

(DRAFT/UNAPPROVED)

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS REGARDING
ALLOWANCE FOR CENTRALIZED WAREHOUSER OR WHOLESALE
DISTRIBUTOR TO VERIFY SCHEDULE VI DRUGS FOR AUTOMATED DISPENSING
DEVICES IN HOSPITALS AND
PROPOSED REGULATIONS FOR 2022 LEGISLATION REGARDING
PHARMACISTS INITIATING TREATMENT**

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Department of Health Professions
Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: A full board meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM.

PRESIDING: Dale St. Clair, PharmD, Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cheri Garvin, RPh, Vice Chairman
Shannon Dowdy, PharmD
Michelle Hoffer, JD
Larry Kocot, JD
Wendy Nash, PharmD
Kristopher Ratliff, DPh
Patricia Richards-Spruill, RPh
Ling Yuan, PharmD

MEMBER ABSENT: Sarah Melton, PharmD

STAFF PRESENT: Caroline Juran, RPh, Executive Director
James Rutkowski, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Erin Barrett, JD, DHP Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs
James Jenkins Jr., RN, DHP Deputy Director
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant
Beth O'Halloran, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Ellen Shinaberry, PharmD, Deputy Executive Director
Ryan Logan, RPh, Deputy Executive Director
Annette Kelley, MS, CSAC, Deputy Executive Director

QUORUM: With 9 members present, a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The Chairman indicated the public hearing is being held to consider the following proposed regulations:

- Allowance for centralized warehouse and wholesale distributor to verify Schedule VI drugs for automated dispensing devices in hospitals, and
- 2022 legislation regarding pharmacist initiating treatment.

Natalie Nguyen, PharmD, MSHA, President of Virginia Society of Health-System Pharmacists provided comment consistent with written comment that was provided to the board as a handout. VSHP requested the board amend the proposed regulation regarding allowances for centralized warehouse or wholesale distributor to verify Schedule VI drugs for automated dispensing devices in hospitals as scanning each unit dose is not feasible at the time of restocking within automated dispensing devices. They support scanning one unit dose from the group of doses needed and visually inspecting the remaining doses.

Pharmacist Gill Abernathy provided public comment in support of VSHP's comment regarding the scanning of units.

Pharmacist Courtney Fuller provided public comment in support of VSHP's comment regarding the scanning of units. Dr. Fuller also requested an allowance for pharmacists to provide digital signatures and she recommended establishing a threshold of 90% for barcode scanning.

No comments were offered regarding the proposed regulations for 2022 legislation regarding pharmacist initiating treatment.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

9:12 AM

Caroline Juran, RPh
Executive Director

DATE: