

South Carolina Board of Pharmacy

MINUTES

Board Meeting

8:30 a.m., March 17, 2004

Synergy Business Park

110 Centerview Drive, Kingstree Building, Room 108

Columbia, South Carolina

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Rufus Sadler, R.Ph., Chairman, of Clinton, called the regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy to order at 8:32 a.m. Other members present included: Bobby Bradham, R. Ph., Vice Chairman, of Charleston; David Banks, R.Ph., of Simpsonville; Davis Hook, R. Ph., of West Columbia; Marvin Hyatt, R.Ph., of Rock Hill; Dr. Leo Richardson of Columbia; and Dock Henry Rose, R.Ph., of Greer.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Lee Ann Bundrick, R.Ph., Administrator; Natalie Cobb, Administrative Assistant; Marilyn Crouch, Program Assistant; Eddie Durant, R.Ph., Temporary Investigator; Sally Green, Administrative Assistant; Tom Porter, R.Ph, Inspector; and Ray Trotter, R.Ph Temporary Inspector. LLR employees participating during the meeting included: Randy Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel; LLR-Office of General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; and Pat Hanks, Attorney, LLR-Office of General Counsel.

Members of the public attending the meeting included: Jim Bracewell, Pam Cain, Gary Cacciatore, Stuart Hamilton, Jennifer Jamison, Hugh Mobley, Joe Mullinax, Thomas Phillips, Dean Slade, Debbie Tapley, Dr. Valencia Williams, and Bill Yates

Meeting Called to Order

Mr. Sadler announced that this meeting was being held in accordance with Section 30-4-80 of the S. C. Freedom of Information Act by notice mailed to The State Newspaper, Associated Press, WIS-TV and all other requesting persons, organizations, or news media. In addition, notice was posted on the bulletin boards at the two main entrances of the Kingstree Building.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of Board Members and all other persons attending

The Board members, staff and members of the public attending the meeting introduced themselves for the record.

Chairman's Remarks - Rufus Sadler, Jr., R.Ph.

Mr. Sadler stated that on Sunday, March 14, 2004 60 Minutes produced a segment

regarding the importation of Canadian drugs. He further stated the segment was quite interesting as both sides of the question of importation was presented. He wished that the members could see the segment. He noted he would attempt to provide the members with a printed version of the segment.

Statement of Dr. Mark B. McClellan, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, before the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, March 11, 2004
Mr. Sadler presented the members with copies of Dr. McClellan's statement to the US Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. Dr. McClellan's remarks to the committee were given on March 11, 2004. (This statement is attached and herewith becomes a permanent part of the record retained at the Board office.)

Approval of Minutes for the January 21-22, 2004 Meeting
Mr. Hook noted a change to page of the minutes. He indicated the minutes should reflect that Mr. Hyatt made a motion and also seconded the motion.

Mr. Bradham noted a change to page nine. He indicated the word 'ingest' should be 'digest'.

MOTION

Mr. Bradham moved, that with the corrections, the minutes of the January 21-22, 2004 meeting be approved. Mr. Hook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Sadler turned the meeting over to Mr. Bradham at this time.

Invocation

Mr. Hook delivered the invocation.

Reciprocity:

Approval of Candidates - March 10, 2004

The Board approved the March 10, 2004 reciprocity candidates by unanimous vote.

Volunteers for April 21, 2004 Interviews

Mr. Hyatt and Dr. Richardson volunteered to conduct the reciprocity interviews on April 21, 2004.

Assistant Deputy Director Report - Randall Bryant

Mr. Bryant briefed the Board members on the consolidation of the agency investigators.

MOTION

Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sadler and unanimously carried, to enter executive session.

Return to Public Session

The Board returned to public session at 9:25 a.m.

Administrator's Report - Lee Ann F. Bundrick, R.Ph.

Ms. Bundrick briefed the Board members on staff's activities since the January 2004 Board meeting. During her report, Ms. Bundrick presented the members with a draft copy of the revised Intern Certificate application, which now includes the reciprocity candidates and the foreign graduates. Mr. Bradham suggested adding a space for email addresses.

