

## **NYS Pharmacy Conference**

**Sept. 11, 2015**

**ACPHS**

### **Minutes:**

#### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

#### **II. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

**III. Announcement:** Kathy Febraio announced as new Executive Director of PSSNY starting November 2nd; Darren Triller leaving IPRO and going to MVP health plan

**IV. Final meeting date of 2015- Dec 11th at ACPHS- see attached list of Chair/Secretary schedule**

#### **V. Reports by State/Gov't Agencies**

**A) AIDS Institute (Valerie White and Sharon Stancliff, MD)-** presented attached slides; focus is getting naloxone in pharmacies and other partnerships with pharmacy related to opioid overdose prevention/treatment. Insurance coverage of naloxone is most challenging barriers, Medicaid and a few insurers cover it but most do not. NYC DOHMH is working to set up a network of NYC pharmacies that stock naloxone through a city standing order. There are currently 225 training programs in place in NYS. Part 80.138 of Art. 33 requires training for anyone who would be administering naloxone. Concern also raised with access to supply issues for pharmacies ordering it and Oct/Nov is when they've been told they will be able to access it from their wholesalers. Recommendation to NYSDOH to change the Education law 6801 to allow pharmacists to administer naloxone which would allow for them to administer, train etc. without any question or issue. The Pharmacy Conference participants could send a letter to Commissioner Zucker and the Governor's office urging an Executive Budget change to add naloxone to list of things pharmacists can administer. **Finally, a request by AIDS Institute is to have a group of a few pharmacists to have a call with the State DOH to talk about how to work out the specifics of rolling initiatives out with pharmacies.** Those interested should

contact: [valerie.white@health.ny.gov](mailto:valerie.white@health.ny.gov)/ 518-474-5577 or Sharon Stancliff, MD at [stancliff@harmreduction.org](mailto:stancliff@harmreduction.org)/ 212-213-6376 ext 39.

**B) NYS Board of Pharmacy (Larry Mokhiber)-** Board meeting coming up on Sept. 21st at SED office in Albany. Looking at CDTM; legislation that passed has not been sent to the Governor yet although existing law expires Sept. 14. Board created a credentialing committee to approve candidates for CDTM qualification and regulations will need to be updated. Effort to try to get a more expansive bill include a goal of trying to get something in the Exec. Budget. Had exams in June, results better but not significantly. Will be releasing to Colleges. Looking at annual Price List to update it. Board very focused on metric labeling and trying to determine what is best to reduce mistakes/ errors but cannot be a pharmacy-only fix so Larry will be making a presentation to the Regents in Dec./Jan. urging that it is time for all professions to move to the metric. Will address that medical residents can write prescriptions using institutional DEA number. Invited Josh V. BNE Director to provide an update on medical marijuana and e-prescribing. Will also discuss immunizations and recent law changes which are already in effect. Larry could release regulations to Associations on Monday for review. One issue with immunizations- new law says administration must follow ACIP recommendations which are different than FDA for adults. In particular, shingles age 60 and pneumococcal 65 and older unless chronic conditions outlined in ACIP. Can cause insurance issues. Another change in the law with NYSIIS reporting requirement so NYSDOH survey asking for pharmacists to report only what they did not report to NYSIIS. This is difficult to do so pharmacies have been seeking guidance from NYSDOH. Request for Board to update its FAQs on new immunization law. Also, a presentation by Jean Moore on workforce issues at 11am on Sept. 21. Larry noted that in California they have started to issue fines for failure to counsel patients.

**C) BNE Update (Sandra Knapp, Debra Hotaling)-** 22,000 practitioners including hospitals based registered and 4,300 pharmacies registered their software; Getting 400,000 e-scripts for controlled substances per month by about 10,000 practitioners. Software must be registered every two years and sooner if major changes in functionality etc. Working on an online registration process for pharmacies. Speaking with MSSNY, ACP, hospital and nursing home associations about readiness. BNE working on waiver request process for prescribers as an online waiver applications (individual, practice or institutional waiver requests) and hoping

to have ready in January 2016. Patient brochure at final stages of approval to be released in next week or two and developing practitioner tip sheets and updating FAQs on website. No clarification on how to handle compounded drugs- discussion internally taking place and includes EPT and what to do if pharmacies do not have drug in stock seeing DEA guidance. Awaiting final MOUs for interconnectivity between NY and other state PMPs including NABP. Approx. 20 states. Compounded FAQ says to monitor BNE's webpage for updates request for BNE guidance to say allowed to use paper script b/c not technically possible awaiting update to NCPDP standards changes in 18 months plus implementation. Suggestion made that Pharmacy Conference members request a meeting with BNE to discuss these issues.

