



Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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Minutes

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy convened a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy located at 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809. The meeting was held pursuant to public notice, each member received notice, and public notice was properly posted.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Marty McKay, President, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. Quorum Call

Members Present: Ms. Jacqueline L. Hall, Mr. Richard M. Indovina Jr., Mr. Marty R. McKay, Mr. Don L. Resweber, and Mr. Rhonny K. Valentine

Members Absent: None

Guests: Mr. Troy Menard

3. Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda

Mr. McKay asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added; none were requested. Without objection, the members adopted the posted agenda dated May 19, 2023.

4. Opportunity for Public Comment

None offered

5. Annual Reviews

- A. Loss Prevention Manual - The committee reviewed the updated *Loss Prevention Manual* prepared by staff and voted to recommend to the Board continuing approval of the updated manual.
- B. Policies & Procedures - The committee reviewed the updated *Policy & Procedure Manual* prepared by staff and voted to recommend to the Board continuing approval of the updated manual.
- C. Pharmacy Education Programs – The committee reviewed the updated *Roster of Approved Colleges of Pharmacy* and the updated *Roster of Approved Pharmacy Technician Training Programs* prepared by staff and voted to recommend to the Board continuing approval of the updated rosters.
- D. Credentialing Examinations – The committee voted to recommend to the Board continuing approval of the following credentialing examinations:
 - i. National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) as administrator of the pharmacist licensure examinations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, including the

North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX), the *Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE)*, and the *Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination (FPGEE)*.

- ii. *Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination (PTCE)* administered by the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- iii. *Examination for Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ExCPT)* administered by National Healthcareer Association (NHA) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

E. Contracts & Agreements – the committee voted to recommend to the Board approval of the following:

- i. Proposed Resolution for Professional Legal Services for Ms. Celia R. Cangelosi for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- ii. Proposed Resolution for Professional Legal Services for Shows, Cali & Walsh for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- iii. Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services with Ms. Celia R. Cangelosi, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- iv. Proposed Contract for Professional Legal Services with Shows, Cali & Walsh, LLP, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- v. Proposed Contract for Professional Accounting Services with Champagne & Company, LLC, Certified Public Accountants, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- vi. Proposed agreement for the operation of the state prescription monitoring program with Appriss, Inc. (Bamboo Health) at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- vii. Proposed agreement for the operation of the state prescription monitoring program with the awarded vendor pursuant to the Invitation to Bid (ITB) through the Office of State Procurement at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- viii. Proposed agreement for the integration of PMP Gateway and NarxCare in the state prescription monitoring program, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$800,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 contingent upon receipt of grant funds.
- ix. Proposed agreement for information network support services with Essential Solutions, LLC, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- x. Proposed agreement for the maintenance of the eLicense information system with Tyler Technologies, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- xi. Proposed renewal of the agreement with Metrc, for the operation of the Product Identification Module in the Louisiana Medical Marijuana Tracking System, at the stipulate rate, in an amount not to exceed \$1,200 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- xii. Proposed renewal of the interagency agreement with the La. Dept. of Justice for the Occupational Licensing Review Program for Fiscal Year 2023-

2024 in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.

- xiii. Proposed renewal of the agreement with Covalent Logic for website hosting services, at the stipulated rate, in an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.
- xiv. Proposed renewal of the agreement for the publication of the Board's Newsletter by the NABP Foundation, at the stipulated rates, in an amount not to exceed \$2,000 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

- 6. Consideration of Proposed Revisions of Policy & Procedure Manual - the committee voted to recommend to the Board approval of the following:
 - A. Proposed Revision of [PPM I.B.2 ~ Governance](#)
 - B. Proposed Revision of [PPM II.B.3.d ~ Attendance](#)
 - C. Proposed Revision of [PPM II.B.4.b ~ Pay Rules & Regulations](#)
 - D. Proposed Revision of [PPM II.B.6.a ~ Purchases](#)
- 7. Review & Consideration of Naloxone Distribution from a Hospital (RS 40:978.2(D)) – the committee voted to recommend to the Board approval of a Resolution which *recognizes that La. R.S. 40:978.2 is the most recent expression of the Louisiana Legislature's will regarding the dispensing of Naloxone and supersedes the Board's laws and regulations.*
- 8. New Agenda Items Added During Meeting – No new agenda items added
- 9. Adjourn - Having completed the tasks itemized on the posted agenda, with no further business pending before the Board and without objection, Mr. McKay adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Joe Fontenot and then approved as presented during the subsequent meeting on August 15, 2023.