Ms. Bundrick stated that ballots for the Third Congressional Seat were mailed to all registered pharmacists in that congressional district on January 12, 2004. The candidates running for that seat were Jane Davis, Allen Toole, and Pam Whitmire. She noted that Allen Toole received 111 votes, Pam Whitmire received 84 votes and Jane Davis received 30 votes. She indicated she mailed a letter to Governor Sanford on February 26, 2004 noting the results and the Board's recommendation that the winner of the election be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Ms. Bundrick informed the Board she has been attending subcommittee and full committee meetings regarding the Board's legislation. She further stated H4455, the bill regarding the transfer law. H4720, electronic transmission act was amended to exempt prescription drug order. S828, the technician ratio bill was read for the second time on March 16, 2004 and has been placed on the third reading calendar before the full Senate.

Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel- Sharon Dantzler

There were no advisory opinions given during the March 17, 2004 meeting.

Compliance and Inspectors Report - Sheila Young, R.Ph.

Mr. Eddie Durant briefed the members on the activities of the compliance department since the January 2004 meeting.

A. IRC Recommendations for dismissals and dismissals with non-disciplinary letters of concern. Review of proposed Consent Orders and Stipulations and Petitions from the Investigative Review Committee, (IRC) Pat Hanks, OGC and "C" Turner, R.Ph., IRC - Chairman

· IRC Recommendations (Blinds) Dismissals

Mr. Hanks briefed the Board on the cases recommended for dismissal.

MOTION

Mr. Rose moved the Board accept the recommendation of the IRC. The motion was seconded by Mr. Banks and unanimously carried.

Dismissals with Letters of Concern

Mr. Hanks briefed the Board on the cases recommended for dismissal with letters of concern.

MOTION

Mr. Hyatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Banks and unanimously carried, that the Board accept the IRC's recommendation regarding the cases for dismissal with letters of concern.

Cases for Formal Accusations

Mr. Hanks briefed the Board on the IRC's recommendation regarding three cases, #2003-0165, #2004-0020, and #2004-0018, for formal accusations.

MOTION

Mr. Hook moved the Board accept the IRC's recommendation regarding the cases for formal accusations. Mr. Hyatt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

· Consent Orders

Case #: 2002-0186

Mr. Hanks briefed the Board on this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Rose made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hyatt and unanimously carried, that the Board accept the IRC's recommendation regarding this case.

Case #: 2003-0062

Mr. Hanks briefed the Board on this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Hyatt moved the Board accept the IRC's recommendation on this case. Mr. Hook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Case #: 2003-0073

Mr. Hanks briefed the Board on this matter.

MOTION

Mr. Hyatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, that the Board accept the IRC's recommendation on this matter.

· Temporary Suspensions

Case #: 2004-0009

Mr. Hanks briefed the members on this matter. He indicated this case was being brought before the Board as information.

· Cease and Desist

Case #: 2004-0013

MOTION

Following a brief discussion regarding this case, Mr. Rose moved the Board accept the issuance of the Cease and Desist as presented. Mr. Banks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Request for Approval of Reciprocity Application - Douglas Smith, R.Ph.

Mr. Douglas Smith has submitted an application to become a South Carolina registered pharmacist by reciprocity from the State of Virginia. He successfully passed the MPJE with a score of 86. Staff received notification from Virginia that on September 3, 1983 Mr. Smith entered a consent order, which ordered a civil penalty of \$250.00. The consent order indicated that a routine audit conducted in the pharmacy in which Mr. Smith was the pharmacist in charge (PIC) revealed a number of violations, including a shortage of Schedule II drugs and Schedule III-IV drugs.

Mr. Smith appeared before the Board at this time and answered several questions from the members.

MOTION

Mr. Hook moved the Board grant this request. Mr. Banks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Request for Approval of Reciprocity Application - Don Papier, R.Ph.

Mr. Papier did not appear at this meeting. The Board indicated this matter would not be decided until such time he appears before the Board. His application will not be placed on the agenda until he requests an appearance.

Old Business

B. Request to Accept Practical Hours and Application - Stacy D. Brown

Dr. Stacy D. Brown, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, The Citadel, submitted an application for the examination, however, the application was returned to her and she was informed the application was incomplete. Dr. Brown stated she noted her experience as a pharmacy technician in Tennessee under the 'Practical Experience' section of the application; however, she was unsure where to place her experience under the supervision of licensed pharmacists at the University of Georgia where she taught pharmacy skills lab for first- and second-year PharmD students. She did not receive any clerkships or rotations because she pursued a Ph.D. at the University of Georgia. She worked for several months with Noramco (a pharmaceutical manufacturer), which was not approved as an official 'rotation' because she was not in the degree program that required as such. She is seeking the Board's decision regarding her eligibility for pharmacy licensure by examination.

Dr. Brown appeared before the Board during the November 19, 2003 meeting at which time the Board suggested she provide further documentation regarding her practical experience and bring her request to the Board in January 2004. Dr. Brown testified that she did not have a Pharm.D. degree and submitted her transcript from the University of Georgia which detailed the course of study for her PhD.

Dr. Brown has written a letter, dated January 12, 2004, to the Board which states that since her training for a Ph.D. did not include any practical (non-classroom) training to prepare her for a pharmacy license, she has decided not to pursue re request to receive

credit for any of the internship hours based on her acquired experience. She has received guidance from some of her colleagues from UGA who do not feel that she should or would be granted retroactive internship credit for her teaching or research responsibilities with UGA or Johnson & Johnson. She will be completing the required 1,500 hours of internship in accordance with the statute and will not be asking the Board to approve any internship to date. She is, however, asking the Board to allow her to pursue licensure as a pharmacist.

Dr. Brown has also submitted letters of support from David Thompson, DPh., Raymond Laughters, DPh., and Michael West, DPh.; a Letter of Certification from the University of Georgia; and her application for licensure.

Dr. Stacy Brown appeared before the Board at this time. She answered several questions from the Board regarding courses she took during college while pursuing her PhD in pharmacy.

MOTION

Mr. Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rose and unanimously carried, that the Board deny this request.

C. Request for Exemption on Requiring the Approved Therapeutic Drug Evaluation Bioequivalencies in Pharmacies - SC Methadone Treatment Center, Greenville and Columbia Metro Treatment Center, Columbia

In December 2003 Mr. Dick Wogon, R.Ph, had written the Board a request for reference exemption of approved drug products with therapeutic drug evaluation equivalents for the York County Treatment Center, which is located in York. He appeared at the January 21, 2003 meeting at which time the Board the request for this one facility.

Mr. Wogon is now requesting (in a letter dated February 18, 2004) the reference exemption of approved drug products with therapeutic drug evaluation equivalents for the Greenville Methadone Treatment Center, located in Greenville and the Columbia Metro Treatment Center, located in Columbia.

MOTION

Mr. Hyatt moved the Board grant this request. Mr. Hook seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

D. Request for Approval of Remote Facilities - Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, Inc.- Dean Slade and Davis Hook, R.Ph.

On November 4, 2003 the Board received a letter from Mr. Dean Slade, Director of Grants Management and Strategic Planning of the Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers, Inc. indicating that the Cooperative Health Centers operates a 340B pharmacy out of their Sterling Sharpe Pediatric facility on Monticello Road, in Columbia, and that as a 340B pharmacy they are only allowed to service the needs of their patients. The letter goes on to say that in January 2004 the Cooperative Health Centers would have nine

remote facilities in Richland, Lexington and Kershaw counties serving 30,000 patients. The Cooperative Health Centers has determined that the Automated Drug Dispensing Systems (ADDS) would be a good solution for the community and their patients. Cooperative Health Centers has developed policies and procedures from those of an approved community health center located in the State of Washington. The Cooperative Health Centers, Inc. is asking the Board to review and approve the ADDS proposal and the policies and procedures as submitted.

Dean Slade, Stuart Hamilton, Bob Pavlasky and Dr. Valencia Williams appeared before the Board and made a presentation regarding the ADDS system and a proposed Telepharmacy Solutions program during the January 21, 2004 meeting.

During that meeting Mr. Bradham questioned items on the HHS document as well as a document dated November 3, 2003, signed by Mr. Slade.

Also during that meeting the Board and staff raised the following concerns:

1. According to the HHS News document the process may end at this point, or the patient may use videoconferencing equipment to receive counseling on proper usage from the pharmacist at the central facility.
2. Throughout the policies 'the provider' is noted during dispensing, labeling, and consulting. The Board states that this must be a PHARMACIST.
3. The Inventory Maintenance Policy indicates the technician would procure the medications and quantities from repackaged stock located in inventory; however, it was noted that a pharmacist would be filling the prescriptions. The document should be modified to reflect that a pharmacist would be filling the prescriptions.
4. The Inventory Maintenance Policy indicates a clinic staff member will check the medication to verify it will be replaced in the ADDS System. The document should be modified to reflect a pharmacist would be checking the medications.
5. The ADDS documentation indicates that the system has been inspected by a Board of Pharmacy inspector and approved. Who has approved the system?

It was noted that the technicians should be clarified as certified technicians during the document modification.

During the January 2004 meeting the Board voted to allow Mr. Hook to volunteer to work with the Cooperative Health Centers to modify the policies and procedures for presentation at the March 2004 meeting.

A report from Mr. Hook and additional information, provided by the staff, were presented to the Board members for their review.

Mr. Hook stated this health facility is a federally qualified community health center, which means the facility has been approved under federal regulations to provide services to an under-served community. He further stated it is also a non-profit organization, which

means they can purchase drugs with a discount of approximately 45% average of the average wholesale price. These drugs can only be used on their patients. He said that the facility is asking for the Board's approval on an innovative idea that has been utilized in the State of Washington, California, Iowa and Minnesota. He noted that staff has contacted the Administrator of the Washington Board of Pharmacy who indicated the Board has been very pleased with the program.

Dean Slade, Stuart Hamilton, and Dr. Valencia Williams appeared before the Board at this time and answered several questions from the Board. It was noted that during the first year that the facilities would include the primary site and three ancillary sites, followed by three ancillary sites during the second year, and three ancillary sites during the third year. Mr. Slade stated that the request includes having a pharmacist to serve as a PIC at the primary site and two ancillary sites. Additional pharmacists would be hired during the second and third years.

Ms. Bundrick stated the Board would have to determine if the program would be approved as a pilot project and how often the facilities would be inspected.

MOTION

Mr. Hook moved the Board approve a pilot program for Eau Claire Cooperative Health Centers so long as it operates as a 340(B) program, to operate one primary and three ancillary sites through December 31, 2005. Inspection of the sites will be done quarterly during the first year and every six months thereafter. The operations will be limited to the procedures stated in the application, particularly the requirement that only certified pharmacy technicians will bar code and assist in dispensing. Mr. Banks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

E. "Karon's Law" - Ohio House Bill #221- Board's Position

During the January 21, 2004 the Board members were presented with a copy of Ohio House Bill #221, "Karon's Law", which is an act that would establish a drug repository program to accept and dispense donated prescription drugs under the direction of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy.

At that time Mr. Bradham noted the law is for free medication for the uninsured or for those individuals who have no access to medication. He feels it is not appropriate for South Carolina since the State has the free clinics.

Also during that meeting Ms. Bundrick informed the Board that Representative Gary Smith was interested in introducing this bill in South Carolina. She further stated she received a call from Mary Denis Cauthen regarding the Board's position on a possible bill. She noted that she informed Ms. Cauthen that the Board has the same concerns with the bill as the Board did with the long-term care repackaging issue.

Ms. Bundrick has drafted a letter (dated March 11, 2004) to Ms. Cauthen informing her of the Board's opposition to the bill. She noted in the letter that the Board's opinion is that the in the State of South Carolina the healthcare of the indigent population is being

managed by hospitals and free medical clinics, which are under the jurisdiction of the Board. She also noted in the letter that to implement such a program as suggested by "Karon's" Law would be very costly to the Board.

Ms. Bundrick is asking for the Board's approval on the letter since it the Board's opinion. She noted that Gary Smith is interested in introducing the legislation, however, he has not yet done so. She indicated Representative Smith would begin having meetings regarding this issue later this year.

MOTION

Mr. Bradham moved the Board approve the letter and the stance it presents as the Board's position. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

New Business

F. MUSC Petition to Amend Current MOA on January 22, 2001- Paul Bush, PharmD

Mr. Bradham recused himself from participating in the discussion and vote in this matter as this is the entity where he is employed. He turned the meeting over to Mr. Sadler at this time. Mr. Bradham remained in the room should the Board have questions.

Ms. Bundrick stated that MUSC appeared the Board several years asking the Board to review how they permit facilities at MUSC and how one pharmacy permit could entail drug outlets under it to operate. She understands they have a new facility, East Cooper, and that MUSC would like for this facility to operate under the same auspice as the other clinics. She noted that MUSC would have to amend the agreement with the Board since it would be an additional facility. She indicated that Mr. Paul Bush was unable to attend the meeting and deferred questions to Mr. Bradham.

Mr. Hook stated that he had been appointed to a task force to visit a facility in 2000 dealing with the same issue. He further stated that since he has no institutional experience he requested that a hospital pharmacist visit the facility with him for assistance and advice in that matter. He indicated they visited all of the facilities and made a recommendation to the Board. He noted that at time, with the advice of the hospital pharmacist in the area, the recommendation was to have a primary pharmacy located on one floor of a primary building servicing clinic sites throughout the building.

Mr. Bradham stated the building is three stories that was built last year and adjoins the East Cooper facility. A pharmacy has been set up on the third floor for the day treatment of cancer patients. The other two floors are offices of private physicians. Inspections are conducted every month for various items. There would be no dispensing of the drugs as all medications would come from MUSC's distribution center.

MOTION

Mr. Hyatt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hook and unanimously carried, to approve this request.

Mr. Sadler turned the meeting back over to Mr. Bradham at this time.

G. SC Pharmacy Association Annual Convention June 24-27, 2004 - Annual Report
Four Board members will be attending the meeting and one of these members would be giving the annual report.

H. Board's Comments on Off-Patent Medications and the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act

The Board received a letter from NABP, dated March 5, 2004 regarding an Invitation to Comment: Off-patent Medications and the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act. The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development is requesting written comments and information on off-patent medications used by children. In 2002 Congress enact the Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA) to address the lack of information and studies of prescription drug use, efficacy, and safety in children.

Mr. Bradham stated one of the intents of the comments is that there are so many medications that have directions for children 12 and over that used by 12 and under that they are requesting that the packages contain directions for children 12 and under.

Ms. Dantzler stated they also are asking for antidote case data concerning bad reactions with these drugs.

MOTION

Mr. Bradham moved the Board endorse or encourage more packagers of all patented medication have better packaging information for use by children. Discussion ensued.

I. District III Resolution - Florida Board of Pharmacy Full Member of NABP

A letter from NABP, dated March 8, 2004, indicates that the NABP Executive Committee has been studying recent legislative changes in the licensure requirements of California and Florida and the effect of such changes on their current status of Associate members to NABP. The Executive Committee has determined that in both states the legislative changes allow California and Florida to substantially comply with the requirements for qualification as active members of NABP.

During discussion regarding this issue it was noted that in the past, Florida and California have been states in which pharmacists cannot obtain reciprocity. The Florida the Board of Pharmacy, introduced legislation regarding reciprocity, which the Florida legislature amended to state that pharmacists who have not taken the MPJE in the last 12 years cannot obtain licensure by reciprocity.

MOTION

Mr. Banks moved the Board accept Florida as a full NABP member. Mr. Hook seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The motion did not carry as Mr. Banks was the only member voting in favor of the motion. Dr. Richardson abstained from voting.

Lunch

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m. and returned to public session at 2:15 p.m.

Return to Public Session

Committee Reports

Immunization Task Force - Marvin Hyatt, R.Ph. and Henry Rose, R.Ph.

Ms. Cobb stated the immunization task force has not yet met; however, the committee has been involved in several activities with the SC Coalition on Older Adult Immunization. She briefed the Board on the Coalition's March 9, 2004 meeting. She noted that the Coalition's next big project for the fall is the Vaccinate & Vote program, which is a collaborative effort with the Coalition's membership organizations to provide vaccines at voting precincts on Election Day. DHEC nurses and other volunteering entities would set up clinic sites at polls. This project is modeled after a Virginia project from last year. It was noted during the meeting that over 800 individuals were immunized at one precinct and that more than 20% of those were Medicare recipients. (This report is herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of this record retained at the Board's office.)

Pharmacy Technology Committee - Terry Lewis, R.Ph. and David Banks, R.Ph.

Mr. Lewis stated the committee has been producing several modifications to electronic prescribing. He indicated the entities involved have come to an agreement on the wording and that legislation would be introduced next year. He indicated the Board must approve sending a letter to Cardinal Rx regarding approval to allow them to have a pharmacy that would provide services in a hospital.

MOTION

The committee made a motion the Board approve:

That Cardinal RX obtain a non-resident pharmacy permit and all pharmacists providing services in a facility within South Carolina must obtain a South Carolina registered pharmacist license and abide by all state and federal laws.

Gary Cacciatore, of Cardinal Rx, appeared before the Board at this time and made a presentation on this motion.