**D) OPWDD Update-** Two pharmacies left with transitioning individuals from institutions to the community setting. Started a centralized pharmacy services program which has shown the strong value of pharmacy services. Saved \$3.95M with 12 pharmacists involved providing services outside dispensing. Looking at savings continuing going forward to the tune of \$1.2 million by April and \$1 million next year. Presented to senior leadership and it was well received. OPWDD will share slides or materials on the program with Associations for use in other venues.

## **VI. Reports by the Colleges**

**A) ACPHS-** accreditation coming up in mid 2016; some staff changes; Katie Cardone discussion on new ASHP's changes to residency accreditation standards for PGY1 and PCY2 programs. The Board shared that there is a waiver for those coming from other states treated PGY1 with reciprocity for PGY2 just need to take MPJE.

**B) D'Youville College-** Founding Dean retired; Assistant Dean appointed and working to fill that position; 75 students admitted; half of last year's graduates left NYS; Sept. 26th helping with a Western NY DEA take back program; Had 100 students, 10 faculty trained recently with naloxone.

**C) St. John Fisher-** Starting an active Dean search in the fall; ACPE accreditation visit in April 2016; Discussing medical marijuana and involvement of pharmacists so looking at integration into curriculum.

**D) University of Buffalo-** over accepted students this year (class of 138). DOH doing naloxone training; working on two hour CE on it; drug disposal and career day Sept 26th; Immunization, MTM and active shooter training for all students; all testing is going to be electronic, eliminates cheating 100% using exam soft. Working with Chinese University to bring students to UB; [pharmacylaw.buffalo.edu](http://pharmacylaw.buffalo.edu) has information for students and community and would be good to be publicized by the Board.

**E) Binghamton University-** Moving rapidly with small team hired to establish the University. Looking for candidates for Chair of Pharmacy Practice. Application going along well for ACPE due in January for pre-candidate status. Building to be finished in 2018, two floors education and two floors research. Located a couple of miles off campus and in process of thinking about having a Health Science campus. Greatly contribute to economic improvement for the region which really needs it with a more skilled workforce. Expecting to have first class of students in 2017.

## **VII. Reports by Associations**

**A) HIMSS-** HIMSS is a technology entity that works to coordinate all vendors and healthcare professionals. Keenly interested in ensuring cyber security and serves on Gov. Cuomo's panel to educate professionals about it. Healthcare breaches often come from within the system unlike other industries. Biggest threats are medical records and hacking into patient information. HIMSS has a number of webinars. [www.himss.org](http://www.himss.org). Helen Figge was appointed HIMSS liaison for Pharmacy Conference. She sent the following link to the NY Chapter for further information and her contact information is below:

<http://nys.himsschapter.org/About/content.aspx?ItemNumber=43005&navItemNumber=6>

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**B) PSSNY-** New ED Kathy Febraio starting Nov. 2nd after over 46 candidates applied; Getting involved with medical marijuana and educating members. January 28th Convention in Saratoga and doing student sponsorship; New Pharmacy Practice Coordinator at PSSNY getting really involved with the students want to have PSSNY chapters at each of the NY Colleges; So much taking place in HC transformation with Medicaid \$8B CMS program- DSRIP. Beyond DSRIP, NYS has a goal of getting to all payments to providers being through value-based payments (80-90%). Key pharmacy recommendations to NYSDOH are: pharmacies need bidirectional comprehensive data sharing; clinical services paid directly by health plans; CDTM; CLIA testing. NYSDOH doing a workforce study and has identified that they strongly need care managers which we believe pharmacists can play a key role with. Recommendation to have HIXNY give a presentation to the Pharmacy Conference and possibly to DOH. Upcoming Board meeting to determine 2016 priorities.

**C) Chain Pharmacy Association-**9/15 CDTM/NYSDOH meeting with State Medicaid Director Jason Helgerson; Update on legislation pending Cuomo's approval (Immunization bill signed, CDTM- signed 9/14/15, MAC appeals, drug disposal program for voluntary participation with controlled substances by pharmacies and opioid tamper resistant drugs- require insurance coverage and reiterate DAW by prescribers if they want tamper resistant drug dispensed); Association's Annual mtg. scheduled for Nov. 10th in Albany. Speakers to include Assemblyman McDonald, Larry Mokhiber and a discussion with the New York Health Plan Association.

**D) NYSCHP-** Pushing for CDTM expansion in 2016; working on CE programming; Tri-state conference next week in Tarrytown; Winter Program in Lake Placid; February/March Pharmacotherapy programs; Also working on reaching areas of the state that have historically not been well represented. Annual Assembly in April/May and will include focused on student programming. There have been concerns raised about restricted Exec Secretary travel which will greatly limit Larry Mokhiber's ability to travel to key Association/professional meetings allowing only 2 trips/year. SED funding for licensure fees are dedicated funds that should only go to professional activities but they are being swept. **Proposal to submit a letter from all members of the Pharmacy Conference to SED to ask that restriction be listed since it hampers ability of all Boards to be able to continue to do the work needed. NYSCHP will draft a sign on letter for Pharmacy Conference members**

**to consider signing.** Question for Larry Mokhiber on medical marijuana. Board invited BNE head to discuss exact requirements on pharmacists with medical marijuana dispensaries at next meeting.

**E) ASCP-Reminder** on October 8th Buffalo NY ASCP meeting- information on meeting sent separately to Conference members on 9/13/15. NY Chapter meeting on Oct. 30th in Las Vegas including national speaker Nicole Brand.

**F) AMCP-** Programs coming up statewide- sent further info. below; Promoting Heads Up take back program; Position different than FDA on biosimilars; NASPA- PBMs and plans not currently permitted to access PMPs so this is proposal to allow for it; ICD 10 could impact how patients get bills paid by insurance companies since this must be used effective Oct. 1st. Below is a summary provided by AMCP following the meeting.

#### **Pharmacy Conference 9/11/15- AMCP Update**

**NASPER (National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Reauthorization Act H.R. 1725)** - Legislature is supported by AMCP. This act is important for decreasing opioid abuse and increasing PBM and Health Plan access to state Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs).

**Biosimilars** – AMCP provided comment to FDA encouraging the use same nonproprietary similar names for both biologics and biosimilars. Below is a link to a court decision resolving patent issues to allow marketing of the first biosimilar.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/09/02/amgen-novartis-patent-idUSL1N1181B020150902>

**Heads Up** - AMCP promotion of national prescription take back program on 9/26/15. Links to local police departments that will be participating can be found by zip code at [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/)

**ICD-10** – Will be required on all Medical claims by insurers for diagnosis codes in order for payment.

**NE AMCP Meeting on PCSK9 Inhibitors for Lipid Management** on 9/17 at 6pm. Register at this link: <http://primeinc.org/29154>. See list of locations below:

(1) **Albany, NY Area:** CDPHP, 500 Patroon Creek Road, Albany, NY 12206 - Patroon Café

(2) **Buffalo, NY Area:** University of Buffalo Center of Excellence 701 Ellicott St., Buffalo, NY (corner of Ellicott St. and Virginia St) 14260 –Conf room B1-306

(3) **CT Area:** St. Joseph University, College of Pharmacy, 1678 Asylum Ave, West Hartford, CT 06117 - Conf room TBD

(4) **Northern New Jersey:** Rutgers University Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, William Levine Hall (Pharmacy Building, Main Floor), 160 Frelinghuysen Road, Piscataway, NJ Pharmacy Bldg Rm 413

(5) **NYC Area, Queens:** St. John's University, College of Pharmacy, 8000 Utopia Parkway, Queens, NY 11439 HERC Conf room

(6) Boston, MA Area: Commonwealth Medicine, UMass Medical School, 333 South Street, Shrewsbury, MA 01545– France Conf room

(7) Philadelphia, PA: University of the Sciences, 600 South 43<sup>rd</sup> St. Philadelphia, PA 19104– Conf room TBD

(8) Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, 3501 Terrace Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261– Conf room TBD

(9) Providence, RI Area: BCBS of RI office building, 500 Exchange Street, Providence, RI 02903 - Conf room TBD

**G) ACCP-**Small organization of clinical pharmacists; Annual meeting Nov. 13th in Albany; Sending brochure out and include webinars; new website and new programs including a member research grant program for clinical programs that help move profession forward including residents and students.