

JANUARY 2-4, 2006

RADISSON HOTEL

FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA

The meeting was called to order by President Rick L. Detwiller on Monday, January 2, 2006 at 5:00 PM Room 1206 in the Radisson Hotel in Fargo, North Dakota. Present were: Rick L. Detwiller, R.Ph. - Gary W. Dewhirst, R.Ph – Dewey Schlittenhard, R.Ph. – Bonnie J. Thom, R.Ph. – Laurel Haroldson, R.Ph. and Executive Director Howard C. Anderson, Jr, R.Ph.

The Agenda was reviewed and **it was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Schlittenhard to approve the Agenda, with two additions, 1) a request for a Subclass K Pharmacy Permit by the Garrison Hospital Pharmacy and 2) a remodeling request by the St. Alexius Community Pharmacy in the St. Alexius Medical Center in Bismarck.** All board members voted aye – the Agenda was approved as amended.

After review of the minutes, **it was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to approve the minutes of August 25, 2005 – September 8, 2005 and October 11, 2005 as printed.** All board member voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to grant Lifetime Certificates of Licensure to:

#2262 Clyde A. Chappel, R.Ph.
27421 Cedarhome Drive NW
Stanwood WA 98292-7491

#2265 Odell W Krohn, R.Ph.
936 Franklin Ave
Harvey ND 58341-1916

#2266 Francis J. LaChance
6812 Drew Ave N
Minneapolis MN 55429-1878

#2267 Richmond H Lapp, R.Ph.
1467 Hill Ave
Grafton ND 58237-1853

#2277 Jerry A. Claffy, R.Ph.
1856 17½ St NW
Rochester MN 55901-1615

#2278 William R. Hoel, R.Ph.
39753 Apple Valley Road
Ortonville MN 56278-9604

#2279 Percy E Jolstad, R.Ph.
2015 Paseo Del Oro
Colorado Springs CO 80904-1689

#2280 David Kretchman, R.Ph.
8780 Woodbridge Drive
Greendale WI 53129-1087

All board members voted aye – the motion carried.

Board members then signed original licenses for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians for future use by the office.

President Detwiller then appointed Pharmacist Dewhirst and Pharmacist Thom to review the paid invoices.

The meeting was recessed at 6:00 PM and then called back to order at 6:30 PM for a working dinner with the Technician Advisory Committee. Attending the dinner with the Members of the Board of Pharmacy were Technician Program Director Kenneth

Strandberg, RPh – Assistant Director Barbara Lacher and Technician Melissa Healy, past President of the North Dakota Association of Pharmacy Technicians. Jeannette Bleecker, current NAPT President and Brittany Muchow, current Secretary/Treasurer had been invited, but were unable to attend. During dinner, a request for Continuing Education from Technician Stacey Thelen for a program on Medical Billing was reviewed. **It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to refer the request to Assistant Program Director Barbara Lacher for a decision and response to Technician Thelen.** All board member voted aye – the motion carried.

Ken Strandberg then asked for the Board's financial support to facilitate the Pharmacy Technician Program coming into compliance with educating the student technicians on 797 USP Requirements for sterile products.

It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to provide a \$6,000.00 Educational Grant to facilitate the Technician Program's teaching of USP 797 Sterile Products Requirements. On a roll call vote Rick L. Detwiller, R.Ph. – Yes Gary W. Dewhirst, R.Ph – Yes Dewey Schlittenhard, R.Ph. – Yes Bonnie J. Thom, R.Ph.– Yes Laurel Haroldson, R.Ph.- Yes Nays – none The motion carried unanimously and the \$6,000 will be added into our current Budget.

Other items discussed at the dinner included the transition of Pharmacy Technician courses to internet-based courses with Director Strandberg pointing out that these courses would be available to anyone in the state and elsewhere where they can work off their computer. Barb Lacher would arrange rotations for Hospital and Community Pharmacy internships in addition to the internet-based courses. Director Strandberg and Assistant Director Lacher talked about the recent American Society of Health Systems Pharmacists (ASHP) accreditation visit, which furnished good reviews of the Technician Program. There was discussion of the Continuing Education audit requirements and the fact that the Board had made the decision to suspend any technician or pharmacist who did not have their Continuing Education Completed by the renewal date of March 1, 2006.

President Detwiller recessed the working dinner meeting, thanking Program Director Strandberg, Assistant Director Lacher and Technician Melissa Healy for their attendance and input .

Tuesday January 3, 2006 - The Board Members met in the Passages Café at 7:30 AM for a working breakfast. Activities of the day were discussed.

Back in Room 1206, at 9:00 AM the board met for the purpose of discussing with Technician-In-Training Sheila Howes, her request for Registration as a Pharmacy Technician, with waiver of her hospital based internship. Technician Program Director Kenneth Strandberg and Assistant Director Barbara Lacher were available for questions. Since Ms. Howes was not present (it was later learned that she thought the meeting was at 9:00 on Wednesday Morning) we rescheduled her for that time. Program Director Strandberg and Assistant Director Lacher commented that they had been in several sensitive discussions

with Ms. Howes, who had attempted, on three different occasions, to complete her hospital internship rotation. But, she could not complete the rotation because of lack of attendance. There were some indications from Ms Howes that she had some medical problems, which might have affected her ability to attend. Director Strandberg indicated that he had discussed this with the Dean in Wahpeton and that they would allow her to take one more attempt to complete the hospital based internship rotation, should she demonstrate any problems that she had were now under treatment, and that she had some good work experience during the intervening time period. **It was moved by Pharmacist Schlittenhard and seconded by Pharmacist Dewhirst that Sheila Howes's registration as a Technician-In-Training would expire in May 2006, unless she contacts us before that time, with a plan for completion of her hospital based internship rotation. All board members voted aye – the motion carried.**

At 9:30 AM the Board met with 4th year PharmD Student Intern Michelle Gail. Ms. Gail had recently received a DUI conviction. She explained to the Board Members that this was a one-time family issue and that she would not violate the trust of the profession of pharmacy again. She said she felt very badly about the incident and that she had a lot of respect for the profession of pharmacy. She did have a copy of her evaluation with the counselor, which indicated that she did not have a diagnosis for Alcohol addiction or dependency. The Board discussed with Ms Gail, that we would look forward to seeing her at the May Board Examinations and trust that there would be no intervening problems related to alcohol. She assured the Board that would be the case.

President Detwiller resumed with the agenda.

It was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to grant a SubClass K Telepharmacy Permit to Ye Olde Medicine Center in Cavalier – with the language that this Subclass requires 32 hours a week of pharmacist services, or two-thirds of the hours the pharmacy is open, whichever is greater. A Class A Pharmacy Permit with a Subclass K cannot be operated, except, under these circumstances. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Thom to grant a Subclass K Pharmacy Permit to Ye Olde Medicine Center in Park River, connecting it to the pharmacy in Cavalier. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Schlittenhard to approve the floor plans for a Telepharmacy to be located at the Coal Country Community Health Center in Center, North Dakota. This telepharmacy is being granted a variance, as the space requirements comprise approximately 500 square feet within the Clinic building in Center. The Pharmacy will have very little drug store merchandise and the initial clinic business is anticipated to be quite small. Also, to grant a Class K Telepharmacy Pharmacy Permit to Health Center Pharmacy in Center. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Schlittenhard to grant a Subclass K Permit to Beulah Drug Company to connect it to Health Center Pharmacy. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to approve the floor plans for a Telepharmacy to be located at 340 Main Street in Arthur, North Dakota. Also, to grant a Class K Telepharmacy Pharmacy Permit to Arthur Drug and a Subclass K to Casselton Drug Inc. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

Floor plans for relocation/remodeling of Holiday Professional Pharmacy within the grocery store were reviewed. **It was moved by Pharmacist Schlittenhard and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to approve the relocation/remodeling of Holiday Professional Pharmacy, 1140 Expressway Ave in Bismarck, as this was an improvement and a movement towards the pharmacy standards, although 792 square feet is available at this time. However, this is an improvement for Holiday Professional Pharmacy.** All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

The Board then addressed an allegation from Methapharm relative to inappropriately compounding of methacholine chloride by two North Dakota Pharmacies, namely Dakota Precision Rx and MeritCare Hospital Pharmacy.

The Board reviewed a letter from Rick Boehm, Pharmacist-In-Charge of Dakota Precision Rx Inc in Bismarck, a 797 Compliant Sterile Product Pharmacy. In conversations with Executive Director Anderson in the Board Office, Pharmacist Boehm indicated that he prepared the methacholine at the request of Dr. Mendoza of the PNEUMOS Clinic for administration to his patients. This was prepared at Dr. Mendoza's request in a 30mg strength under sterile techniques described by Pharmacist Boehm, as the careful removal of the dry product, without disturbing the nitrogen desiccant in the container, the product was weighed and diluted. The original container from which the methacholine was taken replaced within the nitrogen container with a special tool. Pharmacist Boehm provided Executive Director Anderson a copy of his Policy & Procedures and Sterile Product Techniques .

The Board reviewed a letter from Robert Bieberdorf, Pharmacist-In-Charge of MeritCare Hospital Pharmacy and since Pharmacist. Bieberdorf was in attendance, he answered questions from the Board Members. He was asked about the strengths of methacholine that MeritCare prepares. Dr. Bieberdorf indicated that they purchased the USP methacholine from Spectrum and that this was prepared in 5mg and 25mg strengths in their USP 797 Level 3 Compliant Pharmacy, at the request of their physician group. The physician group had reviewed the procedures and necessity for providing the methacholine. Since the methacholine from Methapharm would have to be prepared from 100mg vials, the pharmacy and physicians felt that the preparation of this product for administration by the physicians, was best done by the pharmacy, under their sterile product guidelines. The dilution of the 100mg methacholine vials from Methapharm in the

physician's office was not determined to be an adequate procedure for the patient's safety at MeritCare.

It was moved by Pharmacist Schlittenhard and seconded by Pharmacist Dewhirst that Executive Director Anderson prepare a letter of response to Methapharm's allegations, sighting the findings of the Board. The findings being that the methacholine preparations by both Dakota Precision Rx and MeritCare Hospital Pharmacy was clearly within the guidelines of the ND State Board of Pharmacy's Rules for Compounding. That it was prepared specifically at a physician's request for administration by them to their patients in the methacholine challenge test, that the methacholine product, which was used by both the pharmacies, appeared to be of the proper quality for compounding procedures and that the procedures employed by the pharmacies were superior to preparation of the methacholine in the physician's office. The fact that each of these pharmacies used methacholine obtained from other sources than Methapharm, did not appear to diminish the safety or efficacy of the product. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Dewhirst to approve a SubClass K Permit for Garrison Memorial Hospital Pharmacy, 407 3rd Ave SE in Garrison. All board members voted aye – motion carried.

Floor plans were reviewed for the remodeling of St. Alexius Hospital Pharmacy. The Community Pharmacy's Compounding and Sterile Preparation area will be in the lower level of the Hospital **It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to approve the remodeling plans of St. Alexius Hospital Outpatient Pharmacy, 900 E Broadway Ave in Bismarck .** Pharmacists Detwiller and Schlittenhard both disclosed that they are employed by St. Alexius Medical Center. All Board Members voted aye – motion carried.

A request for approval of Continuing Pharmaceutical Education Credit by Heartview Foundation for a program they offer was reviewed and discussed. The consensus was, we would handle this request the same way we handle other requests for CE Credit from non ACPE approved providers. Should a pharmacist or technician specifically request credit for this course and provide the syllabus of the course, the Board would make a determination of how much credit would be awarded at that time.

The case file of Brent Solseng, North Dakota Pharmacist #4946 was reviewed. It was determined that a report on the progress of his Pharm-Assist Contract and recovery was due at our May 2006 Meeting.

A case file on Jack A. Fraser, North Dakota Pharmacist #2368 concerning the Public information obtained from the Oregon Board of Pharmacy was reviewed. The Board of Pharmacy will proceed with a Complaint, Statement of Charges and recommended Order along the lines of the Oregon Board of Pharmacy action. Such that, when Pharmacist Fraser's license to practice is fully restored in Oregon, it will be fully restored in North Dakota as well.

It being 12:00 Noon, the Board then welcomed Dr. Patricia Hill, Executive Vice President of the North Dakota Pharmacist Association and President Tim Carlson and by conference call, Pharmacist Joan Johnson, President of the North Dakota Society of Health Systems Pharmacists to a lunch meeting. A discussion followed about the future of the fee and legislative cap for pharmacists in North Dakota and the possibility of the change of the shared formula of 50/50 to another percentage should the fee cap be raised. Dr. Hill reviewed the finances of the North Dakota Pharmacists Association, indicating that their current needs were approximately \$165.00 per pharmacist, which would mean at the present distribution rate, they would need a \$330.00 annual license fee to currently receive that \$165.00. Pharmacist Carlson expressed the feeling that since the license fee had just raised to the cap max, it might be a little early to proceed with the proposal for a fee increase, at this time. But, a couple of years down the road, it might be necessary to once again increase the license fee. The Board did discuss the possibility that should we go back to the Legislature with an increase of the annual license fee cap to \$400 or \$500.00, giving room underneath that cap, to raise the license fee as needed. We might also pursue more flexibility for the Board to allocate the additional funds, which we would be receiving from that increase in the Pharmacist License Fee, as they saw fit. Pharmacist Johnson was asked for her comments and she indicated that her main concern was that there be a clear budget, easily understood by all, from the Pharmacists Association, so that those paying the license fee could clearly understand what the money was being spent for, and that it was being spent in their interest and for the things mentioned in the statute for which the license fee money should be applicable. President Detwiller thanked Dr. Hill, Pharmacist Carlson and Pharmacist Johnson for joining us for this discussion.