Since the motion came from committee, no second is needed. Following some discussion on this matter the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lewis stated that McLeod Medical Center made a presentation during the February 2004 committee meeting regarding pharmacies in the area receiving faxed prescriptions from McLeod Medical Center. The committee feels that prescriptions are being sent by computer fax to the pharmacies. The committee would like to send a letter regarding this matter.

Mr. Banks stated the committee overwhelmingly agreed that a faxed prescription was easier to read than a handwritten prescription.

The Board voted unanimously to send a letter to McLeod Medical Center regarding the

faxed prescription.

Mr. Lewis stated the committee wanted to send a letter to Mr. Erickson regarding the status of the Pyxis Envoy request. Ms. Bundrick stated the individual is no longer employed at the facility so the proposal must be withdrawn.

(The committee minutes are herewith attached and becomes a permanent part of this record retained at the Board's office.)

Recovering Professional Program - Leo Richardson, Ph.D.

Dr. Richardson stated the committee has not met, however, there are concerns the Board must discuss in executive session.

Compounding Task Force - Davis Hook, R.Ph. and Dock H. Rose, R.Ph.

Mr. Hook stated Mr. Hugh Mobley just returned from a conference held in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mr. Mobley appeared before the Board at this time and briefed the Board on the eight-hour seminar conducted in Las Vegas regarding USP 797.

Mr. Hook presented the members with copies of the minutes from the March 12, 2004 meeting of the Compounding Task Force. (These minutes are herewith attached and become a permanent part of the record retained at the Board's office.)

MOTION

The committee made a motion that the Board approve the following policy:

"A facility which is permitted by the Board of Pharmacy for sterile product compounding should meet the intent and guidelines of the USP by the permit renewal period beginning January 2005 by obtaining accreditation from an organization approved by the Board and/or giving evidence of personnel training, facility and equipment maintenance, and product testing and validation. Policies and procedures as well as logs and other documentation should be maintained by the facility to support compliance with the level of product compounding performed. In lieu of compliance by the date above, a facility may propose a written plan of action for compliance and be subject to re-inspection on an individual basis."

Since the motion came from a committee, no second was needed. The motion carried unanimously.

Durable Medical Equipment (DME) - Hugh Mobley, R.Ph.

Mr. Mobley had no report.

Nuclear Pharmacy Committee - Dock Henry Rose, R.Ph.

Mr. Rose stated the committee would be meeting shortly.

Pharmacy Technician - Davis Hook, R.Ph.

Mr. Hook had no report.

Legislative - Bobby Bradham, R.Ph.

Mr. Bradham stated that staff sends reports to him and he in turn forwards them to the committee members via email to the seven committee members who have e-mail addresses and the materials are faxed to the eighth member. He noted that James Hodges has been added to the committee.

Medication Errors - Rufus Sadler, R.Ph.

Mr. Sadler had a stack of illegal pre-printed prescriptions. He further stated he understands that if Medicaid audits a pharmacy with such prescriptions then they would cease all funding on the cost of Medicaid prescriptions.

Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) - Marvin Hyatt, R.Ph.

Mr. Hyatt had no report.

Free Medical Clinic Task Force - Bobby Bradham, R.Ph. and Leo Richardson, Ph.D.

Mr. Bradham stated that this report was given this morning.

NABP/AACP District III Planning Committee

Ms. Bundrick had no report.

Detention Center Committee - Bobby Bradham, R.Ph.

Mr. Bradham stated Ms. Bundrick and Mr. Durant mentioned this committee in their reports earlier in the meeting. He noted the committee met during February 2004 in Charleston. Of the 97 of the 74 entities involved are not currently permitted by the Board. He further stated the annual meeting would be held March 28-31 in Myrtle Beach. Ms. Bundrick stated she and Ms. Young would be meeting with the Board of Directors and following that meeting a one-day seminar would be held in Columbia or Sumter to further discuss this matter.

Mr. Lewis stated he has received information from Merck-Medco urging patients to use mail order under the State Health Plan. He asked that the PBM committee review this issue.

MOTION

Dr. Richardson moved the Board enter executive session to discuss the RPP program. Mr. Rose seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Return to Public Session

Mr. Bradham noted for the record that no motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Intern application

Mr. Bradham stated staff is recommending the revised application be approved.

MOTION

Mr. Hyatt moved to accept the form. Mr. Banks seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Public Comments

There were no public comments given during the March 17, 2004 meeting.

MOTION

Mr. Hook stated the Board should give commendation to the staff for their efforts. Mr. Bradham seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.