

VIRGINIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
MINUTES OF AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

March 12, 2008
Second Floor
Board Room 4

Perimeter Center
9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23233

CALL TO ORDER: A working meeting of an ad hoc committee of the Board of Pharmacy for the purpose of discussing the possible need to require continuous quality improvement programs was called to order at 1pm.

PRESIDING: Gill B. Abernathy, Committee Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael E. Stredler
David C. Kozera
Jennifer H. Edwards
Brandon K. Yi

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth Scott Russell, Executive Director
Caroline D. Juran, Deputy Executive Director
Cathy Reiniers-Day, Deputy Executive Director
Elaine J. Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Vicki Garrison, Inspector

DISCUSSION: The committee discussed various ways for reducing medication errors and improving patient safety. It was determined that Board staff should draft legislative proposals for 2009, one requiring pharmacies to establish and maintain a continuous quality improvement program with the statute very general, and give the Board the authority to promulgate regulations specifying details. The second proposal would be to require mandatory reporting of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are considered unsafe to practice for reason of impairment, incompetence, etc. in any setting similar to current requirements for hospitals to report. The legislative proposals will be presented to the full Board in June 2008.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:30PM.

Elizabeth Scott Russell
Executive Director

Bobby Ison, Chairman

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