The Board Members then reviewed an Article from the *Pink Sheet* and information from the Health Care Distribution Management Association relative to their proposal for national licensure of Wholesalers. The Board expressed concern that licensing of Wholesalers nationally would take the control out of the hands of the State Boards of Pharmacy, and would provide a significant financial loss to the Boards of Pharmacy who depend on the license fees for some of their operational budgets.

Dr. Hill, still being present at the Board Meeting, President Detwiller moved ahead on the Agenda to discuss the Board's Year-to-Date Financial Report and the Budget Comparisons. These financial reports were reviewed by the Board Members and it was mentioned that the \$6,000 allocated last night to the State College of Science (NDSCS) was not yet included in these budget figures.

President Detwiller asked Dr. Hill to discuss the NDPhA financial request, which had been tabled to this meeting. This financial request concerned a study the Association wished to do, delineating the access and workforce data project to provide some university research delineating the availability to the people of North Dakota of pharmacist services and the potential in the workforce for continuing to provide those pharmacist services, by an adequate number of pharmacists available. Dr. Hill asked the Board to fund \$2,000 of the study for the first year, \$3000 for the third year and then increase the amount to \$5,000 for the last two years of the study, once the wholesaler's commitment has ended.

It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Haroldson to provide \$2,000 to the NDPhA, as our contribution to the access and workforce data project, at this time. On a roll call vote Rick L. Detwiller, R.Ph. – Yes Gary W. Dewhirst, R.Ph – Yes Dewey Schlittenhard, R.Ph. – Yes Bonnie J. Thom, R.Ph.– Yes Laurel Haroldson, R.Ph.- Yes Nays – none The motion carried unanimously and the \$2,000 will be added into our current Budget.

The auditor's recommendation to limit our exposure to \$100,000 dollars per bank, when possible, was discussed. Executive Director Anderson explained that he had taken steps to provide \$100,000 in each of three bank's Certificates of Deposits (CDs) through the BNC National Bank's CD Distribution Program. Action on the Wahpeton funds will be taken as soon as those CDs reach their maturity date.

Since Dr. Harvey Hanel was present at the meeting, President Detwiller moved forward on the Agenda to Updating the Board on the ND Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Dr. Hanel did an excellent job of providing information about the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Pointing out, that it was the goal of the Human Services Department, to place the decision making portion of this program and the distribution of the profiles at the Board of Pharmacy, and that the data collection would reside with the Department of Human Services. He did mention that it appeared that the Board of Medical Examiners, the Board of Nursing, Department of Human Services and Workforce Safety & Insurance had all expressed their wish that this portion of the program reside with the Board of Pharmacy. The sustainability aspect of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program was discussed, with the first choice being continued funding by the Federal Government. As a second choice, funding by the North Dakota Legislature. Thirdly, an option of funding by dedication of funds from a Controlled Substances Registration, where those with a DEA Number would be required to also register in North Dakota to prescribe, dispense or handle Controlled Substances. Pharmacist Schlittenhard expressed concern that the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program would not evolve into a cost to pharmacies for claims captured on each transmission of data. But, some other mechanism of funding be sought without additionally burdening pharmacies with that cost.

President Detwiller thanked Dr. Hanel for the excellent presentation.

Legislation and Rule changes, which might be moved forward by the Board of Pharmacy, were discussed. Namely:

The Controlled Substances Act section 19-03.1 subsection (15) was reviewed. Executive Director Anderson indicated that he would talk to the State's Attorneys about the need for a list of immediate precursors of Pseudoephedrine, for this section.

The Computer Pharmacy Regulations - Chapter 61-02-06 – need to be updated so that “cathode ray tube” includes all of the video displays that might be used for retrieval of pharmacy prescriptions and profile data.

It was discussed that we needed to expand the Unprofessional Conduct Chapter 61-04-04 – to include Technicians, so that when disciplinary actions are necessary, the Board

has as much flexibility as possible, in adjudicating these issues with Pharmacy Technicians.

The Board does need to provide Legislation through the Legislature, which would allow the Board to get FBI Level Background Checks on licensees as a Licensing Standard, whereas and as needed basis for investigations.

Board Members suggested, perhaps a complete review of our Laws & Rules and assigned Executive Director Anderson to do this, as much as possible.

The issue requested by NABP, about licensing by examination for Reciprocity or if we would accept a reciprocity candidate, who had not maintained their license by examination, but had been practicing in another state on a reciprocated license. **It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Schlittenhard that North Dakota would NOT accept a candidate for reciprocity, unless they held a license by examination, from the state from they were reciprocating.** All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

Potential Reciprocity Candidate Larry Larson's file was reviewed. Pharmacist Larson had some past disciplinary actions, in 1987, which were communicated to the Board by NABP at the time he filed an Application for Reciprocity to us. **It was moved by Pharmacist Haroldson and seconded by Pharmacist Thom that Pharmacist Larry Larson be granted a North Dakota License by Reciprocity, if his Application is in order and he successfully completed the MPJE Exam. His past disciplinary history, having occurred in 1987, would not be a barrier to his licensure.** All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Thom to approve all legal actions of the Executive Director since this was last done, at the May 2005 Meeting. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

It was moved by Pharmacist Thom and seconded by Pharmacist Dewhirst to approve all of the paid invoices from July 1, 2005 to the present. All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

President Detwiller asked for Board Member reports.

Pharmacist Haroldson reported that she had attended, as a representative of the Board, the Accreditation Visit for the NDSCS Registered Pharmacy Technician Program. She was very impressed with the Program and the visitation process by American Society of Healthcare Pharmacists (ASHP) and reported that the Online Program Grant was proceeding with adding the courses to be available online for those wishing to participate in the Pharmacy Technician Program in that manner.

Pharmacist Dewhirst reported that he had a physician, who was writing Schedule II Prescriptions on subsequent days, and indicated that he had talked to Executive Director Anderson about this, who indicated that this was all right. As long as the physician is clearly writing the prescription on different days and not just post-dating the

prescriptions, this does not appear to be in violation of the DEA's prohibition on writing multiple prescriptions for the same drug, for the same patient on the same day.

Pharmacist Schlittenhard reported that he would like to see some education, particularly of nurse practitioners and other providers, about the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, so that they did not harbor unrealistic expectations about how soon the data would be available on the system. Executive Director Anderson explained that there was money in the Harold Rogers Grant for education of practitioners and once notification of the Grant was received, which is anticipated in July, the education of those providers would occur at that time.

Pharmacist Haroldson expressed that she had the continued problem of unreadable physician signatures, particularly physicians from the Fargo area. Executive Director Anderson stated that there is a requirement that the physician's name be printed or stamped on the prescription, and he believed electronic prescribing would help to solve this issue. Board members then discussed that there seemed to be more errors occurring in selecting the wrong drug or the wrong dosage, when electronic prescribing was done. An article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* had pointed this out. As we proceed to electronic prescribing, we need to be certain that we do not introduce errors into the prescribing system, because we were careless about selecting the right drug from a drop-down menu or by not reviewing the prescription before it is transmitted to the pharmacy.

Board members reviewed the preparations for the May 2006 Examinations. Assignments were made by President Detwiller and communicated to the Board Members.

An August 2006 possible Exam date was discussed. It was the consensus that we would wait until closer to August to determine, how many, and which students might need exams and how their needs might be met. The exam date would be after our District V NABP/AACP Meeting, which is set for August 11-13 in Minnesota.

The Board recessed for a working dinner, where a discussion occurred over the handling of prescription drugs in sports programs at North Dakota Universities.

Wednesday January 4th - The Board members met for a working breakfast to discuss the days schedule.

