OPEN MINUTES
Missouri Board of Pharmacy
Hospital Advisory Committee Meeting

October 21, 2016

The Missouri Hospital Advisory Committee met in open session during the times and dates stated in the following minutes. Each item in the minutes is listed in the order it was discussed.

Committee Members Present
Bert McClary, R.Ph., Chairman
James Gray, R.Ph., Member
Colby Grove, R.Ph., Member
Kevin Kinkade, R.Ph., Member
Greg Teale, R.Ph., Member

Committee Members Absent
Daniel Good, R.Ph., Member (participated via conference call)
Neil Schmidt, R.Ph., Member

Staff Present
Kimberly Grinston, Executive Director
Tom Glenski, Chief Inspector
Katie DeBold, Inspector
Alicia Edmonson, Compliance Coordinator

Others Present
Barbara Bilek, Board Member
David Wolfrath, MSHP

Chairman McClary opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and attendees were introduced.

Agenda Item # 2 (Approval of Minutes): The minutes included in the agenda were presented for approval. A motion was made by Kevin Kinkade, seconded by Colby Grove, to approve the July 15, 2016, minutes. The motion passed 4:0:0:2 with roll call vote as follows:

James Gray – yes    Colby Grove - yes    Neil Schmidt- absent
Greg Teale – yes    Daniel Good – absent  Kevin Kinkade - yes

A motion was made by Kevin Kinkade, seconded by Colby Grove, to approve the August 26, 2016, minutes. The motion passed 4:0:0:2 with roll call vote as follows:

James Gray – yes    Colby Grove - yes    Neil Schmidt- absent
Greg Teale – yes    Daniel Good – absent  Kevin Kinkade - yes
**Agenda Item # 3 (Board Updates):** Tom Glenski provided information on the upcoming October 2016 meeting. Mr. Glenski noted the Class-B guidance document will be reviewed by the Board in October as well as rule 20 CSR 2220-6.055 (Non-Dispensing Activities). Chairman McClary asked if the Committee wanted to make an official comment on 20 CSR 2220-6.055. Committee discussion was held. James Gray noted the rule should allow pharmacists to provide patient training on medication related activities such as preparing drugs for administration or drawing an insulin syringe.

Further Committee discussion was held on creating a framework to allow pharmacists to engage in non-traditional dispensing outside of the pharmacy. Greg Teale commented 20 CSR 2220-6.055 may need to be revised if pharmacists are granted provider status. Committee consensus not to make an official recommendation on 20 CSR 2220-6.055 at this time but to monitor future developments.

**Agenda Item # 4 (Dept. of Health Updates):** Tom Glenski and Katie DeBold reported the Board will be providing sterile compounding training for DHSS surveyors.

**COMMITTEE MEMBER DANIEL GOOD JOINED THE CONFERENCE CALL AT 11:09 A.M.**

**Agenda Item # 5 (Class-B Rule Topics):** Tom Glenski presented the draft list of previously suggested Class-B rule topics. Committee discussion was held. Committee members suggested including an exemption in the draft rule that would allow medication to be returned from a clinic for destruction; Committee members further suggested including provisions that would address medication therapy services, automated dispensing cabinets and long-term care dispensing.

Additional discussion was held regarding the drug distributor chart in the draft Class-B practice guide. Committee members expressed the chart may still be confusing and may need to address additional distribution scenarios. Committee consensus to revise the chart for future review.

**Agenda Item # 6 (Review of Applicability of Board’s Medication Therapy Services Rules):** Bert McClary indicated confusion still exists regarding the applicability of the Board’s medication therapy (MT) services rule to MT services provided in clinics located within a hospital. Mr. McClary asked if the Board’s rule would apply if a prescription/discontinuation order is subsequently communicated by a hospital pharmacist to a pharmacy under the Board’s jurisdiction. Mr. McClary suggested asking for additional Board clarification and addressing this issue in a future hospital guidance. Mr. McClary asked members to review 20 CSR 2220-6.080 and bring any suggested changes/comments to the next meeting.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR KIMBERLY GRINSTON JOINED THE MEETING AT 11:45 A.M.**
The following additional discussion was held on Agenda Item # 6:

- Mr. McClary asked to discuss authorization of medication therapy services by mid-level practitioners at a future meeting. Greg Teale asked if the law could authorize collaborative agreements with mid-level practitioners; Tom Glenski indicated a statutory change would be required. Mr. McClary suggested MT protocols could be structured to allow initiation of MT services as approved by the Executive Committee with the mid-level practitioner simply confirming what has already been ordered. Committee members asked if the protocol physician could allow the mid-level practitioner to initiate the protocol. Tom Glenski again noted statutory changes may be necessary.

**Agenda Item # 3 (Board Updates- Cont’d):** Bert McClary asked Executive Director Grinston to provide updates on the Pharmacy Technician Working Group. Kimberly Grinston reported the Working Group has preliminarily suggested establishing an advanced technician class that would be allowed to perform advanced technician duties and required to be certified or complete additional education/training.

James Gray noted there may be legal issues with a certification only approach and noted some workers in protected groups may have issues with passing the certification exam. Bert McClary noted that additional standards/training would need to be in place if technicians are to be recognized as a paraprofessional class. James Gray agreed but noted the question is how the additional requirements would be implemented. Mr. McClary noted the Board’s jurisdiction over technicians working in a DHSS licensed hospital is still unclear. Additional Committee discussion was held.

Kevin Kinkade noted there may be unique challenges for smaller or rural hospitals and indicated that finding certified technicians with the right expertise may be difficult. Greg Teale noted remote technician supervision may be beneficial for smaller or rural hospitals; Kevin Kinkade agreed remote supervision would aide hospitals that cannot afford a full-time pharmacist. Daniel Good suggested it would be better for the industry to address technician supervision/training before a catastrophic event happens that may require legislative intervention. James Gray and Barbara Bilek commented the technician issue is an important component of advancing patient safety and quality.

**Agenda Item #7 (Automated Dispensing Cabinets):** Tom Glenski reported he met with Greg Teale to gather additional information on the use of automated dispensing cabinets by Class-3 pharmacies. Mr. Glenski suggested many of the issues could possibly be addressed in a Class-N or Class-O pharmacy rule. Mr. Glenski noted the current automated dispensing rule does not adequately accommodate the situations discussed. Committee discussion was held.

Bert McClary suggested the Board’s automated dispensing rule should allow a pharmacy to place an automated dispensing system at a healthcare facility that is owned/operated by a hospital and oversee dispensing. Tom Glenski suggested drafting
a new Class-P rule. Greg Teale commented that the future rule should allow medication in an automated dispensing system to remain a part of the pharmacy system. Committee consensus to consider a draft rule. Mr. McClary noted the DEA may need to be consulted on controlled substance registration requirements.

**Agenda Item #8 (Review of Joint Board/DHSS Rule Requirements):** Bert McClary asked for clarification on what rules have to be jointly promulgated under § 338.165.3, RSMo. Kimberly Grinston indicated the statute appears to provide joint promulgation is allowed but not required. Mr. McClary asked if it would be appropriate for the Board to officially ask DHSS to finalize the hospital pharmacy rules. Committee discussion was held. Mr. McClary expressed he wanted to maintain a strong collaborative relationship with DHSS and did not want to create additional work for the Department. Committee consensus to take no further action at this time but to discuss the applicability of § 338.165.3 at a future meeting.

**Agenda Items # 11 and 12 (Future Agenda Topics/Dates):** Bert McClary asked Committee members to prioritize future discussion items. Committee discussion was held. Committee consensus to prioritize the MTS discussion, the Class-B guidance document and a potential Class-N or Class-P rule to address automated dispensing. Committee consensus to hold the next in-person meeting on January 13, 2017, in Jefferson City.

**ADJOURNMENT**
A motion was made by Greg Teale to adjourn the meeting, Bert McClary adjourned the meeting by consensus at approximately 3:00 p.m.

**KIMBERLY A. GRINSTON**
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date Approved: