

**New York State Pharmacy Conference
May 8, 2015**

Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences

MINUTES

1. **Welcome and Introductions: 10:33 call order- Marcy Savage- including guests. Special thank you to ACP for hosting. Some members attending via teleconference.**
2. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting-motion Mike Duteau/Kelly Flynn**
3. **Announcements- PSSNY continues to host Conference Listserv- link on PSSNY website**
4. **Next 2015 Meeting Dates:** Sept. 11, Dec. 11, locations to be determined
5. **Reports by State and Governmental Agencies:**

NYS DOH Bureau of Immunizations- (via phone) Debbie Vasquez-remind RPhs – survey open July 1st (July1, 2014-June 30, 2015) Total doses administered- influenza and pneumococcal of doses NOT reported already. Information reported: Type of facility/ county. HCS for access. Last year's report access will be announced. D Triller- grant received from CMS by IPRO to increase vaccine rates 518-473-4437 to reach Debbie Vasquez. Discussion of sunsets- data needed for legislature

NYS Board of Pharmacy—

Meeting in NYC last month at LIU Pharmacy. 2 new appointees to BOP- Rene Hoffman and Mona Chitre (RPhs).

Next full board meeting July 7 (Albany)

Exam Part III June 2-3 (577 candidates expected).

2 new colleges proposed (Fall 2017 likely depending on ACPE and Regents). Manpower work force meeting held and will be discussed in September.

OP expenditures limited- will affect travel by Department. Two out of town trips per year. All professions impacted.

CDTM- two house support for bill. Obstacles? Learning curve with Medical Society- still some concerns. NPs? Estimate for first enrollees that would qualify approx.. 500. About 80 practice CDTM now. If bill passes, credential committee to be formed by BOP.

Title II DQSA- track and trace initiative. FDA may designate third party for state screening (background checks). 250 registered wholesalers located in NY. Over 1,000 are trying to register from out of state (virtual). Cannot register in NY unless registered in home state. NABP VAWD credentialing may be used if added to

existing law. (<http://www.nabp.net/programs/accreditation/vawd>. VAWD, or Verified-Accredited Wholesale Distributors, is an accreditation for pharmaceutical wholesale distribution facilities. Those wholesale distributors that achieve accreditation are in compliance with state and federal laws and NABP's VAWD criteria and proudly display the VAWD Seal.)

NDC #s- does not mean drug is approved. FDA issues labeler code and manufacturer assigns the rest. (see *Drugs at FDA* for list of approved drug)

NABP has offered assistance to do a study re: technicians (unlicensed assistants)

Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement—discuss compounded prescriptions and electronic prescribing

Joshua Vinciguerra- new director – Anita Murray, Sandy Knapp

Extension of mandated ERxs to March 27, 2017. Use this time to become compliant. Website- best place for up to date information. Hospitals? Nursing homes issues...most say they will be ready. All software must be registered. 4000 of 5000 registered for CS acceptance. Waiver for docs will remain in place- perhaps online. EPCS newsletter being developed (end of month).

Outreach continues with prescribers. FAQs updated.

Non- controls may sneak through in notes...workarounds?? Compounded Rxs—may cause pharmacists to change to telephoned.

Discussion of accepting ERxs (controls & non controls). Documentation can be electronic. For more information:

(https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic/electronic_prescribing/). Printing ERxs is an option after receipt.

Group homes- controls – copies of Rxs- how? Prescriber can make copy and give to home. Ed Law prohibits copies to be given by RPhs for controls.

Medicaid not present

EPIC Update not present

CMS – Jerry Zee-May 1st- interim final rule- May 23, 2014- prescribers must enroll in or opt out in Medicare- New rule- Part D can pay for claims from CDTM pharmacists who prescribe. Effective June 1, 2015 RPhs can enroll. Plans MUST pay after January 1, 2016.

MTM- Medicare.- starting 2016- Pharmacy Interns can provide MTM under the supervision of a pharmacist.

I PRO –documents distributed and report sent. Contract renewed with CMS for 5 years. More involvement with Opiate management. Naloxone handout/Anticoag

Office of People w/Developmental Disabilities-Kim Rhoades-centralized services in areas closed. Brooklyn slated to close end of year. ERxs all set but some went back to paper. EHR moving along. New vendor to be used – 16,000 employees serving 70-80,000 individuals.

MOU signed and in effect expanding exemption to nursing act to allow certain types of meds to be administered. Training needed (AMAPs) in centralized pharmacy services plans.

Break for lunch

Bureau of Chronic disease prevention- L.Pohlman-various initiatives to increase better health.

6. Reports by Colleges of Pharmacy:

- **Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences** -Dr T Patel- new provost starting July; 180 grads
- **D'Youville College of Pharmacy** no report- MSavage refers to CDTM study which was distributed
- **Long Island University- Dean Gross retiring**- Dr John Pizzutto new Dean, July 1; LIU Pharmacy requiring APhA Immunization Training with incoming P6 class.
- **St. John Fisher**
- **St. John's University**
- **Touro College- new Dean search**
- **University at Buffalo**- CDTM discussions

(new) Binghamton- Gloria Meredith Dean

Deans coming to Albany on May 19 to lobby for CDTM

7. Reports by Associations

- **PSSNY**-Tracy Russell taking new position. Annual Convention May 29-31 Manhattan- Keynote- Medicinal Marijuana. Roger Paganelli installed as President. PSSNY has robust legislative agenda. CDTM, AMMO , MAC transparency bill; Medication synchronization bill; Two well attended Lobby Days. Owner Day and College Day- 600 students. Dean Gross installed as honor president on Sat evening of the Convention
- **Chain Pharmacy Association of NYS**- successful team effort with budget. Legislation remains a focus. Value based work group high priority. DSRIP has begun and first payments going out. Recognizing services by paying for them. June 17th, session ends in Albany. Key bills- price gouging of meds-2 house bill- need to educate legislature as to RPh role. DESI list drug- penalty for dispensing; Columbia County- Canada Rx – continue fighting CDTM- meeting 5/15 John McDonald- CDTM
- **NYSCHP**-Sean Flynn- Conference just concluded. Discussed residency programs; CDTM. Sample letters and Power Point on NYSCHP website. 5/19 GNHY will be lobbying in support of McDonald /LaValle Bill.
- **ASCP**- support of CDTM Bill. New Exec Dir Frank Grasso National from NY
- **AMCP**- Lisa Anzisi – written report to be sent.
- **ACCP**- none

8. **Adjournment : 2 PM**

New Business- L. Mokhiber advises that the transfer of Rx Drugs only allowed under KOW unless you are wholesaler.

Respectfully submitted

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