At 9:00 AM the Board met with Technician-In-Training Sheila Howes and her mother, Betty Howes. Ms. Howes expressed her willingness to retake and complete the Hospital Rotation Program of her Technician Training through NDSCS in Wahpeton. She indicated that some of the problems she had with not being present during her previous work experiences were related to some depressive episodes and a feeling that she was not accomplishing anything or being involved with what was going on at the Hospitals. Board members assured her that it was not unusual for Technicians-In-Training or Interns to feel that they were not keeping busy until they had learned the basics and had time to observe what was going on. They also assured her that with her depression under treatment and a commitment on her part, to be on the job as expected, coupled with the very successful completion of the didactic and retail portion of the program, and a continued positive work experience with her present employer, will result in her successful

completion of the Technician-In-Training Program. Executive Director Anderson encouraged her to talk with Assistant Program Director Lacher immediately, to make arrangements to retake the Hospital Rotation.

Board Members discussed the possibility of providing a Grant for a pilot project to label and dispense samples or indigent medications. The focus was on working with Human Service Centers around the state as a beginning project. Pharmacist Detwiller, who has done considerable background work on this project, with assist in writing a proposal for a Grant, which could be competitively awarded to anyone across the state.

It being approximately 10:00 AM on Wednesday – January 4th, 2006 – President Detwiller stated that it was the time and place set for the Hearing of Registered Pharmacy Technician #279 – Deborah Ann Whorley-Rahn, and turned the Hearing over to Administrative Law Judge Allen Hoberg, for the conduct of this Hearing. The record of this Hearing was made separately on tape and will not be transcribed, unless needed. At approximately 10:35 AM Administrative Law Judge Allen Hoberg closed the Hearing.

President Detwiller called the Board Meeting back into session to deliberate the results of the Hearing for Registered Pharmacy Technician #279 – Deborah Ann Whorley-Rahn. Ms. Whorely-Rahn was present for the Board's deliberations. Pharmacist Thom stated that she had worked with Ms. Whorely-Rahn for approximately 10 to 12 years at Trinity Hospital Pharmacy in Minot. Pharmacist Detwiller and Pharmacist Schlittenhard indicated that they also were employed at St. Alexius Medical Center Pharmacy during the same time Ms. Whorely-Rahn had worked there, although, not necessary having worked directly with her. **It was moved by Pharmacist Dewhirst and seconded by Pharmacist Thom to revoke the Pharmacy Technician Registration #279 of Deborah Ann Whorley-Rahn for a period of one-year, with the revocation stayed for a period of five years provided she complied with all of the terms and requirements of the Order, unless further extended or reduced by agreement of the Board and Ms. Whorley-Rahn. During this five year period of time she must remain under contract with the Pharm-Assist Committee and remain in treatment and recovery. She cannot violate any laws or rules relating to pharmacy, drugs or alcohol during that time. She must notify present and future employers of this Order. There will be no fines or costs assessed at this time.** All Board Members voted aye – the motion carried.

The Board had a Noon meeting with Dean Charles Peterson, Scott Wocken, Director of Sports Medicine at NDSU and Gene Taylor, Athletic Director at NDSU. Also present was Pharmacist Gary Boehler, Executive Vice President of Thrifty White Drug.

Dean Peterson summarized how prescription drugs will be handled at NDSU's Sports Medicine Program. He asked the Board to consider a specific rule to authorize an emergency box supply program at the Sports Medicine Center. These drugs would be double locked and remain the property of the Concept Pharmacy at NDSU College of Pharmacy. Inventory would be kept on tracking sheets for each drug, with the amount of

drugs added and/or dispensed kept as a running total. Physicians currently see athletes at the Sports Program Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and the physicians dispense the medications to the athletes on site, using a label, which will be prepared by the Concept Pharmacy. Medications added to the inventory will be purchased by the Concept Pharmacy or in some cases, may be, samples brought in by the physicians.

A Policy & Procedures will be developed, which will describe the storage and dispensing process, complete with the appropriate labeling of the product.

Once this program is in place at NDSU, we will talk with the Board of Higher Education to determine if this will work effectively for other North Dakota Colleges and Universities.

Mr. Wocken and Mr. Taylor indicated that this program would work very well for them under these guidelines.

At 1:15 PM Pharmacist Gary Boehler, Executive Vice President of Thrifty White Drug presented a summary of the quality related event tracking program, relating to the four Telepharmacies that Thrifty White operates. Pharmacist Boehler indicated that they were very happy with the way the Telepharmacies were operating through they Pharmacist at their central location. Quality related events have decreased in frequency and that they are still at a point where no events have reached a level where the patient could have been harmed.

No vouchers being available, Eileen will mail a voucher to each Board Member for their expenses.

President Detwiller called for any further business, none forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned.

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