working on a recommendation for a Task Force to review the functions, responsibilities and operations of all of the Boards. The draft proposal for the Task Force was presented. The Board members had issues with many of the sections of the proposal and debated how to successfully revise the membership, role and responsibilities of the proposed group. The final proposal is to be discussed on February 26, 2008 at a meeting of all of the Boards. Due to the limited time to respond it was recommended that the Executive Committee review and revised the proposal for distribution to the full Board by Monday February 25 th .	D. Taylor appointed the Executive Committee to draft a proposal.	Action Item: Executive Committee to develop a draft proposal for Board approval.
X. Management Information Services	LaVerne Naesea, Executive Director and Tamarra Banks, MIS Manager	<p>1. L. Naesea reported on the status of HIPDB A. Taylor and S. Kreindler are updating Board records.</p> <p>2. T. Banks reported that there has been an increase in reports of licensees having difficulty in using the on-line renewal system. This appears to be due to the inexperience of first time users.</p> <p>3. T. Banks reported that loading of the old inspections forms is occurring for the Division of Drug Control. There has been confusion regarding the final approval of the new inspection forms.</p> <p>4. T. Banks reported that the Pharmacy Technician Database is operational, but has not been used to date.</p>		<p>1. Action Item: No action required.</p> <p>2. Action Item: Newsletter and website instructions to be provided to licensees.</p> <p>3. Action Item: T. Banks to work with A. Taylor and D. Chason to complete transition to new forms within a month.</p> <p>4. Action Item: No action required</p>

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		<p>5. T. Banks reported that the MIS Disaster Recovery Plan has been approved and a temporary programmer has been hired for six months to assist in extending the program to all systems within the Board office. Training of Board members and staff must be completed. The focus of this initiative is MIS Disaster Recovery and not the Board administered emergency preparedness program except as it overlaps with maintenance of lists of volunteers.</p> <p>6.T. Banks reported on the status of utilization of the Board sponsored websites noting that visits are up 2% to 12,416 for the month of January. Hardware is being purchased to provide a scanner for A. Jeffers and new computers for Board members. Thumb drives were provided to Board members, but returned until adequate software could be incorporated for protection of confidential information.</p> <p>7. T. Banks reported that the DHMH has revised and approved the Towson software contract budget and that it has been submitted to Towson University for signature. D. Taylor recommended that an Information Systems consultant be hired to provide a complete assessment of the Boards IT operations. A. Leandre recommended that several State approved consultants be invited to participate in the development of the request for proposal (RFP) to simplify the bid development process. He estimated that the contract might cost between 50 and 100 thousand dollars.</p>		<p>5. Action Item: No action required</p> <p>6. Action Item: No Action required</p>
XV. Informational	Linda Bethman, Board Counsel	<p>L. Bethman relayed the recommendation of the DHMH that the Board of Pharmacy respond to all proposed legislation that may affect pharmacy practice except those that are in direct conflict with the role, and scope of the Task Force on Health Care Boards.</p> <p>D. Taylor recommended a review of the format of the Motion section of the Minutes for consistency and completeness.</p>	<p>Motion: A. Leandre moved to approve the recommendation to respond to all appropriate legislation that is outside the scope of the Task R. Taylor seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Action Item: Board Action: The Board voted to approve the motion.</p>
XVI. Adjournment	Donald Taylor, Board President	<p>The Public Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM. Immediately thereafter, Donald Taylor 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.</p> <p>Approved by: D. Taylor, President D. Chason, Secretary L. Naesea, Executive Secretary</p>	<p>Motion: M. Souranis moved to adjourn the Public Meeting. D. Chason seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the Public Meeting.</p>

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