

FINAL/APPROVED

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF STATEWIDE PROTOCOL WORK GROUP**

Friday, August 28, 2026

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

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of a work group created to discuss and review statewide protocols regarding the treatment of certain conditions was called to order at 1:05 PM.

PRESIDING: **Shannon Dowdy**, PharmD, Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: **Jay Agarwal**, RPh, Virginia Board of Pharmacy
David Christian, RPh, Virginia Board of Medicine
William Hutchens, MD, Virginia Board of Medicine (via Teams)
Krishna Madiraju, MD, Virginia Board of Medicine
Jade Ranger, PharmD, Virginia Board of Pharmacy
Stephanie Wheawill, PharmD, Virginia Department of Health

STAFF PRESENT: **Erin Barrett**, JD, Director of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs, DHP
Sorayah Haden, Executive Assistant, Virginia Board of Pharmacy
William Harp, MD, Executive Director, Virginia Board of Medicine
Caroline Juran, RPh, Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy

QUORUM: With all members of the work group present, a quorum was established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comment was provided.

REVIEW OF CURRENT STATEWIDE PROTOCOLS The work group reviewed and discussed the current statewide protocols regarding the treatment of certain diseases and provided suggested amendments.

MOTION: **The work group voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Pharmacy that it amend the statewide protocols as follows:**

- **Create a standardized appendix for each statewide protocol, except for the Prenatal Vitamin and Tobacco Cessation protocols, by moving any patient assessment forms to the newly created appendix that is uniform in appearance but specific to the medical**

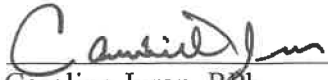
condition. Pages 16-17 of the agenda packet should be used as a model. Add statement in all protocols to clarify that all information requested on the patient assessment forms must be collected, but that the creation of an electronic version is acceptable. (motion by Christian, seconded by Wheawill)

- No changes were recommended for the Emergency Contraception protocol.
- Combine the Covid-19, Strep, and Influenza statewide protocols into one protocol. (motion by Christian, seconded by Madiraju)
- Regarding the Influenza protocol, insert ability to initiate prophylaxis treatment but only for persons present who are high-risk according to the CDC with a negative test result. Insert CDC high-risk language into the counseling section. (motion by Wheawill, seconded by Christian).
- No changes were recommended for the HIV PrEP statewide protocol.
- Regarding the Hormonal Contraception protocol, on page 44 of the agenda packet, in 5a), strike “at patient’s pharmacy of choice.” (motion by Agarwal, seconded by Ranger)
- Regarding the Lowering Out of Pocket Expenses, on page 54, under the section “Examples of Included Devices and Controlled Paraphernalia” after “protocols include” insert “, but not limited to”. (motion by Agarwal, seconded by Ranger)
- Regarding the Naloxone or Other Opioid Antagonist protocol that is legally restricted to ages 18+, insert statement to remind pharmacists that they may dispense this product to persons of any age pursuant to the Health Commissioner’s current standing order. (motion by Madiraju, seconded by Christian)
- In the Naloxone protocol, strike the second bullet under the patient exclusion criteria. (motion by Agarwal, seconded by Ranger)
- Regarding the HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP), Dr. Wheawill will send updated language based on CDC best practices that includes the new one-pill formulation to Ms. Juran who will share electronically with the work group. (motion by Agarwal, seconded by Ranger)
- No changes were offered for the Prenatal Vitamin protocol.
- Regarding the Tuberculin Skin-Testing One Step and Two Step protocols, Ms. Juran will confirm with board counsel and VDH if it is within a pharmacist’s scope of practice to report that a test is not indicated. Under exclusion criteria, insert less than 18 years of age. (motion by Ranger, seconded by Christian)
- No changes were recommended for the Tobacco Cessation, UTI, Epinephrine, and Vaccine protocols.

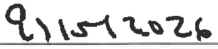
MEETING ADJOURNED:

Having completed all business on the agenda, the work group adjourned at

3:20 PM.

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Caroline Juran, RPh
Executive Director

A handwritten date '9/15/2026' in dark ink, written over a horizontal line.

DATE:

