The Missouri Board of Pharmacy met via conference call in open session during the times and dates stated in the following minutes. The meeting was called to order by President Christian Tadrus at approximately 1:33 p.m. on December 19, 2017. Each item in the minutes is listed in the order discussed.

**Board Members Present**
Christian Tadrus, PharmD, President
Douglas Lang, R.Ph., Vice-President
Barbara Bilek, PharmD, Member
Christina Lindsay, PharmD, President
Pamela Marshall, R.Ph., Member
Anita Parran, Public Member

**Staff Present**
Kimberly Grinston, Executive Director
Tom Glenski, Chief Inspector
Jennifer Luebbert, Administrative Coordinator
Sarah Decker, Compliance Coordinator

**Others Present**
Curtis Thompson, General Counsel

PRESIDENT CHRISTIAN TADRUS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT APPROXIMATELY 1:33 P.M. AND ROLL CALL WAS TAKEN.

**ITEM #3  NON-RESIDENT PHARMACY RULE**

**DISCUSSION:** Executive Director Kimberly Grinston reported the public rule comment period has closed; One comment was received from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care (ACHC) asking the Board to recognize ACHC as an inspection entity for sterile compounders. Board members expressed concerns with recognizing a specific third-party vendor, however, Board members agreed qualified third-party entities could perform a satisfactory inspection. Board discussion held; Board consensus to accept an inspection by a Board approved entity. **A motion was made by Pamela Marshall, seconded by Douglas Lang, to approve the final order of rulemaking with a modification to section (2)(G) that allows “a similar inspection by an entity approved by the Board.”** Motion passed 5:0:0:0 by roll call vote as follows:
ITEM #4  **NABP Recommendation of the Task Force on the Regulation of Telepharmacy Practice**

**DISCUSSION:** Board consensus to table until April; No discussion held.

ITEM #5  **SB 501 Review of Proposed Changes to 19 CSR 30-20.100 (Pharmacy Services and Medication Management)**

**DISCUSSION:** Kimberly Grinston presented proposed language from the Missouri Hospital Association (MHA) that would allow remote technician supervision and “tech-check-tech” in hospital pharmacies regulated by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). Board members expressed concerns regarding fragmenting technician regulatory requirements based on practice setting. The following additional Board discussion was held:

- Pamela Marshall suggested the proposed MHA rule could be used as a vehicle to incorporate minimum technician training standards.
- Barbara Bilek indicated she is not opposed to the concept and noted the proposal could benefit and possibly expand hospital services, especially for critical access hospitals. However, Ms. Bilek expressed concerns regarding the lack of specific supervision requirements and the proper pharmacist to technician ratio.
- Anita Parran supported the enhanced technician training proposal but noted the higher standard should be applicable to all practice settings.
- Douglas Lang suggested remote technician supervision can be safely performed but noted the presented language did not address items such as required policies/procedures, pharmacist responsibilities, pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) responsibilities, minimum practice requirements and allowed technician duties. Tom Glenski reported the language appears to rely on CMS’ federal Conditions of Participation but questioned if the Conditions of Participation adequately address Mr. Lang’s concerns.
- Christina Lindsay stated the Board should be willing to work with MHA and DHSS but expressed concerns with officially supporting the proposal given multiple concepts have not been addressed.
- Christian Tadrus expressed concerns with creating standards of practice that are inconsistent, not well-defined and difficult to enforce. Mr. Tadrus supported the discussion but suggested the proposal may be misaligned with the purported goal.

Board consensus to issue a letter to DHSS, approved by the Board President, expressing the aforementioned concerns and offering to assist DHSS with developing the appropriate regulatory approach.

ITEM #6  **Executive Director Updates**
DISCUSSION: Kimberly Grinston presented the proposed “Red Tape” rule amendments included in the agenda. Mrs. Grinston noted only minor changes have been made to comply with the Governor’s Executive Order but noted more substantive changes may be appropriate in the future. Board discussion held; Douglas Lang asked if substantive rule changes could be made to the same rules at a later time. Kimberly Grinston reported the agencies have been told additional rule amendments would be accepted. **A motion was made by Barbara Bilek, seconded by Christina Lindsay, to approve the proposed rule amendments and rescissions included in the Board agenda.** Motion passed 5:0:0:0 by roll call vote as follows:

- Barbara Bilek – yes
- Douglas Lang- yes
- Pamela Marshall – yes
- Anita Parran – no
- Christina Lindsay – no

**ITEM # 7 Future Meeting Dates/Topics**

DISCUSSION: Kimberly Grinston asked if an electronic Board member survey/comment tool would be a helpful way to gather rule comments prior to Board meetings. Barbara Bilek added the electronic survey might unintentionally add to Board member review time; Douglas Lang questioned if the survey would add additional work for Board staff. Board consensus to try a test survey for the February meeting and then evaluate potential benefit.

**MOTION TO CLOSE 2:49 P.M.**

At 2:49 p.m., Pamela Marshall made a motion, seconded by Barbara Bilek, that the Board go into closed session and that all votes, to the extent permitted by law, pertaining to and/or resulting from this closed meeting be closed under Section 610.021(1), (3), (5), (7), (13), (14), (17) and (20), RSMo, and under Section 324.001.8, and .9, RSMo. Motion passed 5:0:0:0 by roll call vote as follows:

- Barbara Bilek – yes
- Douglas Lang- yes
- Pamela Marshall – yes
- Anita Parran – yes
- Christina Lindsay – yes

By motion duly made, seconded, passed and recorded in closed session minutes, the Board returned to open session at approximately 3:51 p.m.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

At approximately 3:51 p.m., a motion was made by Pamela Marshall, seconded by Anita Parran, to adjourn the December 19, 2017, open session conference call meeting. Motion passed 3:0:0:2 by roll call vote as follows:

- Barbara Bilek – yes
- Douglas Lang- absent
- Pamela Marshall – yes
- Anita Parran – yes
- Christina Lindsay – absent
The meeting was adjourned.

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KIMBERLY A. GRINSTON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date Approved: 03/07/2018