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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF INNOVATIVE
PILOT APPLICATION**

March 11, 2014
Second Floor
Board Room 4

Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 1:10PM.

PRESIDING: Ellen Shinaberry, Committee Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT: Empsy Munden

STAFF PRESENT: Caroline D. Juran, Executive Director
J. Samuel Johnson, Jr., Deputy Executive Director

ALIXARX: R. Blake Griese, Assistant General Counsel – Pharmacy for AlixaRx, Joseph F. DiNinno, Pharmacy Supervisor, and Albert Barber, Director, Pharmacy Services for AlixaRx, were present to discuss the application received on January 21, 2014 for approval of an innovative (pilot) program wherein AlixaRx intends to use its regional hub pharmacy in Bridgeville, PA to service automated drug dispensing systems in the Golden Living long term care facilities (LTCF) located in Virginia. Orders will be reviewed by a pharmacist at the pharmacy; the pharmacist will release the order to the automated drug dispensing system at the LTCF. The drug dispensing system will dispense medications in patient-specific packets. Individually bar-coded canisters for the dispensing systems will be repackaged at the pharmacy located in Bridgeville, PA. A pharmacy technician will load the canisters into the dispensing systems; a pharmacist can electronically supervise this process. A waiver of certain requirements within the following regulations would be necessary: requirement for unit dose or unit of use packaging in 18VAC110-20-555 (4); requirement for pharmacist final verification of dispensed product in 18VAC110-20-270 C; requirement for signature on delivery record in 18VAC110-20-555 (7); requirement for who may serve as responsible party in 18VAC110-20-690 C; and, certain auditing requirements of 18VAC110-20-490.

CLOSED MEETING: Upon a motion by Ms. Munden, and duly seconded by Ms. Shinaberry, the Committee unanimously voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of briefing by staff members pertaining to probable litigation and to act upon the application for approval of an Innovative (pilot) program for the use of Benefits of Remote Automation in the Skilled Nursing Facility Setting by AlixaRx. Additionally, she moved that Caroline D. Juran and J. Samuel Johnson, Jr. attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee

in its deliberations.

RECONVENE:

Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed meeting met the requirements of §2.2-3711 of the Code, the Committee re-convened in open meeting and announced the decision.

DECISION:

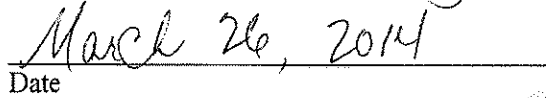
After consideration of the application and statements concerning the innovative (pilot) program, Ms. Shinaberry stated the Committee shall offer a consent order that approves the innovative (pilot) program for a period of 18 months from the date of implementation by AlixaRx with terms and conditions.

ADJOURN:

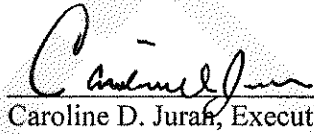
With all business concluded, the meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.



Ellen Shinaberry, Committee Chairman



Date



Caroline D. Jurak, Executive Director



Date

