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## MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

### SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTH MEETING

At approximately 8:00 a.m., September 16, 1997, the Board of Pharmacy met, at the Sheraton Midway Hotel, in St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of administering a written examination to candidates for licensure by reciprocity. All members of the Board, were in attendance, with the exception of Ms. Carol Peterson. Also in attendance was the Executive Director of the Board, Mr. David Holmstrom.

Beginning at 9:15 a.m., at the conclusion of the written Reciprocity Examination, the Board members conducted the oral examination in Jurisprudence and professional ethics, required of the reciprocity candidates. Each of the following candidates appeared for the oral examination at the Sheraton Midway Hotel, and each of the candidates is seeking licensure in Minnesota on the basis of his or her license in the state indicated:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
SUZANNE M ALBRECHT	IN
NICOLE L ANDERSON	NE
ELPEDIO BASA	OR
CLAYTON T BENISH	WI
KIMBERLY L BERKOWITZ	ND
KOFI BOUDU-MENSAH	IL
CHAD A BUGOS	IA
MARY K BURKE	ND
GERILYNN CARLSON	ND
LISA K DAIS	MO
SHELLEY L DOHERTY	ND
JANICE J DOW	OH
TINA L GRAPENTINE	MD
DIANE M HIBL	ND
LORI A HUYNH	IL
JENNIFER J JOHNSON	ND
THOMAS N KAKUDA	NV
MARY E KINGSBURY	IL
LUANN K LARSON	IA
JOE C LITSEY	OK
MICHELLE M LITZEN	SD
SUSANNE M MATHIAS	ND
MICHAEL E NYDLE	IA
SHELLY A OLIVERSEN	TX
JANET A PANEK	PA
ANN M SCHLOESSER	TX
JOLENE K SCHNEIDER	ND
MILTON R SMITH	SD
LISA M STAY	ND
MICHELLE A STEIGER	IL
LAURA M VAN DAALWYK	WI
LISA M WESTBERG	SD
KRISTIN M WINKELS	IA

In addition, Ms. Sandra Letourneau participated in the Jurisprudence Examination as part of the requirement imposed on her for reinstatement of her licenses to practice pharmacy in Minnesota. This individual had previously allowed her Minnesota license to lapse.

Also participating in the written portion of the Jurisprudence Examination were Mr. Thuan Do, Ms. Lisa Saunders, and Ms. Deborah Parries, who were candidates for licensure by examination at the June Full Board Examination, and who were unsuccessful in passing the Jurisprudence Examination at that time.

Also participating in the written portion of the Jurisprudence Examination was Ms. Olayemi Olabisi-Falowo, who participated in the examination as part of the requirements imposed under a stipulation and order, adopted subsequent to a disciplinary conference with Ms. Olabisi-Falowo.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. on September 17, 1997, the Board of Pharmacy met in conference room A at University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Ms. Carol Peterson. Also in attendance was the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom.

After reviewing and approving the agenda for the meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of August 6, 1997. Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Bois Forte Medical Clinic Pharmacy in Nett Lake, Minnesota, by Ms. Mary Erickson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that this is a federal institution on the Bois Forte Indian Reservation at Nett Lake and, as such, is technically not under the jurisdiction of the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, but that Mr. Holmstrom should contact Ms. Erickson to clarify a portion of the blueprints that appears to indicate that staff of the Optometric clinic might have access to the prescription drug storage area. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Buffalo Medical Pharmacy in Buffalo, Minnesota, by Mr. Dale Olson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and the variances requested by Mr. Olson

relating to pharmacy size and a pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, the Board determined that it needed more information relating to the staffing of this pharmacy, and declined to approve it at this time.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of FSH La Crescent Pharmacy in La Crescent, Minnesota, by Mr. John Johnson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Mr. Charles Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy, 1650 New Brighton Blvd., in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Mark Rauman, Target District Manager. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that a certificate of professional responsibility has been submitted that indicates that Ms. Kay Dvorak will be the permanent pharmacist-in-charge, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy, 860 Mankato Ave., Winona, Minnesota, by Mr. Mark Rauman, Target District Manager. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that a certificate of professional responsibility has been received that indicates that Pharmacist Matthew Freed will be the permanent pharmacist-in-charge, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Family Pharmacy in Sandstone, Minnesota, by Mr. Wayne Suronen, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site



inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of The Minnesota Cancer Care Pharmacy, 6363 France Ave., Suite 300, Edina, Minnesota, by Ms. Janine Merriman, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Thrifty Nystrom Drug #739, at 8th & Laurel, in Brainerd, Minnesota, by Ms. Marie Jordan-Ryan, pharmacist-in-charge. After considerable discussion relating to the move of the existing Thrifty Nystrom Pharmacy to a new location across the street from its present location and the separation of the nursing home activities from the ambulatory retail activities of the pharmacy with the retail ambulatory activities being considered a move of the existing pharmacy and the nursing home activities being considered a new pharmacy, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that Thrifty Nystrom Drug #739 (the nursing home pharmacy) be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed, with Mr. Jeff Lindoo abstaining.

The Board next turned its attention to a letter from Mr. Jerome Sayler describing an opportunity to move his pharmacy (Olson Drug) in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, to a space within Hugo's grocery for the winter. Mr. Sayler's pharmacy had been destroyed during the Red River floods in the spring of 1997, and Mr. Sayler had been temporarily operating out of a trailer in Hugo's grocery parking lot. With winter coming on, Mr. Sayler felt the need for a more permanent location and is requesting authorization to move to a space within Hugo's grocery. After a brief discussion of Mr. Sayler's request, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the Board authorize the move of Olson Drug in East Grand Forks to a new location within Hugo's grocery in East Grand Forks. The motion passed.

At this time, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss matters of a quasi-judicial nature.

Upon completion of discussions of a quasi-judicial nature, the Board began a review of variance requests it has received since its last meeting.

The first variance request was submitted on behalf of Dakota Treatment Center in Burnsville, Minnesota, by Ms. Kathy Ivanov, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Ivanov is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.1050, Subpart 1 relating to reference books. Ms. Ivanov is requesting that, since Dakota Treatment Center dispenses only one drug, methadone, it does not have need for three reference books, as is currently required under Board rule. After a discussion of this request, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance request be denied on grounds that, while patients of the Dakota Treatment Center may be receiving only one drug from the Dakota Treatment Center Pharmacy, the patients, very likely, are on a multitude of other drugs and, as a result, three reference books at the pharmacy is not an undo burden. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a variance request from Ms. Valerie Halverson, pharmacist-in-charge at Northern Itasca Pharmacy in Big Fork, Minnesota. Ms. Halverson is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows the pre-packaging of various drug products to be dispensed by physicians in remote clinics at Northome and Big Falls. Ms. Halverson is requesting that the variance be modified to allow her to include a letter to patients with each pre-packed container, in lieu of attempting to phone the patient who receives pre-packed medications to provide patient counseling. After a thorough discussion of this variance, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for another one year period of time, and that Ms. Halverson be authorized to include the letter she proposed with the pre-packed medication, but the Board will continue to require that Ms. Halverson attempt to contact patients who do not contact the pharmacy as a result of reading the letter. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board, a variance request from the St. Paul Metro Treatment Center Pharmacy, submitted by Ms. Jeannie Jorissen, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Jorissen is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.1050, Subpart 1 relating to reference books. Ms. Jorissen is requesting that, since St. Paul Metro Treatment Center dispenses only one drug, methadone, it does not have need for three reference books, as is currently required under Board rule. After a discussion of this request, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance request be denied on grounds that, while patients of the Dakota Treatment Center may be receiving only one drug from the Dakota Treatment Center Pharmacy, the patients, very likely, are on a multitude of other drugs and, as a result, three reference books at the pharmacy is not an undo burden. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a variance request submitted by Mr. David Hewitt, pharmacist-in-charge at Target Pharmacy in Elk River, Minnesota. Mr. Hewitt is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3, relating to the voiding of the original prescription hard copy when transferring prescription information to another pharmacy. Mr. Hewitt indicates that Target would like to begin recording transfers electronically and printing a monthly log of all transfers which would be kept on file for a period of two years. Mr. Hewitt feels that, with the required double-check of all new prescriptions, information stored in the computer is current and an electronic message indicating the prescription has been transferred is sufficient to alert pharmacists to that fact. Further, with Target's computer system, the transfer function automatically voids all refills remaining on a prescription as part of the transfer function. After thoroughly discussing this request, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the request be granted for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a variance request submitted by Mr. Rayburn Vrabel, Director of Hospital Pharmacy Services at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. Mr. Vrabel is requesting a variance from the requirements of Minn. Rule 6800.3110, Subpart 2A, relating to patient medication profiles. Mr. Vrabel would like to discontinue the entry of the patient's home address on the prescription hard copy and the pharmacy computer profile for patients who are registered patients of the Mayo Clinic, and who have been assigned a patient registration number. Mr. Vrabel explains that virtually all patients in the pharmacy computer system are identified by a Mayo Clinic registration number. When a prescription is filled, the correct patient is selected from the prescription software by Mayo Clinic registration number. This unique number ensures that the correct patient has been selected. After thoroughly discussing this request, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Vrabel, be approved on a permanent basis. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board, a variance request submitted by Mr. James M. Hanson, on behalf of Target Pharmacy at 7000 York Ave. S., in Edina, Minnesota. Mr. Hanson is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3100, Subpart 3, section A relating to the checking of the original container from which the medication was withdrawn during the certification steps, conducted by Target pharmacists. The previously granted variance has been in place for six months. Mr. Hanson reports that, during that time period, over 61,000 prescriptions have been filled and only 10 prescription misfills reached the patient. Mr. Hanson concludes that the previously granted variance is working well and is requesting an extension of



that variance. After a thorough discussion of this request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a variance request submitted by Ms. Becky Hyland Marciniak on behalf of UPC Pharmacy in Golden Valley, Minnesota. Ms. Hyland Marciniak is requesting a variance that would allow UPC Pharmacy to maintain an emergency kit at the Ramsey County Workhouse. Ms. Hyland Marciniak indicates that she would like to receive authorization to maintain Epinephrine injections, not only in the emergency kit, but also would like to keep one of each in two portable emergency kits that are maintained at the facility containing non-drug items, such as airways, blood pressure cuffs, and stethoscopes for use in emergencies. These two kits are kept secure, with one kit being kept in the health services area and the other kept in the Lieutenant's Office, which is locked at all times. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Hyland Marciniak, be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of July 9, 1997, and August 12, 1997. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of supportive personnel requests recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of supportive personnel requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that those supportive personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Chuck Cooper next led a discussion on the use of technicians and how the future is likely to require more and better trained technicians in order for pharmacists to provide the services expected of them. It was suggested that the Board give consideration to holding a retreat this winter to focus on long range pharmacy issues, including mechanisms for assuring some minimal level of competence among pharmacy technicians.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board, a letter from Ms. Cheri Wyman. Ms. Wyman was a candidate for licensure, who participated in the June 1997 Board Exam. Ms. Wyman received



passing scores on the Practical Examination, the Minnesota Jurisprudence Examination, and the Federal Jurisprudence Examination, but failed to pass the NABPLEX Exam. Her performance on NABPLEX was so poor that, in calculating an overall average for her examination scores, the overall average was less than the required score of 75. Ms. Wyman is now requesting that the Board take the position that, in spite of an overall average of less than 75, she be required only to retake the NABPLEX portion of the full Board Exam. After discussing this issue, Mr. Charles Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the Board deny Ms. Wyman's request, and that she be required to retake the entire Board exam in January of 1998. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter he received from Mr. Phong Pham. Mr. Pham was also a candidate for licensure at the June 1997 Board Exam. Mr. Pham failed to pass the Practical portion of the examination and is requesting that he be required to retake only the patient counseling, and errors and omissions portion of the Practical, in that he received a passing score on the third portion of the Practical. After a brief discussion, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board deny Mr. Pham's request, and that Mr. Holmstrom inform Mr. Pham that he will be required to retake all portions of the Practical Examination. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that, having passed the Jurisprudence Examination and an oral examination in pharmacy laws and professional ethics, the following candidates for licensure by reciprocity be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
6982	SUZANNE M ALBRECHT	IN
6983	NICOLE L ANDERSON	NE
6984	CLAYTON T BENISH	WI
6985	KIMBERLY L BERKOWITZ	ND
6986	KOFI BOUDU-MENSAH	IL
6987	CHAD A BUGOS	IA
6988	MARY K BURKE	ND
6989	GERILYNN CARLSON	ND
6990	LISA K DAIS	MO
6991	LORI A HUYNH	IL
6992	MARY E KINGSBURY	IL
6993	LUANN K LARSON	IA
6994	JOE C LITSEY	OK
6995	MICHELLE M LITZEN	SD
6996	SUSANNE M MATHIAS	ND

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
6997	MICHAEL E NYDLE	IA
6998	SHELLY A OLIVERSEN	TX
6999	JANET A PANEK	PA
7000	ANN M SCHLOESSER	TX
7001	JOLENE K SCHNEDIDER	ND
7002	MILTON R SMITH	SD
7003	LISA M STAY	ND
7004	MICHELLE A STEIGER	IL
7005	LAURA M VAN DAALWYK	WI
7006	KRISTIN M WINKELS	IA

The motion passed.

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of the Full Board Examination candidates, who were seeking licensure by examination and who were retaking only the State Law portion of the Full Board Examination. In conformity with the Board's policy, previously established, the Board again established a score of 75 as the minimum passing score. With the passing score thus established, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the following examination retake candidates, having achieved a score of not less than 75 on the State Jurisprudence Examination, be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>
7007	DEBORAH A PARRIES
7008	LISA J CHAMBERS (SAUNDERS)

The motion passed.

The Board next addressed the examination performance of the candidates for reinstatement and/or candidates participating in the Jurisprudence Examination, subsequent to a Board order. Ms. Denise Frank then moved and Mr. Charles Cooper seconded that, having achieved a passing score of 75 on the Jurisprudence Examination, the following individual be informed that they have successfully passed the Jurisprudence Examination required for the reinstatement of their license to practice pharmacy in Minnesota.

Olayemi Olabisi-Falowo

The motion passed.

The Board next discussed the possibility of increasing the number of Reciprocity Exams it offers. Beginning in 1999, the Board will utilize NABP's Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, which will be provided in various testing "windows" throughout the year. Until that time, the Board will continue to

give its paper and pencil examination. During its deliberations on the future of the Reciprocity Examination, the Board determined that it would no longer require the oral examination as part of the Reciprocity Examination process and that it will provide an additional Reciprocity Examination on November 18, 1997.

The Board next turned its attention to the NABP Executive Officers Conference, scheduled for November 16-19, 1997, and the fact that NABP is requesting two individuals from each Board, who may be in attendance at the conference, stay after the conclusion of the conference to continue development work on the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination test item pool. With this as background, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that Mr. David Holmstrom and Ms. Denise Frank be authorized to attend the NABP Executive Officers Conference and stay to work on the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination test item pool at Board expense. The motion passed, with Ms. Denise Frank abstaining.

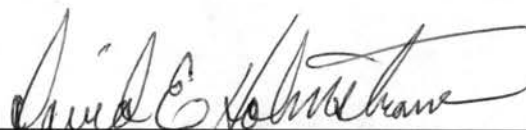
The Board members who attended the NABP/AACP District V meeting, in Omaha, Nebraska, next led a discussion of the various presentations made at the District V meeting and shared information regarding the District meeting with those members who did not attend.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a document from the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, critical of the enforcement efforts being made by Boards of Pharmacy throughout the United States in enforcing the patient counseling and drug use review provisions of OBRA '90. After a brief discussion, Mr. Donald Gibson suggested that the issue of patient counseling compliance be made one of the topics for discussion at a long-range planning retreat, if one is held this winter.

There being no further business at this time, President Benson adjourned the meeting.



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL  
September 17, 1997

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO:**

Cook Hospital Pharmacy - Cook  
Hazelden-Center City Pharmacy - Center City  
Pfeiffer Pharmacy - Pequot Lakes  
Snyders #29 - Blaine  
Walgreens Pharmacy - 734 Grand Ave., St. Paul  
Wayzata Rexall Drug - Wayzata

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO (Per 8/1/97 New Statute Eff. Date):**

Chaska Snyder Drug - Chaska  
Falls Memorial Hosp. Phcy. - International Falls  
HMI Pharmaceutical Svcs. - Arden Hills  
Ofstedahl Drug Co. - Madison  
Shopko Pharmacy #2058 - Worthington  
Walgreens Pharmacy - Anoka  
Walgreens Pharmacy - Brooklyn Park  
White Drug #23 - Detroit Lakes

**THREE-TO-ONE:**

Children's Health Care Pharmacy - Minneapolis



## MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

### SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., October 22, 1997, the Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance was the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom.

After reviewing, revising, and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1997. Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1997, be approved as written. The motion passed.

Board Member Jean Lemberg now requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding the issue of pharmacy technicians. Ms. Lemberg indicated that she recognizes that the issue of the use of pharmacy technicians and the training of pharmacy technicians is scheduled to be discussed at a long-range planning retreat that has not yet been scheduled but, in that her term on the Board may expire in January of 1998, she would not be able to make her position on the issue known at the retreat. Ms. Lemberg indicated she was very concerned regarding the training of pharmacy technicians. Ms. Lemberg indicated that, as pharmacists expand into new areas of pharmacy practice and turn over more of the functions traditionally performed by pharmacists to pharmacy technicians, competency and integrity of the technician becomes vitally important. Ms. Lemberg indicated that it is her position that the Board should take a leadership role in bringing together various parties that would be involved in establishing standards for the training of pharmacy technicians and the actual training programs themselves.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of The Medicine Shoppe in Ramsey, Minnesota, by Mr. Michael McEachran, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Buffalo Medical in Buffalo, Minnesota, by Mr. Dale Olson, pharmacist-in-charge. This application had come before the Board at its meeting of September 16 and was not acted on at that time. The Board requested additional information from Mr. Olson regarding the proposed staffing for Buffalo Medical. Mr. Olson has now provided that additional information to the Board. After carefully

reviewing the application, a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and the additional information on staffing, submitted by Mr. Olson, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of Pharmacist Joy O'Donnell as pharmacist-in-charge of the pharmacy in place of Mr. Olson, who is already pharmacist-in-charge at Buffalo Drug; and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Hennepin County Medical Center 4 North Pharmacy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Charles Cooper, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application, together with the requested variance relating to the use of electronic security at the pharmacy, be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed, with Mr. Charles Cooper abstaining.

The Board next turned its attention to requests for variances it has received since the last meeting. The first request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Ridgeview Pharmacy in Burnsville, Minnesota, by Ms. Laurie Deegan, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Deegan is requesting a variance that would allow the pharmacy to manage the prescription drug samples obtained by physicians at the Fairview Ridges Clinic. In doing so, the pharmacy will help maintain better control, record keeping, and labeling of those medications. After a brief discussion, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the Board grant a permanent variance to Ms. Deegan as she requested, but that Mr. Holmstrom inform Ms. Deegan of the suggested changes to the language of her policies and procedures that were discussed. The motion passed, with Ms. Denise Frank abstaining.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Park Nicollet Pharmacy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Dick Bleck, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Bleck is requesting a variance relating to the repackaging of certain generic drugs into small "sample" quantities for distribution by physicians in the Park Nicollet Medical Center. After a lengthy discussion, the Board declined to take action on Mr. Bleck's request at this time, and directed Mr. Holmstrom to invite Mr. Bleck to attend the December meeting of the Board to further discuss his request.

At this time, the Board turned its attention to matters of a quasi judicial nature. The first item of a quasi judicial nature, to come before the Board, involved the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Gregory R. Kaasa. Mr. Kaasa appeared before the Board in recognition of the successful completion of his period of probation with the Board, after discussing his compliance with the conditions of probation established in the Order of the Board dated September 26, 1994. After confirming his compliance with all of the requirements of his probation, the Board acknowledged the successful completion by Mr. Kaasa and wished him well.

The Board now returned to its deliberations on requests for variances it has received since the last meeting. The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of St. Peter Regional Treatment Center, by Mr. Harry Argetsinger, Director of Pharmacy. Mr. Argetsinger is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.2150, which indicates that a pharmacist must be present and on duty at all times when a pharmacy is open for business. Mr. Argetsinger is requesting a variance that would allow staff pharmacists, at the pharmacy, to attend in-service education programs elsewhere on the hospital campus. These in-service education programs generally occur once or twice a month. Mr. Argetsinger is requesting that pharmacy technicians be allowed to remain in the pharmacy, performing duties such as stocking shelves, cleaning, filing, etc., during the absence of the pharmacist. After a thorough discussion of this request, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the Board deny the requested variance. Mr. Argetsinger's proposal to limit the duties of technicians during the time the pharmacist is not present, and his proposal that pharmacists be available by pager if needed was not adequate to allow the Board to grant the variance.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy, 125 Lincoln Ave. SE, in St. Cloud, Minnesota, by Mr. Robert Karpel, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Karpel is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3 regarding the transfer of prescriptions to another pharmacy. Specifically, Mr. Karpel would like to eliminate the requirement for the voiding of the original hard copy of the prescription when the prescription information is transferred to another pharmacy. Mr. Karpel proposes to record transfers electronically only, and print a monthly log of all transfers to be kept on file for a period of one year, or some other time period deemed appropriate by the Board. Mr. Karpel contends that pharmacies work, primarily, from the computer record of prescriptions and, since Target pharmacy's computer automatically voids all refills remaining on the computerized prescription record as part of the transfer function, voiding of the original hard copy is not necessary. After a thorough discussion of this issue, during which it was pointed out that if the Quality Assurance check, comparing the computer entry with the original hard copy is



done only when the first refill is requested, it is possible that a transfer could be requested of a prescription, if done prior to the first refill, that has not been double-checked for accuracy. Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that Mr. Karpel's request for a variance be approved if the Quality Assurance check is done within 24 hours of filling of the prescription, but, if the Quality Assurance check is not done until the first refill is requested, Target Pharmacy will be expected to continue to pull the hard copy original prescription and void that document. The motion passed.

The next variance request, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Thrifty Nystrom Drug in Brainerd, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Boehler, Vice President of Pharmacy and Health Care Services. Thrifty Nystrom Drug is in the process of building a new pharmacy across the street from its present location. In the new pharmacy, Thrifty Nystrom is proposing to separate the nursing home dispensing activities from the community pharmacy activities. Mr. Boehler is requesting a variance which would allow the nursing home dispensing activities to continue to operate at the present location for up to 30 days if construction is not able to facilitate the move of both the nursing home portion and the retail portion of the pharmacy to the new location at the same time. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the variance requested by Mr. Boehler be approved. The motion passed, with Mr. Jeff Lindoo abstaining.

The final request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of several Walgreens Pharmacies in Minnesota, by Ms. Audrey Neeley, Manager of Professional Affairs for Walgreens Corporation. Ms. Neeley is requesting a waiver from the requirements of Minn. Rule 6800.3100, Subpart 3 regarding certification of the completed prescription. Specifically, Ms. Neeley is requesting that pharmacists at Walgreens Pharmacies, utilizing Baker Cells and/or Baker Cassettes, be exempted from the requirement that the certification include "checking of the original container from which the medication was dispensed." Ms. Neeley points out that Walgreen's computer system generates a line drawing and verbal description of the tablets or capsules being called for by the prescription. This pictogram allows the pharmacist to compare the medication in the container being dispensed to the description of the medication contained on the pictogram. After a lengthy discussion of the issues involved, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the waiver requested by Ms. Neeley be granted, and that Mr. Holmstrom inform Ms. Neeley that the technology, policies, and procedures, developed by Walgreens, appears to be acceptable in meeting the Board's requirement if pharmacists follow the policies and procedures that Walgreens has developed. If the system works as developed, dispensing errors reaching the patient should be virtually non-existent. Any complaints from the public involving dispensing



errors at pharmacies, utilizing the system described by Ms. Neeley, will be treated seriously. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of August 12, 1997 and September 16, 1997. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval is recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of supportive personnel requests recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of supportive personnel requests submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that those supportive personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Mr. Thuan Do. Mr. Do is a candidate for licensure, who was unsuccessful in passing the State Jurisprudence Examination during the June Full Board Examination, and who was given the opportunity to retake the Jurisprudence portion of the exam at the time that the Board offered Jurisprudence Exams to candidates for licensure by Reciprocity back on September 16. Mr. Do again failed to pass the examination at that time, but now requests that the Board re-grade his September examination, taking into consideration his explanation for the way in which he answered some of the questions.

After reviewing the performance data from the September Reciprocity Examination and observing that the September Reciprocity Exam questions have good performance data, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that Mr. Do's request that the Board reconsider his performance on the September Reciprocity Exam be denied, and that Mr. Do be informed that he will have an opportunity to retake the Jurisprudence Exam when it is again made available for candidates for licensure by Reciprocity in November of 1997. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter he received from Ms. Janet Barnick, Director of Pharmacy at Perham Memorial Hospital Pharmacy. Ms. Barnick enclosed a draft of the proposed policies and procedures for the Perham Memorial Hospital and Home Telemedicine Project, being developed in conjunction with MeritCare Health System in Fargo, North Dakota. Ms. Barnick is seeking Board approval of the policies and procedures developed. After reviewing and discussing the policies and procedures developed by Ms. Barnick, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise

Frank seconded that the Board approve the Telemedicine Project and the policies and procedures, but that Mr. Holmstrom recommend to Ms. Barnick that she, or any other pharmacist that may be providing pharmacy services to the Perham Memorial Hospital and Home, attempt to contact local residents, who obtain drugs through the emergency room utilizing the afterhours procedures that have been developed, in order to make sure that appropriate patient counseling has been conducted. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the first of two letters from Pharmacist Loren Noreen. The first letter requests Board approval for the placement of a Pyxis Station System in a long-term care facility as an alternative to the standard emergency kit. After discussing the pro's and con's of utilizing automated medication management systems in long-term care facilities, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that Mr. Holmstrom inform Mr. Noreen that the Board will allow the use of an automated medication management system in a long-term care facility as a replacement for the emergency kit only and not as a starter-dose system, but that the pharmacy cannot provide the Pyxis machine free of charge, but can lease the machine to the home at an amount designed to recover costs of the machine over the average life expectancy of the machine. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to Mr. Noreen's second letter to the Board. Mr. Noreen's second letter requests Board approval for the use of a computerized prescription order system in a long-term care facility. This system involves the placement of a Pentium 166 MMX terminal in a subacute nursing facility. The system would be utilized to place IV orders with the pharmacy in a more accurate and efficient manner. After discussing this request, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the Board allow the use of computers to transmit IV and other drug orders from a long-term care facility to a pharmacy, but that the pharmacy cannot provide the hardware free of charge to the home, but may provide it through a lease agreement designed to recover the cost of the hardware over the average life expectancy of the hardware. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Pharmacist David Guay requesting Board approval of a pilot project to allow pharmacists to participate in a study of the feasibility and impact of rural pharmacist driven immunizations of the elderly in rural communities. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Federal Department of Health and Human Services has identified adult immunizations as a top priority for both research and demonstration projects. The morbidity and mortality of influenza A/B and pneumococcal infections, which is substantial in the elderly, is large avoidable through immunization. With the

advent of multiply-drug resistant pneumococci in this country, the mortality of pneumococcal infections can be expected to rise dramatically unless stemmed by improved vaccination rates.

Pharmacists in rural areas are uniquely situated to provide this sorely-needed service. Pharmacists participating in the project would have to successfully complete an APhA-certified training program in intramuscular injection administration and vaccination prior to their involvement. In addition, all vaccinations would be performed under a protocol established with a local physician. Mr. Guay is requesting that the Board exercise its discretion in enforcement of applicable statutory provisions and allow this much needed pilot project to go forward.

After discussing the proposal made by Mr. Guay, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that Mr. Holmstrom inform Mr. Guay that the Board has reviewed the proposal and has no objection to the implementation of this study in Minnesota. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next described, for the Board, the deliberations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the draft rules that have been under development by the Board. Mr. Holmstrom reported that the Ad Hoc Committee recommends that the Board develop a separate advisory committee to look at the issue of emergency kits in long-term care facilities. The Board accepted this suggestion and developed a list of potential participants in this Ad Hoc Committee.

The Board next discussed the electronic transmission of prescriptions and refill requests between physicians' offices and pharmacies via "switch" companies. The function of a "switch" is to allow two computer systems of different design and software to communicate with each other. During discussions, the Board expressed its concern regarding the mergers that are occurring between "switch" companies and "data/information" companies which, potentially, allow real time data capture, including patient identifiers coming through the switch. The Board identified this issue as one in which rule-making may become necessary in order to protect the confidentiality of patient records.

Board Member Donald Gibson next reported on his preliminary findings regarding the availability of August dates in 1999 in Duluth for the District V meeting of the boards and colleges. Mr. Gibson reported that the dates of August 19-21, 1999, appear to be okay at this time. Mr. Gibson indicated that he will get specific hotel information for those dates and present it to the Board at the Board's December meeting.

Mr. Holmstrom next requested guidance from the Board on how it wishes to handle the grading of the results of the Reciprocity Examination, scheduled for November 18, 1997, in that, for the




first time, the Board does not have a Board meeting scheduled the day after a Reciprocity Examination. The Board determined that Board staff should grade examination papers and, using the criteria established by the Board over the past reciprocity exam administrations, determine grades for the candidates participating in the Reciprocity Examination. The list of successful candidates will then be presented to the Board at the December 3 Board meeting.

The Board next entered into discussions regarding the potential locations and dates for a long-range planning retreat. Topics for discussion were also identified. No specific dates were identified at this point and discussions will continue at the December 3 Board meeting.

There being no further business at this time, President Benson adjourned the meeting.

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

October 22, 1997

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO:**

Hy-Vee Pharmacy - Mankato  
Merwin Drug #6 - St. Paul  
Peterson Drug, Inc. - Moose Lake  
Snyder Drug - New Hope  
Snyder Drug - Sauk Centre  
Snyder Pharmacy - St. Louis Park  
St. Paul Metro Treatment Center - Maplewood  
Wahl Drugstore - Hawley

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO (Per 8/1/97 New Statute Eff. Date):**

Coborn's Pharmacy - Mora  
HealthPartners Pharmacy - Coon Rapids  
HealthPartners Pharmacy - Inver Grove Heights  
HMI Pharmaceutical Svcs. - Arden Hills  
KMart Pharmacy - Detroit Lakes  
Lake Elmo Pharmacy - Lake Elmo  
Pamida Pharmacy - Glencoe  
Skyway HealthPartners Pharmacy - Minneapolis  
Target Pharmacy #657 - Bemidji  
Target Pharmacy #1095 - Minneapolis  
Thrifty White Drug #724 - Blaine  
Walker Drug - Walker

**ONE & 1/2 TO ONE:**

Winona Clinic Pharmacy - Winona

## MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

### SEVEN HUNDRED AND NINTH MEETING

At approximately 9:00 a.m., December 3, 1997, the Board of Pharmacy met in conference room A, at University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

After reviewing, revising, and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of October 2, 1997. Ms. Denise Frank moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the minutes of the meeting of October 22, 1997 be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Cash Wise Pharmacy, in Austin, Minnesota, by Mr. Marvin Moen, acting pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coram Alternate Site Pharmacy, in Moorhead, Minnesota, by Ms. Jacqueline Odegard, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure and, in particular, the security of the licensed area. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Custom Rx & Natural Pharmacy, in Richfield, Minnesota, by Mr. Verne Betlach, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, the Board determined that there was insufficient detail in the plans for the pharmacy, which were submitted with the application, to allow the Board to act to approve the pharmacy at this time, and directed Mr. Holmstrom to contact Mr. Betlach for additional information that can be presented to the Board at their January meeting.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Lakes Regional Healthcare Pharmacy, in Wyoming, Minnesota, by Mr. Mark

Nelson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and that Mr. Holmstrom should advise Mr. Nelson of the need to amend the operational policies of the pharmacy relating to emergency after-hours access by nursing staff. Specifically, the procedures should require that the nurse, entering the pharmacy after-hours, leave a copy of the order for the drug, which she entered the pharmacy to retrieve, along with the stock container from which the medication was withdrawn so that the pharmacist can verify that the correct drug was taken once the pharmacy re-opens. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Lakes Pharmacy, in Wyoming, Minnesota, by Mr. Michael Reinke, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, the Board determined that the plans submitted with the application did not provide the Board with sufficient detail to allow it to make a decision on the application, and that Mr. Holmstrom should contact Mr. Reinke for additional information.

The sixth application for a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy, in Rosemount, Minnesota, by Ms. Kathryn Reutzel, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Bridges Medical Services Pharmacy, in Ada, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Rosenau, pharmacist-in-charge. This application represents an application for a temporary pharmacy at the Bridges Medical Services Center in Ada, Minnesota. The Bridges Hospital site in Ada was destroyed by the Red River floods of 1997 and is now re-opening at a temporary location until a new hospital can be constructed. After reviewing this application and the plans for the pharmacy, the Board determined that the plans did not provide enough information on the space proposed for licensure by Mr. Rosenau, but noted that Pharmacy Board Surveyor Les Kotek was scheduled to visit the site on Tuesday, December 9 and, as a result, Mr. Don Gibson moved and



Ms. Denise Frank seconded that, pending approval by Mr. Kotek of the physician facility proposed for licensure, a license be issued for the temporary location proposed for the Bridges Medical Services Pharmacy. The motion passed.

The final item relating to new pharmacy operations involves a letter, from Ms. Janine Merriman, Director of Pharmacy for the Minnesota Oncology Hematology, P.A., regarding plans for a pharmacy for a new cancer center being built in Maplewood. Ms. Merriman is asking whether the Board would entertain an application for licensure of the cancer center's pharmacy that contains less than the current 400 square foot minimum called for in Board rules. Ms. Merriman indicates in her letter that, due to the specialty nature of the patient population at the cancer center, a limited formulary for those patients and the absence of OTC medications and other pharmacy-related goods, the pharmacy does not require 400 square feet of space for efficient operation.

In discussing Ms. Merriman's letter, the Board acknowledged discussions being held by the Board's Rules and Legislation Committee relating to minimum pharmacy size and recognized that, at approximately the same time that the planned cancer center pharmacy will open, the Board's minimum size for licensed pharmacies will, likely, change. As a result, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to inform Ms. Merriman that the Board would be willing to consider a new pharmacy application that provides less than the current 400 square foot minimum.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the presentation, by Mr. Holley, Legal Counsel for the Board, of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Thomas R. Johnson. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference, held with Mr. Johnson, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Johnson, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The second item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the presentation, by Mr. Holley, of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Mark E. Hendrickson. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference, held with Mr. Hendrickson, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct based on his violation of the terms of a previously existing order of the Board. The stipulation has been

agreed to and signed by Mr. Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson now appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Hendrickson, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order, as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The third item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the presentation, by Mr. Holley, of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. David N. Stemp. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference, held with Mr. Stemp, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Stemp. Mr. Stemp and his attorney now appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Stemp and his attorney, Mr. Donald Gibson moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order, as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The final item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the appearance before the Board by Mr. Robert H. Bentz, who is appearing before the Board in recognition of his completion of probation, imposed by a previous Board order. Mr. Bentz appeared before the Board to discuss the extent of his compliance with the conditions of probation. After hearing from Mr. Bentz and acknowledging the successful completion of his probation with the Board, the Board wished Mr. Bentz well and Mr. Bentz departed from the meeting.

The Board next turned its attention to requests for waivers and/or variances it has received since the last meeting. The first request for a variance was submitted on behalf of Good Samaritan Pharmacy, in New Brighton, Minnesota, by Ms. Amy Hammit, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Hammit is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows Good Samaritan Pharmacy to provide OmniCell Pharmacy Modules, at St. Benedict's Center in St. Cloud and at University Good Samaritan Center in Minneapolis, as a pilot project for the use of automated medication management systems in long-term care facilities. After thoroughly discussing the variance request, submitted by Ms. Hammit, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board grant an extension of the variance for a six-month period of time, and that the Board request an analysis of the extent of overrides being made by nurses accessing the system; and that Ms. Hammit also describe, for the Board, what she sees as the end point of this pilot project variance. The motion passed.

The second request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairmont Community Hospital Pharmacy, by Mr. F.Dennis Rodriguez, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Rodriguez is requesting an opportunity to establish a Tech-check-tech procedure, at his pharmacy, which would be used in the preparation of medications being dispensed in a unit-dose dispensing system utilized at the hospital. After thoroughly reviewing the policies and procedures set up by Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance be granted. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy, 621 West Broadway, Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Vern Kassekert, Walgreen District Manager. Mr. Kassekert is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed the prescription department at the Walgreens Pharmacy to be closed while the remainder of the store was open for business, even though the prescription department contained only 372 square feet instead of the 400 square feet normally required. When the Board first granted this variance, the Board made continuation of the variance contingent upon the development and implementation of procedures for the patient counseling and drug use review required for Medicaid patients by OBRA '90. A recent inspection visit, by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Byron Opstad, indicated that the pharmacy is not in compliance with the requirements of OBRA '90. Mr. Kassekert now requested an opportunity to address the Board on this issue and on the variance he was requesting. After hearing from Mr. Kassekert and observing that the Board's rules relating to the minimum square foot size of a licensed pharmacy is proposed for change in the near future, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Charles Cooper seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Kassekert, be extended for a six-month period of time. The motion passed.

The final request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of UPC Health Network Pharmacy, by Ms. Becky Hyland Marciniak, Pharm D. Ms. Marciniak is requesting a variance which would allow UPC to accept medications being returned from the Ramsey County Workhouse, utilizing the same packaging system and procedures that have been approved for use in accepting returns from long-term care facilities. After discussing and reviewing this request for a variance, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance be granted for a one year period of time, on condition that Ms. Marciniak add, to the policies and procedures developed for controlling these returns, a statement indicating that no refrigerator drugs will be returned. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of supportive personnel requests that have been submitted since the last meeting of the Board. After reviewing the list of supportive



personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that those supportive personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with a copy of a supportive personnel request from Walgreens Pharmacy, 8308 Highway 7, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, wherein Pharmacist-in-charge Steve Roudabush includes, as a duty of pharmacy cashiers, the inputting of refill prescription number requests into the computer. Mr. Holmstrom requested that the Board address the issue of whether this activity is rightfully that of a non-technician cashier, or whether it is an activity that should be limited to pharmacy technicians. After discussing this issue, the Board indicated that the inputting of prescription refill numbers into a computer for the purpose of generating a prescription refilling operation is a technician function, but directed Mr. Holmstrom to contact Mr. Roudabush to clarify what the activity he included in his supportive personnel application includes.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the list of continuing education programs, reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of September 16, 1997 and October 21, 1997; and October 21, 1997, and November 25, 1997. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and approved by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Ms. Doris Calhoun, Director of Continuing Education at the University of Minnesota, and a supporting letter from Ms. Penny Lepinski, past President of the Minnesota Society of Health System Pharmacists. Ms. Calhoun's letter indicates that it is the policy of the College of Pharmacy that her department be self-sufficient, in that she is required to generate sufficient revenues through the production of continuing education programming to cover the expenses of her office. Ms. Calhoun further indicates that, over a two-year continuing education cycle, she has difficulty generating sufficient revenues to cover expenses during the first year of the cycle, and tends to generate excess revenues during the second year of the cycle. Ms. Calhoun, with the support of Ms. Lepinski, is requesting that the Board consider changing the continuing education reporting for Minnesota pharmacists, so that ½ of the pharmacists would report their continuing education each year, rather than all of the pharmacists being on the same two-year cycle. After discussing the difficulty such a change would pose

for the Board's staff, the expense involved in making such a change, and the inconvenience that such a change would impose on currently practicing pharmacists, the Board declined to support the concept.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Pharmacist Linda Strand regarding the Board's role in advancing the practice of pharmaceutical care. After discussing Ms. Strand's letter to the Board, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to invite Ms. Strand to the Board's January 29, 1998 meeting, in order to more fully discuss the points she raised in her letter.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, who participated in the Reciprocity Examination on November 18, 1997. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Denise Frank moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that, having passed the required Jurisprudence Examination, the following candidates for licensure by reciprocity be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

CERTIFICATE #	NAME	REGISTRATION #
7010	ELPEDIO BASA	116483-
7011	SUSAN R BOESHART	116484-
7012	SHELLEY L DOHERTY	116485-
7013	JANICE J DOW	116486-
7014	MARY T FARLEY	116487-
7015	TINA L GRAPENTINE	116488-
7016	KRISTOPHER M HAUGEN	116489-
7017	DIANE M HIBL	116490-
7018	ANGELLA R JORGENSEN	116491-
7019	THOMAS N KAKUDA	116492-
7051	DON W LEHN	116493-
7052	MICHAEL J MALLOY	116494-
7053	MARIE R PAULIK	116495-
7054	JOHN B POWELL, JR	116496-
7055	BARBARA J SCOTT	116497-
7056	LISA M WESTBERG	116498-
7057	RANDALL E WRIGHT	116499-

The motion passed.

Ms. Denise Frank then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that Jurisprudence Retake Candidate Thuan Do, having successfully passed the Jurisprudence Examination, be granted licensure as a pharmacist. The motion passed.

Ms. Denise Frank and Mr. David Holmstrom next reported, to the Board, on the programming and issues that were made a part of the Executive Officers Conference, sponsored by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, which they recently attended. Ms. Frank indicated that she has copies of hand-out materials available if Board members desire additional information on any of the issues discussed.

Mr. Holmstrom next raised the issue of how the Board should address exam applicants from the state of Illinois. Applicants for licensure from Illinois are unique, in that the Illinois Board of Pharmacy does not register pharmacy technicians and does not record internship hours, therefore there is no official documentation of practical experience for exam candidates from Illinois. Mr. Holmstrom reported that, in the past, the Minnesota Board has been requiring Illinois candidates to use Minnesota forms and have them completed by the Illinois pharmacists under whose supervision they have worked. For all other states, internship hours are recorded by the Board of Pharmacy in that state and are transferred from that Board of Pharmacy to the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, thus providing a high level of confidence that the hours reported are legitimate. The question raised is whether the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy should continue to accommodate the Illinois Board of Pharmacy and Illinois students in this manner, or should the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy require practical experience in a state where the Board of Pharmacy does register interns and record internship hours. After a brief discussion, the Board indicated that it is willing to continue to accommodate board candidates from Illinois, in that the number of such candidates is relatively low.

Mr. Holmstrom next raised the issue of NAPLEX score transfers to and from the states of Florida and Minnesota, and indicated that, traditionally, Minnesota has not accepted exam scores transferred from Florida, in that Florida will not accept exam scores transferred from Minnesota. Now, with the computerized NAPLEX, a candidate could sit for the exam in, for instance, New York, and list Florida as the "primary" state and Minnesota as the "score transfer" state. Should Minnesota now accept the transferred score.

After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to contact Mr. John Taylor, Executive Director of the Florida Board of Pharmacy, and determine what Florida would do if the two states were reversed and a candidate, sitting for the exam in, for instance, New York, listed Minnesota as the "primary" state and Florida as the "score transfer" state. Once that information is obtained from Mr. Taylor, the Board will consider how it wishes to address this issue.



Ms. Denise Frank next provided the Board with information regarding hotel space available for the Board's proposed Strategic Planning Retreat. Mr. Holmstrom also reported on the voting of the Board regarding the potential dates for the retreat. The Board then determined that the Strategic Planning Retreat should be held on Friday, March 20, at the Grand Casino Hinkley Hotel, and that all Board members, the Board's Executive Director, the Board's Pharmacy Surveyors, and the Board's Legal Counsel should be invited.

Mr. Holmstrom next reported on the progress of the Board's rule change packages, and indicated that there is a need for a short, special Board meeting to formally adopt the Board's proposed fee change rules. The Board determined that such a meeting should be held at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, December 18, 1997.

Mr. Holmstrom next reported on the status of the Year 2000 issues associated with the Board's computer system. Mr. Holmstrom reported that a contract was recently signed with SafeNet, a computer software company specializing in Year 2000 issues, and that work will begin shortly on the conversions necessary to make the Board's computer system Year 2000 compliant.

There being no further business at this time, President Benson adjourned the meeting.



PRESIDENT

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

December 3, 1997

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO:**

Ada Pharmacy - Ada  
Aspen Pharmacy - St. Paul  
Barsness Drug - Monticello  
Central MN Group Hlth. Pharmacy - Waite Park  
Duluth Clinic Pharmacy - Hibbing  
HealthPartners Phcy. - N Dunlap, St. Paul  
Hutchinson Comm. Hosp. Phcy. - Hutchinson  
Koster Pharmacy Inc. - Tyler  
Lindstrom Snyder Drug - Lindstrom  
Mankato MedCenter Pharmacy - Mankato  
Metropolitan Phcy. - Minneapolis  
Park Nicollet Phcy. - Shakopee  
Snyder Drug #20 - Roseville  
Target #930 - St. Cloud  
Thronset Pharmacy - Jackson  
Thronset Pharmacy - Lakefield  
Wal-Mart #1865 - Redwood Falls  
Wal-Mart #1865 - Vadnais Heights  
Zumbrota Snyder Drug - Zumbrota

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO (Per 8/97 New Statute):**

Beck Pharmacy - Waconia  
Cub Pharmacy #627 - West St. Paul  
Drug Emporium #653 - St. Paul  
Family Pharmacy South - Hutchinson  
HealthPartners Pharmacy - Apple Valley  
HealthPartners Pharmacy - Brooklyn Center  
Northfield Village Drug, Inc. - Northfield  
Slayton Drug - Slayton  
Target Pharmacy - Brooklyn Park  
Target Pharmacy - West St. Paul  
Walgreens - Brooklyn Center  
Walgreens #3293 - Lexington  
Walgreen Drug - Oakdale  
Walgreens #2355 - St. Paul

**SPECIAL RATIOS: ONE-TO-ONE PLUS ONE:**

Lakes Snyder Drug - Forest Lake

# MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND TENTH MEETING

At approximately 3:30 p.m., December 18, 1997, the Board of Pharmacy met in the Board of Pharmacy conference room, at 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Suite 530, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a brief business meeting. In attendance were Ms. Denise Frank, Ms. Jean Lemberg, Mr. Charles Cooper, and Mr. Jeff Lindoo. Also in attendance was the Board's Executive Director Mr. David Holmstrom. Ms. Denise Frank, the Board's Vice President, conducted the meeting.

The first item of business, to be addressed by the Board, was a new pharmacy application submitted on behalf of Custom Rx & Natural Pharmacy in Richfield, Minnesota, by Mr. Verne Betlach, pharmacist-in-charge. This application had been addressed by the Board at its meeting of December 3, 1997, and had been returned to Mr. Betlach for additional information. Mr. Betlach now provided the additional information the Board requested, so the application was once again before the Board. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, together with the additional information supplied by Mr. Betlach, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed its proposed rules relating to fee changes. Mr. Holmstrom reported that the 30-day comment period on the proposed rules has now expired and that no comments were received. Mr. Chuck Cooper then moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

"Resolved that the rules relating to the fees for licensure of pharmacists and pharmacies, license renewals, reciprocity and examinations, and the acceptance of Canadian graduates as candidates for licensure in the form set out in the Revisor of Statutes draft, File # AR2848, dated August 19, 1997, identified as Minnesota Rules, Parts 6800.0400, 6800.1150, 6800.1250, and 6800.1300, are approved and adopted pursuant to authority vested in the Board of Pharmacy by Minn. Statutes Sections 151.06, 151.07, 151.12, 151.13, 151.19, 214.06, and 16A.128. David Holmstrom, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is authorized to sign the Order Adopting Rules, and further, is authorized to modify the rules, if necessary, to obtain the approval of the rules by the Revisor of Statutes or the Administrative Law Judge, and to perform the necessary acts to provide that the rules shall have the force and effect of law."

The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to a batch of substantive rule changes relating to various aspects of pharmacy practice, including registration of pharmacy technicians, which have been under consideration by the Board for several months. Mr. Jeff



Lindoo then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

"Resolved that David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and directed to sign and to give the Notice of the Board's Intent to Adopt Rules using Alternate Notices of whether a hearing will be held governing pharmacy practice and the registration of pharmacy technicians to all persons who have registered their names with the Board for that purpose, and publish the Notice and rules in the State Register, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto."

"Be it further resolved that, if there are fewer than 25 outstanding hearing requests, David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and directed to sign the Order Adopting Rules, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto."

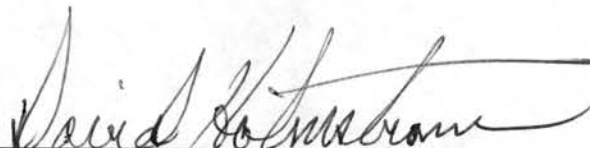
"And, be it further resolved that, if there are 25 or more outstanding hearing requests, David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and is directed to act as the Board's representative at the hearing, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto."

The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg abstaining.

There being no further business before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH MEETING

At approximately 8:00 a.m., January 28, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met, at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of administering a written Practical Examination in prescription compounding, errors and omissions, and patient counseling; and written examinations in both state and federal Jurisprudence to candidates for licensure by examination. All members of the Board were in attendance, with the exception of Ms. Jean Lemberg. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Surveyors, Mr. Lloyd Pekas, Mr. Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Leslie Kotek, and Mr. Byron Opstad.

The following candidates, who have met all of the required prerequisites and who have presented properly executed applications, were present to write the Examinations administered as part of the Full Board Examination process:

MARK A ALLEN  
LORI M AMBORN  
OMOALUSE M AMONI  
PETER L ANDERSON  
JENNIFER L ATHMANN  
MELISSA M ATWOOD  
BIBI S BACCHUS  
JENNIFER R BELKE  
BONNIE L BLOCK  
JENNIFER E BREEDING  
GENELLE H BROWN  
JENNIFER L CHASE  
MICHELLE A CHRISTENSON  
EMMANUEL CONDUAH  
ANN M DONOVAN  
DALE J DURHAM  
CASSANDRA D FINKEL  
TINA MARIE GREWE  
KORI S HACK  
ROBERT J HAIGHT  
DAVID S HAPP  
ERIC J HAUSMANN  
MELISSA J HENTGES  
JO L HERBEL  
TODD D HILGENDORF  
JOHN C HUI  
BAO-CHAU L HUYNH  
DOROTHY B IG-IZEVBEKHAI  
BRIAN K IRONS  
JAREN J JONES  
CHRISTOPHER J KARA  
LAURA J KELLER  
MYO K KIM  
VANESSA L KNIPP  
SARAH A KOZAK  
DAVID B LASSEN

JOSHUA J LEMM  
ERIC D LEONHART  
CHENG S LO  
LAURA J LOE  
JULIEANNA LOKEH  
YUN LU  
LYNN M MAJERUS  
BOBBIE J MALONE  
SHAWN M MCGURRAN  
SHARA L MIHM  
MICHELLE L MODRIJAN  
TOU G MOUA  
KRISTIN L NEAFUS  
PAMELA L NELSON  
ANH D NGUYEN  
PETER J NYHUS  
JENNIFER M PARRY  
MICHAEL J PHILBROOK  
JEANNINE M PLUHAR  
JAMES R POLUCHA  
MICHAEL D PRYOR  
MAY T QUAN  
JOHN J RESMAN  
TAMIN A SAIDI  
SUSAN K SCHENKENBERG  
HEIDI L SCHEPPMAN  
TIFFANI D SCHILLING  
SUNG A SHIM  
MARIA Y SHIU  
MELISSA SONNENBERG  
KIM A STALOGH  
MONICA K STROH  
GWENDOLYN F SVENVOLD  
PETER P TABAKA  
SEYED-REZA TAHERI-KENARI  
KRISTINE P THOMPSON

JACQUELINE R TRATUWEIN  
LONG VINH

YONGMEI XU

The following retake candidates were also present to write various portions of the Examination.

ANGELA M TUCKER  
CHERI L WYMAN  
JENNIFER L GODDETTE  
VADANAK TRY  
JANE T WALTHER  
SUZANNE E AYLING

PEGGY L KAPROTH  
REBECCA S KHANKARI  
HOUA LEE  
PHONG T PHAM  
MAHMOUD S SHAKER

Also present to write the Practical Examination and the State Law Exam was Mr. Lester Schriever, a candidate for reinstatement of a license he had previously allowed to lapse.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., January 29, 1998, the Board met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley, and the Board's Surveyors, Mr. Lloyd Pekas, Mr. Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Leslie Kotek, and Mr. Byron Opstad.

After reviewing and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meetings of December 3 and December 18, 1997. Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 1997 be approved as written. The motion passed.

Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Denise Frank seconded that the minutes of the meeting of December 18, 1997 be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the election of officers for the coming year. For the Office of President: Ms. Carol Peterson moved to nominate Ms. Denise Frank for the Office of President. Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Frank was elected to the Office of President by a unanimous ballot.

For the Office of Vice-President: Ms. Denise Frank moved to nominate Ms. Carol Peterson for the Office of Vice-President. Mr. Donald Gibson seconded the nomination. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Peterson was elected to the Office of Vice-President by a unanimous ballot.

For the position of Executive Director: Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved that Mr. David Holmstrom be continued as the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy. Mr. Donald Gibson seconded the motion.



There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Mr. Holmstrom was elected to continue as Executive Director by a unanimous ballot.

For Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs: Ms. Carol Peterson moved that Ms. Patricia Eggers be continued as Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs. Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded the motion. There being no further nominations, the nominations were closed and Ms. Eggers was elected to the position of Assistant Director for Administrative Affairs by a unanimous ballot.

At this time, Mr. Carl Benson turned over the presidency of the Board to Ms. Denise Frank. Ms. Frank now assumed the position as President.

At this time, President Denise Frank announced the membership of the Board's various standing committees. The following committee appointments were made:

- a) **Complaint Committee** - Carol Peterson & Carl Benson
- b) **Internship Committee** - Denise Frank & Don Gibson
- c) **Continuing Education Task Force** - Lloyd Pekas & Jeff Lindoo
- d) **Examination Committee** - Denise Frank, Charles Cooper, & Don Gibson
- e) **Rules and Legislation Committee** - Carl Benson, Denise Frank, Charles Cooper, Jeff Lindoo, & Jean Lemberg
- f) **HPSP Representative** - Henry Capiz
- g) **Board President's Forum** - Denise Frank

The next item, to come before the Board, was the issue of continued membership in the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy. After a brief review of the many benefits derived from membership in NABP, including participation in the nation-wide reciprocity system of license transfer, established through NABP, the availability of the nationally utilized NAPLEX and Federal Drug Law Examinations, and participation in the National Disciplinary Clearinghouse, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board again renew its membership in NABP. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed its intention to maintain the requirement of graduation from an approved college of pharmacy, in order to qualify to take the Board's licensure examination. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Board approve and adopt, as its own, the current accreditation standards of the American Council of Pharmaceutical Education, and

the current accreditation standards of the Canadian Council for Accreditation of Pharmacy Programs; and that the Board adopt the lists of approved colleges of pharmacy, published by ACPE and CCAPP, where the curriculum is taught in English as the list of colleges from which the Board will accept graduates as candidates for licensure. The listed colleges have proven their compliance with the above-mentioned accreditation standards. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed its intention to accept, as candidates for licensure, Foreign Pharmacy Graduates who have met the required English Proficiency Standards and Equivalency of Education Standards as established in Minn. Statutes 151.10, Subdivision 2. These candidates have been examined and certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Board approve and adopt, as its own, those standards for certification, established by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission, and accept, as meeting those standards, only those candidates who have been properly certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since its last meeting. The first such application to conduct a new pharmacy was submitted on behalf of Fairview Lakes Pharmacy in Wyoming, Minnesota, by Mr. Michael Reinke, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Longbella Drug in Motley, Minnesota, by Ms. Lani Longbella Roberts, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure; and that the variance relating to the prescription balance be denied. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Pamida Pharmacy in Pipestone, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Uithoven, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license

issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Lakeland Vet Pharmacy in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, by Mr. Barry Zoss, pharmacist-in-charge. After reviewing this application and noting that Lakeland Vet, Inc. has been the subject of an investigation by the Board of Veterinary Medicine, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be tabled until the March meeting, at which time additional information will, hopefully, be available. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, involved the matter of the pharmacist's license of Mr. Daniel Astrup. Mr. Holley described, for the Board, a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Astrup. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference held with Mr. Astrup on December 30, 1997, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Astrup. Mr. Astrup now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order.

After discussing the proposed stipulation and order, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The next item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, involved the completion by Mr. Gerald Dubbels of his probation with the Board. Mr. Dubbels now appeared before the Board to discuss his compliance with the terms of probation and to request that the Board formally release him from the terms of his probation. After discussing the terms of probation with Mr. Dubbels and confirming that he has now completed his probation, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board confirm Mr. Dubbels' successful completion of probation, and that Mr. Holmstrom confirm that fact in writing to Mr. Dubbels. The motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Henry Capiz, the Board's representative to the Health Professional Services Program Committee, Mr. Bruce Benson, MSHP's representative to HPSP's Advisory Committee, Mr. Jim Alexander, MPhA's representative to the HPSP Advisory Committee, and Mr. Tom Barrett, Program Director of HPSP, appeared before the Board to provide the Board with an update on the Health Professional Services Program.



The Board next welcomed Mr. Richard Bleck, Director of Pharmacy Services at Park Nicollet Medical Center, Mr. Jeff Rotschaffer, Director of Pharmacy Utilization Management at HealthSystem Minnesota, and Dr. Thomas Schmidt, Medical Director Quality Assurance and Utilization Management for HealthSystem Minnesota. Mr. Bleck and the others presented, to the Board, a request that the Board allow HealthSystem Minnesota to package generic drug samples for use in their ambulatory clinics. The goal of HSM, in requesting this capability, is to promote appropriate drug selection by adding firstline drugs into the drug sample cabinet. HSM's drug sample policy recommends that drug samples be used to trial new medications for effect and/or tolerance, and assist patients with limited financial resources.

After thoroughly discussing this issue with Mr. Bleck, Mr. Rotschaffer, and Dr. Schmidt, the Board indicated that the proposal was acceptable in principal, and that Messrs. Bleck, Rotschaffer, and Schmidt should continue to work with Board staff to refine the procedures that will be used to implement the project.

At this time, the Board took a break to recognize contributions of Pharmacy Board Surveyor Lloyd Pekas, who is celebrating 20 years of service to the Board. Board President Denise Frank presented Mr. Pekas with his 20 year award.

At this time, the Board welcomed Dean Marilyn Speedie, Dean of the College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, to the meeting. Dean Speedie joined the meeting to participate in discussions and planning for the District V meeting of the boards and colleges of pharmacy for Minnesota and the surrounding states, to be hosted by Minnesota during the summer of 1999. A decision was made to hold the District V meeting in Duluth, Minnesota at the Holiday Inn in downtown Duluth.

Board Member Jean Lemberg next led a discussion relating to her concern over after-hours services at most pharmacies. Ms. Lemberg expressed concern over the public's inability to get access to their prescriptions or prescription information at night, on certain weekends and holidays, etc., and suggested that the Board consider requiring the posting of an after-hours phone number by all pharmacies. This issue will be put on the agenda for future consideration by the Board's Rules and Legislation Committee.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, concerns expressed by Pharmacist Jody Chafin regarding pharmacist involvement in the sale and distribution of herbal remedies and dietary supplements without having adequate knowledge about them before becoming involved in the distribution of these products. After discussing this issue, the Board indicated it supports the position that pharmacists be knowledgeable about all products they sell that impact on drug therapy, including herbal products and dietary supplements, and directed Mr. Holmstrom to include this topic on

the agenda for discussion at the Board's Strategic Planning Retreat.

The Board next entertained an appearance by Mr. John Choi and Mr. K.S. Reagan, who requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding a piece of proposed legislation which would delay the implementation date for the scheduling of carisoprodol as a controlled substance in Minnesota. Mr. Choi and Mr. Reagan represent Carter-Wallace, the manufacturer of Soma and Soma Compound of carisoprodol. Carisoprodol was made a Schedule IV controlled substance in Minnesota by 1997 Legislature, with an effective date of August 1, 1998. The delayed effective date was established in the belief that action to schedule carisoprodol as a controlled substance, or to conclude that scheduling was not needed for carisoprodol, would be completed by that date. It now appears that the federal decision will take additional time, and Carter-Wallace is seeking a legislative change to delay the effective date for one year.

After discussing the issue with Mr. Choi and Mr. Reagan, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that, without making a judgement on the merits of the scheduling of carisoprodol, the Board take the position that one year in the delay in the effective date is reasonable, and that the Board would not oppose such legislation. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to variance requests that have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The first request for a variance was submitted on behalf of HealthEast Optional Care, by Ms. Beth D. Ferguson, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Ferguson is requesting a variance from Minn. Rule 6800.8004, in order to provide emergency medications and supplies to be used by HealthEast Optional Care System home care nurses in providing emergency care to home care patients. After reviewing Ms. Ferguson's proposal, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The second variance request, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Mayo Pharmacies, by Ms. Karen Bergrud, Hospital Pharmacy Support Services Manager. Ms. Bergrud is requesting that a previously granted variance, which is valid through October of 1999 and which allows the return of certain very expensive fertility drug products under limited circumstances, be expanded to add two additional products newly on the market.

Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that Ms. Bergrud's request be granted, and that the previously granted variance be expanded to include the drugs follitropin alfa and follitropin beta. The motion passed.

The next variance request, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Pediatric Home Service Pharmacy, by Ms. Susan Bickmore, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Bickmore is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance to Minn. Rule 6800.1050, Subpart 2 relating to required equipment. Since Pediatric Home Service Pharmacy provides only parenteral medications to their patients, some of the equipment designed for the compounding of oral or topical medications is not needed. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy, at 6100 Shingle Creek Parkway in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, by Ms. Brenda Schmeichel, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Schmeichel is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3A, B, & C relating to the transfer of prescription information and the voiding of the original prescription. Currently, Target Pharmacy is recording all transfers and required information electronically, as well as voiding the original prescription hard copy. Target would like to begin recording transfers electronically and printing a monthly log of all transfers, to be kept on file for a period of two years, and eliminate the voiding of the original hard copy prescription.

Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the requested variance be granted for a one year period of time, on condition that Target Pharmacy perform the Quality Assurance check, which compares the original hard copy prescription data with the data entered into the pharmacy's computer on a daily basis rather than at the time of the first refill. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of In-Home Health Pharmacy, by Mr. Irv Hines, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Hines is requesting a continuance of a previously granted variance, which allows In-Home Health to provide nurses, employed by In-Home Health, to carry an Anaphylaxis Emergency Kit when making home care visits. The Anaphylaxis Kits also contain Heparin, normal saline, Lidocaine, and Emla cream. In requesting the extension, Mr. Hines provided the Board with data on the extent to which the kits have been used during the past year.

Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of UPC Health Network Pharmacy in Golden Valley, Minnesota, by Ms. Patsy Stuva, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Stuva is requesting an opportunity to expand the number of medications contained in emergency kits provided to nursing homes



by UPC. UPC is requesting a variance which would allow them to add five additional drugs to the emergency kits.

Ms. Jean Lemberg then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the variance requested by UPC be granted for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Thrifty White Pharmacies, by Board Member Jeff Lindoo. Mr. Lindoo is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.2700 relating to the return of medications for the Thrifty White Pharmacies providing medications to assisted living facilities, owned and operated by an organization call Alternative Living Services. The variance request indicates that each of these facilities is providing medication administration to their residents by trained staff from a central medication supply in the facility. The central medication supply is stored in the facility within a locked medication preparation area. The medication preparation area is either a separate room, set aside for the purpose, or a space near the dining area, away from traffic and access by the residents, which is set aside for preparation of medications. All of the residents' medications are stored within this area, as well as the medication administration records and other patient medical records. Once delivered to the facility, medications do not leave this area. Mr. Lindoo indicated that, because of the extent to which the storage and handling of medications is controlled in these facilities, the situation is comparable to that of a licensed nursing home offering every protection to the public regarding the integrity of the medications for re-use. Mr. Lindoo indicates that all of the guidelines for return of medications from nursing homes would be followed if the variance is granted.

Mr. Chuck Cooper then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance requested be granted for a one year period of time for medications at ALS-operated Assisted Living Facilities only, and only on condition that Thrifty White arrange for quarterly inspections of the drug storage areas at each facility by a consultant pharmacist, in order to assure proper storage conditions and record keeping. The motion passed, with Mr. Jeff Lindoo abstaining.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of technician utilization requests recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of technician utilization requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that those technician utilization requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the

Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of November 25, 1997 and January 13, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Mr. Arvid Nielsen, pharmacist-in-charge at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater Pharmacy, regarding an alternative packaging system he would like to implement for the dispensing of medications within the prison. After reviewing Mr. Nielsen's proposal, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to contact Mr. Nielsen and inform him that he may proceed with his proposal as it was presented.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Ms. Patsy Stuva, pharmacist-in-charge at UPC Health Network Pharmacy in Golden Valley, Minnesota, relating to the pharmacy's role in telemedicine. UPC Pharmacy has developed a telemedicine policy and procedure which it hopes to implement at the Minnesota Valley Hospital in Le Sueur, Minnesota. The procedure would allow prepackaged medications to be dispensed by nurses, at the Minnesota Valley Hospital in Le Sueur, after confirming the medication through telemetry with staff at UPC.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that Ms. Stuva be informed that the telemedicine policy and procedure, developed for use at the Minnesota Valley Hospital in Le Sueur, will be authorized for use only when local pharmacies are closed and no pharmacist or physician is available on site at the hospital. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the issue of accepting NAPLEX score transfers from candidates who have listed the primary state of licensure as Florida. Mr. Holmstrom reported that his research indicates that Florida will not accept NAPLEX scores transferred to Florida which show Minnesota as the primary state of licensure. The issue then is one of whether Minnesota will unilaterally accept score transfers from Florida, in spite of the fact that Florida will not accept scores transferred from Minnesota. After a brief discussion, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to establish a policy of not accepting NAPLEX or Multi-state Jurisprudence Examination scores from candidates who list Florida as the primary state of licensure.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the issue of Board reimbursement of staff members for professional membership fees. Mr. Holmstrom indicated that the employment contracts affecting Board staff allow the agency to pay professional membership dues for staff members if the professional membership relates to the responsibilities of the agency. After a brief discussion, Mr. Don

Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board authorize the payment of one state and one national professional organization for Mr. Holmstrom and each of the Board surveyors, on condition that the organization is a state or national pharmacy organization. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next reported on the recent activities of the Board's Rules and Legislation Committee, and the meeting of a special Ad Hoc Committee to discuss potential changes to the rules relating to emergency kits in nursing homes. Mr. Holmstrom described a draft of a proposed change, which would liberalize the number of drugs authorized to be included in emergency kits in nursing homes. The Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to include the nursing home emergency kit rule with the other package of proposed rules currently under development.

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, candidates for reinstatement of previously granted licensure, and an individual who took the exam as a result of a Board order. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that, having passed the Jurisprudence Examination required of candidates for reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
7060	QUENT D BESING	TX
7061	GREGORY L BOLL	IL
7062	THERESA L CHEZICK-CAVALIERI	PA
7063	ALLAN R FAZEKAS	TX
7064	SOPHIA L GRAY	IL
7065	JODI K GRIM	NV
7066	ELIZABETH A HENDLER	WI
7067	JODY M HOLAND	UT
7068	JEANINE M HYDINGER	SC
7069	TYSON B LANG	WI
7070	JIMMIE J LESLIE	IA
7071	PAULA A MANTHE	WI
7072	DARLA M MATTSON	CO
7073	LINDA K MCCULLOCH	SD
7074	DIANA M REYES	TX
7075	MICHELLE L SCHIMBENO	WI
7076	MICHELLE R SINNOTT	IA
7077	TERESA L SMIGELSKI	IA
7078	PATRICIA A STEINBACH	IL
7079	JEAN A STOTT	NY
7080	JAMES M WITT	ND
7081	CHAO YANG	NV
7082	HYUE W YOON	IL



The motion passed.

The following license reinstatement candidate also successfully passed the examination:

**MARTY G TIMM**

The following Board order candidate also successfully passed the examination:

**DAVID N STEMPE**

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of candidates who are seeking licensure by examination, and who were retaking only the state law portion or the practical portion, or the state law and practical portion of the Full Board Examination, or who were NAPLEX and FDLE score transfer candidates. In conformity with the Board's policy, previously established, the Board again established a score of 75 as the minimum passing score. With the passing scores thus established, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the following examination retake candidates, achieving a score of not less than 75 on the State Jurisprudence Examination and on the Practical Examination be granted licensure as pharmacists:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>
7083	JENNIFER L GODDETTE
7084	BRIAN K IRONS
7085	PEGGY L KAPROTH
7086	REBECCA S KHANKARI
7087	HOUA LEE
7088	PHONG T PHAM
7089	MAHMOUD S SHAKER
7090	JANE T WALTHER

There being no further business at this time, President Frank adjourned the meeting.

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**  
January 28, 1998

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO:**

A/M Corner Drug, St. Paul  
Drug Emporium, Blaine  
Fairview-University Discharge Phcy, Minneapolis  
Fairview-University Clinic Phcy, Minneapolis  
Falk's Woodland Pharmacy, Duluth  
FHS LaCrescent Pharmacy, LaCrescent  
Glenwood Corner Drug, Glenwood  
K-Mart Pharmacy, Alexandria  
K-Mart Pharmacy, Bemidji  
Main Street Pharmacy, Osseo  
Mapleton Drug, Mapleton  
Medicine Shoppe, Minneapolis  
More-4 Family Pharmacy, Cambridge  
More-4 Family Pharmacy, St. Peter  
Pamida Pharmacy, Windom  
Rx Express, Blaine  
Snyder Drug, New Brighton  
Snyder Drug, New Hope  
Target Pharmacy, Virginia  
Target Pharmacy, Winona  
UMD Health Services, Duluth  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Alexandria  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Eagan  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Fridley  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Redwood Falls  
Walgreens, 413 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO:**

Berg's Pharmacy, Waterville  
Coborn's Pharmacy, Little Falls  
Cub Pharmacy, Apple Valley  
Cub Pharmacy, Crystal  
Gallery Pharmacy, St. Paul  
More-4 Family Pharmacy, Northfield  
Peterson Snyder Drug, Mountain Lake  
Randall Pharmacy, Mankato  
Stroncek Eagle Drug, Columbia Heights  
Target Greatland, Coon Rapids  
The Medicine Shoppe, Long Prairie  
Thrifty White Drug, Owatonna  
University Park Pharmacy, St. Paul  
Walgreens, Brooklyn Park  
Walgreens, Minneapolis  
Walgreens Pharmacy, St. Louis Park

**THREE-TO-ONE:**

Lakeview Hospital Pharmacy, Stillwater

**ONE-TO-ONE AND THREE-TO-ONE:**

UPC Health Network, Golden Valley  
Mayo Pharmacy, Rochester

# MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWELFTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., March 4, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were present, with the exception of Ms. Denise Frank. Also in attendance was Mr. David Holmstrom, the Board's Executive Director.

After reviewing and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of January 28 and 29, 1998. Corrections were made on page 7 and page 12 of the minutes, after which Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since the last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Mayo Pharmacy Northwest by Ms. Susan Segar, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Northland Providers of St. Cloud by Mr. Douglas White, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that an on-site inspection of the facility has already been completed, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Pamida Pharmacy in Morris, Minnesota, by Ms. Louise Kack, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed, with Mr. Carl Benson abstaining.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Benson Drug Clinic Pharmacy in Morris, Minnesota, by Mr. Steven Lienemann, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance



with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed, with Mr. Carl Benson abstaining.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coborn's Pharmacy in Foley, Minnesota, by Mr. Marvin Moen, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to an inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coborn's Pharmacy in Princeton, Minnesota, by Mr. Marvin Moen, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to be considered by the Board, was a request from Mr. Richard J. Berg that his probation with the Board be terminated prior to the time at which his probation is scheduled to expire. After reviewing Mr. Berg's file and discussing his compliance with the terms of his probation, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board terminate Mr. Berg's probation at this time. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of January 13 and February 17, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of pharmacy technician applications recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of pharmacy technician requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that those pharmacy technician requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next submitted, to the Board, an application for approval to utilize pharmacy technicians submitted by Mr. Ward Mens, pharmacist-in-charge of Concord Drug in St. Paul, Minnesota. Mr. Mens is proposing to utilize two pharmacy technicians. He is proposing that the second technician would "help explain medications and therapy to spanish-speaking customers." The issue before the Board is whether this function, proposed by Mr. Mens, is outside of those functions pharmacists are allowed to delegate to pharmacy technicians.

The Board deferred action on Mr. Mens' request, and directed Mr. Holmstrom to obtain additional information from Mr. Mens regarding the functions proposed for this technician.

The Board next turned its attention to requests for variances it has received since the last meeting. The first request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rockford Drug in Rockford, Minnesota, by Mr. Stephen North, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. North's request for a variance was submitted pursuant to an agreement for corrective action, recently concluded with Mr. North. After discussing this request, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance, relating to the layout of the licensed area, at Rockford Drug, and the ability of non-pharmacist staff to perform certain administrative duties in part of the licensed area at times when a pharmacist is not present and on duty, be approved on condition that no checking in of drug orders, no drug handling of any kind, and no distribution of previously filled prescriptions to members of the public take place in the portion of the licensed area occupied by non-pharmacist staff during times when a pharmacist is not present and on duty, be approved for a two year period of time, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by member of the Board's staff, to assure security of that portion of the licensed area in which legend drugs will be stored. The motion passed.

The second application for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, by Ms. Sandra Seifert-Pederson, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Seifert-Pederson is requesting the ability to record all prescription transfers electronically only, and print a monthly log of all transferred prescriptions, which would be kept in a file for a period of at least two years. In her request, Ms. Seifert-Pederson indicates that the transfer function, in the computer, stores all transfer information and voids any remaining refills on the prescription. Ms. Seifert-Pederson indicates that Target Pharmacy, in Eden Prairie, performs the quality assurance double-check at the end of each day. This guarantees that all transferred prescription information is correct when a prescription is transferred from the electronic record. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance be granted for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next application for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Weber & Judd Pharmacy in Rochester, Minnesota, by Mr. C. Dennis McDonnough, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. McDonnough is requesting a variance which would allow the return and re-use of certain very expensive fertility drugs if the patient complies with storage conditions outlined by the pharmacy. After discussing this issue, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. McDonnough, be approved for a two year period of time, on condition that Weber & Judd obtain informed consent, at the time of the dispensing of these fertility drugs, of that patient's willingness to accept returned medications if they, in turn, expect to be able to return, to the pharmacy, an un-used quantity of medication they might have. Weber & Judd would also be required to inform prescribing physicians of their intent to re-use these medications and must identify all inventory of these medications as original or returned. As part of the motion, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to inform the Duluth Clinic and the Mayo Clinic, who have previously received similar variances, that they will be expected to comply with the informed consent and inventory identification requirements as well when their variances come up for renewal. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Pharmacy Services by Ms. Lisa Ganske, Regional Manager for Fairview Pharmacy Services. At this time, Ms. Ganske and Mr. Bill Schommer, also a Regional Manager for Fairview Pharmacy Services, appeared before the Board to discuss their variance request. Specifically, Fairview Pharmacy Services is requesting an opportunity to install an automatic dispensing device system at Fairview HealthWorks-Minneapolis Clinic, with a computer tie to Fairview Highland Park Pharmacy.

After obtaining a thorough understanding of the proposed operation of the ADDS system, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance be granted for a one year period of time and, at the conclusion of which, the Board would expect a report from Fairview Pharmacy Services regarding the usage, errors, adverse incidents, and other information associated with the use of this system. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted by Mr. Bill Schommer, of Fairview Pharmacy Services, requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows Fairview Pharmacy Services to store filled prescriptions at several Fairview Homecare and Hospice branch offices, outside of areas licensed as a pharmacy, in order to provide access by homecare nurses. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the previously granted variance, for Fairview Pharmacy Services, be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed.



The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of the St. Peter Community Hospital by Mr. Chris Daniels, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Daniels is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance relating to emergency room after-hours dispensing by registered nurses in conjunction with a telemedicine project associated with Allina Health Systems. After discussing this request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the existing variance be extended until April 30, 1998, and that the request for an extension be tabled until the April 22 meeting of the Board. In the meantime, Board surveyors will visit St. Peter Community Hospital and report back on the use of this telemedicine dispensing system. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of UPC Health Network Pharmacy by Ms. Patsy Stuva, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Stuva is requesting a variance to install an ATM-like medication management system into the Minnesota Valley Health Center in Le Sueur. The system software would interface to the UPC Health Network Pharmacy computer system, requiring pharmacist authorization prior to dispensing medications to a patient. After discussion, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the request be tabled until the April 22 meeting and that, in the meantime, Mr. Holmstrom contact Ms. Stuva to obtain additional information about the proposed system. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with information regarding the NABP Annual meeting, scheduled for May 16-20 in Orlando, Florida. After discussing the proposed agenda for the meeting and identifying the benefits of attending this meeting, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that all Board members and the Board's Executive Director be authorized to attend the NABP meeting at Board expense. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a delegates certificate, required for attendees, and stated that an official voting delegate and alternate must be identified for each participating Board. The Board then determined that Board President Denise Frank should be identified, to NABP, as our official delegate, and that Vice President Carol Peterson be identified as the alternate.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of the candidates for licensure by examination, who sat for the State portions of the Full Board Examination on January 28, 1998, and who have now completed all required portions of the licensure examination. Having first determined, in grading the examination, that the NABPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination portion at 20% of the total, and the average score of the Federal Drug Law Examination and the Board's Jurisprudence Examination weighted at 15% of the total, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that those candidates who received a general average of 75 or better, not less

than 75 on the Practical Examination, not less than 75 on the Federal Drug Law Examination, not less than 75 on the State Jurisprudence Examination, and not less than 75 on the NABPLEX Examination, be granted licensure as pharmacists.

Candidates, who have successfully passed the examination, are as follows:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
7083	JENNIFER LYNN GODDETTE	116524
7084	BRIAN KEITH IRONS	116525
7085	PEGGY L KAPROTH	116526
7086	REBECCA S KHANKARI	116527
7087	HOUA LEE	116528
7088	PHONG T PHAM	116529
7089	MAHMOUD SALIM SHAKER	116530
7090	JANE TERESA WALTHER	116531
7091	MARK ANDREW ALLEN	116532
7092	LORI MARIE AMBORN	116533
7093	PETER L ANDERSON	116534
7094	JENNIFER LEA ATHMANN	116535
7095	MELISSA M ATWOOD	116536
7096	BIBI S.H. BACCHUS	116537
7097	JENNIFER REBECCA BELKE	116538
7098	BONNIE L BLOCK	116539
7099	JENNIFER E BREEDING	116540
7100	GENELLE H BROWN	116541
7101	JENNIFER L CHASE	116542
7102	MICHELLE A CHRISTENSON	116543
7103	EMMANUEL CONDUAH	116544
7104	ANN M DONOVAN	116545
7105	DALE JAMES DURHAM	116546
7106	CASSANDRA DAWN FINKEL	116547
7107	TINA MARIE GREWE	116548
7108	KORI SAMPSON HACK	116549
7109	ROBERT JAMES HAIGHT	116550
7110	DAVID S HAPP	116551
7111	MELISSA JO HENTGES	116552
7112	JO LAYNE HERBEL	116553
7113	TODD D HILGENDORF	116554
7114	JOHN CHEUNG KWAI HUI	116555
7115	BAO-CHAU L HUYNH	116556
7116	DOROTHY BOMA IG-IZEVBKHAH	116557
7117	JARED J JONES	116558
7118	CHRISTOPHER JAMES KARA	116559
7119	LAURA J KELLER	116560
7120	VANESSA L KNIPP	116561
7121	DAVID B LASSEN	116562
7122	JOSHUA JOSEPH LEMM	116563
7123	ERIC DAVID LEONHART	116564
7124	LAURA JEANNE LOE	116565
7125	JULIEANNA LOKEH	116566
7126	YUN LU	116567

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>REGISTRATION #</u>
7127	LYNN MARIE MAJERUS	116568
7128	BOBBIE JO MALONE	116569
7129	SHAWN MICHAEL MCGURRAN	116570
7130	SHARA LYNN MIHM	116571
7131	KRISTIN LORA NEAFUS	116572
7132	PAMELA L NELSON	116573
7133	ANH D NGUYEN	116574
7134	PETER J NYHUS	116575
7135	JENNIFER M PARRY	116576
7136	MICHAEL JOSEPH PHILBROOK	116577
7137	JEANNINE M PLUHAR	116578
7138	JAMES R POLUCHA	116579
7139	MICHAEL D PRYOR	116580
7140	MAY T QUAN	116581
7141	TAMIM A SAIDI	116582
7142	HEIDI L SCHEPPMAN	116583
7143	TIFFANI D SCHILLING	116584
7144	SUNG A SHIM	116585
7145	MARIA YUK FUNG SHIU	116586
7146	MELISSA SONNENBERG	116587
7147	KIM A STALOGH	116588
7148	MONICA KRIS STROH	116589
7149	GWENDOLYN F SVENVOLD	116590
7150	PETER P TABAKA	116591
7151	SEYED-REZA TAHERI-KENARI	116592
7152	KRISTINE PEGGY THOMPSON	116593
7153	JACQUELINE RENEE TRAUTWEIN	116594
7154	ANGELA MARIE TUCKER	116595
7155	CHERI L WYMAN	116596

The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter he received from Cardiac Solutions, a national disease management company with a licensed pharmacy in the state of Pennsylvania. Cardiac Solutions has recently made the decision to discontinue the pharmacy's dispensing function in order for their pharmacists to transition to a more consultative role, offering cognitive services. Since Cardiac Solutions will not be dispensing and shipping medications, Cardiac poses a number of questions to the Board relating to requirements for licensure of the pharmacy and the pharmacists employed therein. After completing the questionnaire, developed by Cardiac Solutions, a suggestion was made that the issue of pharmacists practicing in unlicensed locations be added to the agenda for discussion at the Board's Strategic Planning Retreat.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Pharmacist Kelly M. Franks requesting an opportunity to sit for the Reciprocity Examination, scheduled for June 23, 1998, even though one year of licensure as a pharmacist will not be accomplished until July 1, 1998. After a brief discussion, Mr. Carl Benson



moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that Mr. Holmstrom inform Pharmacist Franks that an application to sit for the Reciprocity Examination on June 23, 1998, will be accepted by the Board. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter he received from Ms. Penny Lepinski, Director of Experiential Education at the College of Pharmacy at the University of Minnesota, relating to externship/pharmaceutical care rotations. Ms. Lepinski indicated that the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy is in the process of developing a ten week combined externship/pharmaceutical care rotation at six sites in Minnesota. The first five weeks of the rotation, the student would be performing externship activities (focused on dispensing functions). The second five weeks, the student performs pharmaceutical care activities (assesses patient's needs, develops and documents care plan, and schedules follow-up evaluations). Some of the sites would like to take two students at a time: one would work as an extern, while the other participates in the pharmaceutical care activities. The College will be evaluating the effectiveness of this training at the end of the first year. The College of Pharmacy is requesting that the Board grant an exception to the one-to-one student-to-preceptor rule to allow this type of training to occur. After discussing this request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board approve a two intern-to-one pharmacist ratio at the sites identified by the College of Pharmacy, but only on condition that the total number of interns and technicians, supervised by any one pharmacist, not exceed three people, and that the College identify the specific sites that will participate in this program. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with a letter he has received from the Fredrikson & Byron Law Firm, relating to the use of a pharmacist in an Oncology Clinic to work closely with the oncologists and nurses, and assist in performing utilization management and quality assurance functions in the department, along with compounding and dispensing oncology drugs and pharmaceuticals without the necessity of licensing the oncology dispensing area as a pharmacy.

After a thorough discussion, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that, since the pharmacist is proposed to be involved in supervising and/or performing the compounding and dispensing of oncology drugs, the location must become licensed as a pharmacy. The motion passed.

There being no further business requiring formal action by the Board, Vice President Carol Peterson adjourned the meeting.

Carol M. Peterson  
VICE PRESIDENT

David Holmstrom  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUPPORTIVE PERSONNEL REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

March 4, 1998

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO:**

ALBERT LEA MED. CTR. OUTPT. PHARMACY - ALBERT LEA  
COBORN'S 5TH AVE. PHARMACY - ST. CLOUD  
FAIRVIEW EDINA PHARMACY - EDINA  
FAIRVIEW NE PHARMACY - MINNEAPOLIS  
FAIRVIEW RIVERSIDE - MINNEAPOLIS  
MEADOWBROOK PHARMACY - ST. LOUIS PARK  
MERWIN DRUG #1 - MINNEAPOLIS  
PAMIDA PHARMACY - AITKIN  
ROLSETH DRUG - FOREST LAKE  
SNYDER DRUG #46 - BLOOMINGTON  
SWARD KEMP DRUG, INC. - ST. JAMES  
WAHLBERG'S SNYDER DRUG - WARROAD

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO:**

ALBANY APOTHECARY - ALBANY  
CUB PHARMACY - BLAINE  
HEALTHPARTNERS ST PAUL CLINIC PHARMACY - ST PAUL  
K-MART PHARMACY - MONTICELLO  
PARK PHARMACY - PARK RAPIDS  
TARGET PHARMACY #002 - HWY. 7, ST. LOUIS PARK  
TARGET PHARMACY - HWY 100, ST. LOUIS PARK  
TARGET PHARMACY #0160 - ST. PAUL

**THREE-TO-ONE:**

OPTIONAL CARE SYSTEMS PHARMACY - ST. PAUL

# MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH MEETING

At approximately 9:00 a.m., April 22, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

After reviewing, revising, and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 1998. Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the minutes of the meeting of March 4, 1998 be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of HealthPartners Refill Center Pharmacy in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, by Ms. Marilyn Eelkema, Pharmacy Administrator. Ms. Eelkema now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the unique nature of this proposed pharmacy and to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the application for licensure. After receiving Ms. Eelkema's presentation and, after carefully reviewing the application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Charles Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Hy-Vee Pharmacy in Rochester, Minnesota, by Mr. Paul Allen, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Minnesota Cancer Care Pharmacy in Maplewood, Minnesota, by Ms. Janine Merriman, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Care Alliance



Pharmacy in New Brighton, Minnesota, by Mr. Tim Quarberg, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Children's West Pharmacy in Minnetonka, Minnesota, by Ms. Julie Miller, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rick's Super Value Pharmacy in Navarre, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Bloomquist, Pharmacy Owner. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure the privacy of the proposed counseling area at the pharmacy, and to further assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. William Schommer, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Donald Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The eighth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cambridge Clinic Pharmacy in Cambridge, Minnesota, by Ms. Ruth Tomczyk, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, and noting that Ms. Tomczyk had requested a variance, from the Board, relating to the size of the pharmacy (the proposed pharmacy is only 368 square feet), Mr. Don

Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that Board grant the variance, requested by Ms. Tomczyk, relating to the size of the pharmacy, and that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The ninth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of CentraCare Clinic Pharmacy in St. Cloud, Minnesota, by Ms. Michelle Olmscheid, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and noting that Ms. Olmscheid requested a variance relating to the size of the pharmacy (the proposed pharmacy is 280 square feet) and relating to required equipment for a pharmacy (the pharmacy is proposing to prepare only chemotherapy drugs for an oncology clinic), Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variances, requested by Ms. Olmscheid, be granted and that the application be approved and license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The tenth and final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Dakota Clinic Thief River Falls Pharmacy in Thief River Falls, Minnesota, by Mr. Warren Worker, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the presentation, by Mr. Robert Holley, Legal Counsel for the Board, of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Robert J. Carlson. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference, held with Mr. Carlson on March 10, 1998, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Carlson. Mr. Carlson now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Carlson, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order, as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

Mr. Holley next described, for the Board, decisions made by Complaint Review Panels to conclude the matter of one pharmacist through the issuance of a corrective action agreement, and to refer another pharmacist to the Health Professional Services Program.

Mr. Holley and Ms. Carol Peterson now described, for the Board, the manner in which Pharmacist Mary Jo Soberaski completed the conditions of her probation. Ms. Soberaski's contact, with the Board, was through Board Member Carol Peterson, who reports that Ms. Soberaski has complied with all of the requirements of her probation and who now recommends that the probation be terminated. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board recognize the successful completion of probation, by Ms. Soberaski, and release her from the various conditions associated with her probation. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, who participated in the Reciprocity Examination on April 21, 1998. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that, having passed the required Jurisprudence Examination, the following candidates for licensure by reciprocity be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
7156	JAMES A BAGLEY	AL
7157	DEBRA K BILLMEYER	IA
7158	TIFFANY M CLENDENEN	ND
7159	DANIEL M CUMMINS	UT
7160	DIANNE K CUNNINGHAM	AZ
7161	TANJA R DANIEL	CO
7162	VALERIE A FISHER	NY
7163	STEPHEN G GILLESPIE	WY
7164	KAREN R HANSEN	WI
7165	KRISTINA S HOEVET	NV
7166	PAMALA J JACOBSON	NE
7167	DERRICK G KABANUK	CO
7168	SHEILA R KUEHNE	SD
7169	MELINDA H KUPEC	SC
7170	BABATUNDE LAWAL-SOLARIN	TX
7171	BRETT J MCCABE	IA
7172	LARA T PEREA	NM
7173	TIMOTHY L PETERSON	IL
7174	JODI L PFIESTER	CA
7175	DONALD F PIRKL	AZ
7176	KIMBERLY A SCOTT	CO
7177	MARY E SIEBEN	MI
7178	MARYPAT J THOMPSON	WI
7179	MARY VOELKER PHIPPS	IA
7180	VALERIE J WEDOE	IA

The motion passed.

Mr. Carl Benson next led a discussion on pharmacy manpower issues, during which the Board determined that it will schedule an additional Reciprocity Examination for Tuesday, December 1, 1998.



In continuing discussions, about the examination of candidates for licensure, the Board discussed the impact of computerization of the NAPLEX Examination and the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, on examination scheduling. The Board determined that, until at least January of the year 2000, the Board will limit applicants for the Board's Practical Examination to those candidates who have applied for the complete examination process through the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, or who have become score transfer candidates through NABP. Applications to sit for the Practical portion of the licensure examination will not be accepted from individuals who have not applied for the complete examination through the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy, or for whom the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy has not yet received score transfer information from another state via NABP.

In addition, the Board determined that practical examinations for candidates for licensure, after calendar year 1998, will be held in January and June of 1999, and in January of the Year 2000. At a later date, the Board will determine the schedule for examinations after January of 2000.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the list of continuing education programs, reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of February 17, 1998 and March 24, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and approved by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of supportive personnel requests that have been submitted since the last meeting of the Board. After reviewing the list of supportive personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that those supportive personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to various requests for waivers and/or variances it has received since its last meeting. The first request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Caremark Therapeutic Services in Roseville, Minnesota, by Ms. Debra Robison, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Robison is requesting an extension to a previously granted variance relating to Minn. Rule 6800.1050, Subpart 2(D) regarding the requirement for certain pieces of equipment in a pharmacy. The pieces of equipment listed do not apply in the case of Caremark Therapeutic Services, in that Caremark dispenses only injectable and nebulized products and have no need for the listed equipment. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional three-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Central MN Group Health Pharmacy by Mr. Dean Frolek, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Frolek is requesting that the previously granted variance, which allows his pharmacy to store and dispense samples of prescription drugs from a clinic physician be extended, and that it be expanded to include other physicians in the clinic. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board authorize the expansion of the previously granted variance to include other physicians in the Central MN Group Health Plan Clinic, and that the previously granted variance, as expanded, be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of the Greater Staples Hospital Pharmacy in Staples, Minnesota, by Ms. Patricia Ryle, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Ryle is requesting an opportunity to make an emergency supply of medications available to the hospice RN on call, to be used only when the Staples Hospital Pharmacy is closed and when available local pharmacies are also closed for business. Ms. Ryle is requesting the opportunity to put together a small medication supply of approximately ten or fewer items, in quantities sufficient to supply a hospice patient until a pharmacist can be called in to dispensed a larger supply. The emergency supply would be sealed and stored under double lock at the hospital and would be accessed only by a hospice nurse in an emergency situation. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance requested by Ms. Ryle be approved for a one year period of time, and that any request for an extension, by Ms. Ryle, be accompanied by a report on how often the emergency supply was used by hospice nurses and what drugs were used out of the emergency supply. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of the PharMerica Pharmacy by Mr. Loren Noreen, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Noreen is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, allowing an expanded emergency kit to be maintained at Lake Ridge Health Care Center by PharMerica Pharmacy. Mr. Noreen reports that Lake Ridge continues to receive multiple hospital discharge admissions on a seven-day-a-week basis, with many admissions occurring during the late evening and weekend hours. The additional medications, permitted through the variance procedure, have an enhanced patient care via improved pain management and infection control. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was a request by Pipestone Medical Group in Pipestone, Minnesota, that Pipestone Medical Group act as a courier service for the local pharmacies in Pipestone, in order to serve patients in Edgerton, which no longer has an operating pharmacy. The proposal calls for the Pipestone Medical Group physicians and/or

PA's to act as couriers for the prescriptions, delivering them to the satellite clinic in Edgerton. When the prescriptions arrive in Edgerton, the patients would be called to pick up their prescriptions at the satellite clinic. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board approve this process as a one year pilot project, on condition that the pharmacists, utilizing the service, follow-up with the patient in Edgerton by phone; that procedures be developed for addressing the issue of prescriptions not picked up by the patients in Edgerton; and issues surrounding prescriptions requiring special storage conditions. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of St. Peter Community Hospital and Healthcare Center in St. Peter, Minnesota, by Mr. Chris Daniels, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Daniels is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance relating to emergency room after-hours dispensing by registered nurses in conjunction with a telemedicine project at the hospital. After reviewing Mr. Daniels' request and a report by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Les Kotek, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in West St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Rykart Sharpe, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Sharpe is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3 A, B, & C, relating to documentation of prescription transfers. Mr. Sharpe is requesting the opportunity to begin recording transfers electronically and printing a monthly log of all transfers, which would be kept on file at the pharmacy for a period of at least two years. Target Pharmacy's computer system automatically voids all refills remaining on the computerized record of the prescription as part of the transfer function, and Mr. Sharpe is requesting permission to discontinuing voiding the original hard copy at the time of prescription transfers. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Sharpe, be granted for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The final request for a variance, to come before the Board, was submitted on behalf of Thrifty White Drug in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota, by Ms. La Vaye Dressen, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Dressen is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows Thrifty White Drug to accept returns of blister-packed medications from the ICF-MR group homes that they service. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed, with Mr. Jeff Lindoo abstaining.

Mr. Holmstrom next described, for the Board, the progress being made in finding applicants for the Board's vacant Pharmacy Surveyor position. The Board then determined that Mr. Don Gibson, Mr. Chuck Cooper, Pharmacy Board Surveyor Lloyd Pekas, and Mr.



Holmstrom constitute the Search Committee, who will interview the candidates. Interviews were set for Tuesday, May 12, between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Holmstrom next indicated, to the Board, that the large certificates, which the Board grants to newly licensed pharmacists, are in need of reprinting and requested input from the Board on any changes that should be made prior to having a new supply of certificates printed. Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the large certificates be kept as they are when the reprinting is done. The motion passed.

The Board next went into closed session while it discussed personnel matters associated with Board operations. At the conclusion of the closed session deliberations, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the Board approve the general salary increase for which Mr. Holmstrom is eligible under the newly adopted Manager's Plan, retroactive to July 1, 1997, and that the Board approve the salary range re-assignment for which Mr. Holmstrom is eligible, effective September 17, 1997, as outlined in the March 15, 1998 letter from Mr. Jim Lee, Compensation Manager at the Department of Employee Relations. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed an issue, raised by Mr. Holmstrom, involving patients who receive a new prescription from a practitioner prior to using all of the existing refills for the same drug from a previously issued prescription. Issues raised were:

- 1) Does the new prescription void the unused refills on the old prescription?
- 2) Should the old prescriptions' refills be added to the new prescription and the patient will then get a new prescription number?
- 3) Should the new original and any refills on the new original be added to the old prescription?
- 4) What if the old prescription had, say, four refills remaining, but the new prescription has only one refill authorized?

After discussing this issue, the Board determined that the new prescription will void the refills remaining on the old prescription, with the explanation being that the physician has now re-evaluated the patient and decided that this is what the therapy should be from this point forward.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, the list of pharmacists delinquent in renewal of their license to practice pharmacy for the years 1996, 1997, and 1998. These pharmacists will now permanently drop from the rolls of licensed pharmacists in Minnesota. After reviewing the list of pharmacists involved, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the

pharmacists listed be dropped from the official rolls of licensed pharmacists in Minnesota. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, letters from Ms. Leah Florhaug and Mr. Rick Melbye, both of whom are seeking permission to sit for the June 23 Reciprocity Examination, and both of whom will, at the time of the June 23 Examination, be approximately two weeks short of having been licensed for one year, which is a requirement for reciprocity. Each of these individuals is requesting that the Board allow them to sit for the June 23 Reciprocity Examination, even though their one year of licensure as a pharmacist will not be complete until July 9.

After reviewing the requests, by Ms. Florhaug and Mr. Melbye, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board allow these two individuals to sit for the June 23 Reciprocity Examination. The motion passed.

The Board next discussed the District V meeting of the Boards of Pharmacy and Colleges of Pharmacy in NABP/AACP District V. Mr. Holmstrom distributed, for the Board, a preliminary list of discussion topics that have been proposed by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy for the District V meeting, which will be held in August in Amana, Iowa. Ms. Jean Lemberg then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that all Board members and the Board's Executive Director be authorized to attend the District V meeting in Amana, Iowa, at Board expense. The motion passed.

Mr. Gibson next led a discussion concerning the District V meeting of the Boards and Colleges in 1999, which will be held in Minnesota and hosted by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy and the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy.

At this time, Ms. Frances Bowles-Parker, Manager of Pharmacy Affairs for Baxter Healthcare Corporation's Renal Division and Mr. Randolph Morris, an attorney representing Baxter, appeared before the Board to discuss the potential licensure of a Baxter distribution center in Minnesota as a pharmacy with several variances associated with the licensure. Ms. Bowles-Parker described the unique characteristics associated with the peritoneal dialysis solutions needed by PD patients. Ms. Bowles-Parker described how the distribution system of peritoneal dialysis solutions is currently structured and how the proposed licensure of Baxter's Minnesota Distribution Center would serve to meet the needs of all parties involved.

Ms. Bowles-Parker indicated that an application for licensure would require variances or waivers involving Minn. Rule 6800.0700, relating to pharmacy space, Minn. Rule 6800.0950 relating to sales restricted to limited area under supervision, Minn. Rule 6800.1050, relating to required reference books and minimum equipment, Minn. Rule 6800.3100 relating to compounding and dispensing, Minn. Rule 6800.3400 relating to prescription labeling, and Minn. Rule 6800.3850 relating to supportive personnel. After a thorough

discussion of all the issues involved, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that all variances, except the variance related to reference books, be granted for a two-year period of time, provided that the scope of operation of the proposed pharmacy is limited as it was presented to the Board. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg abstaining.

There being no further business requiring official Board action at this time, President Frank adjourned the meeting.

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



## **MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY**

### **SEVEN HUNDRED AND FOURTEENTH MEETING**

At approximately 8:00 a.m., June 24, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met at the Minneapolis Convention Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of administering a written practical examination in prescription compounding, errors and omissions, and patient counseling; and written examinations in both State and Federal Jurisprudence to candidates for licensure by examination. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Pharmacy Surveyors, Mr. Lloyd Pekas, Mr. Stuart Vandenberg, Mr. Leslie Kotek, and Mr. Byron Opstad.

The following candidates, who have met all of the required prerequisites and who have presented properly executed applications, were present to write the examinations administered as part of the full board examination process:

**MEHERETAB ABRAHA  
MARTHA A ALDRIDGE  
NITISH S BANGALORE  
KARI M BIRD  
KRISTEN D BOEVE  
TARA S BRAATEN  
COREY W BURNSIDE  
CARRIE J CAHILL  
DAVID A COOPER  
DAVID J CROLUIS  
SHABBIR S DAWOODBHAI  
KENREA DOBITZ  
LORALEE A EBERTS  
JEREMY J EHLERT  
JULIE D GEHRKE  
SHAWN M GORDON  
ELIZABETH A GRAPENTINE  
HEIDI D GUNDERSON  
JESS J HANSON  
LARRY D HEINERT  
SHAWN T HOLM  
LESLEE A KOEL  
TYSHA R KRUEGER  
JULIE M LAUMANN**

**EUNSIL LEE  
AMY M LEIFELD  
JASON J LINDEN  
NANCY J LORENZ  
CANDIDA L LUM  
RYAN D LUNDELL  
BEN J MARCUSEN  
GERRI L OVERBYE  
MICHAEL C PERELL  
WAYNE F RANCE  
KRISTI J RITTENHOUSE  
MARY E ROSE  
ELLIOT P ROSHEIM  
ANDREA E ROST  
GREGORY A SCHUUR  
STEFANIE A SELLNER  
TIERRA E SIMMONS  
BRENT J THOMPSON  
MIN Z WALD  
COLEEN R WYBORN  
ROXANNE C ZARAMBO  
JAMES A ZIMMER, JR  
ROBERT B ZUPANCICH**

The following retake candidates were also present to write various portions of the examination:

**MYO K KIM**  
**CHENG S LO**  
**MICHELLE L MODRIJAN**

**TOU G MOUA**  
**SUSAN K SCHENKENBERG**  
**VADANAK TRY**

Also present to write the practical examination was Mr. Lester Schriever, a candidate for reinstatement of a license he had previously allowed to lapse.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., June 25, 1998, the Board met in Conference room A, at the University Park Plaza Building, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance was the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom.

After reviewing and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 1998. Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 1998 be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Andover Park Pharmacy in Andover, Minnesota, by Mr. John K. Johnson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, with particular attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient counseling area, insofar as it is designed to allow confidential conversations to occur, without being overheard by others. The motion passed.

The second application, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Express Pharmacy in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Chao Yang, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with particular attention being paid to the adequacy of the patient counseling area, insofar as it allows confidential conversations to be conducted without being overheard by others. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Owatonna Pharmacy Care in Owatonna, Minnesota, by Mr. Emil Jay Vancura, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the

proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with particular attention being paid to the adequacy of the counseling area, insofar as it allows confidential conversations to be conducted without being overheard by others. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Maple Grove, Minnesota, by Mr. Behzad Samari-Kermani, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure, and with particular attention being paid to the adequacy of the counseling area, insofar as it allows confidential conversations to be conducted without being overheard by others. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was a plan for the relocation of the Duluth Clinic IV Pharmacy into a space of 389 square feet, thus necessitating a variance to the 400 square foot requirement for licensure. After carefully reviewing this application for licensure and a variance as to the size of the licensed area, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board grant the requested variance and approve the relocation of the Duluth Clinic IV Pharmacy. The motion passed.

The final item regarding new pharmacy licensure, to be considered by the Board, was a letter of intent, submitted by Mr. Steven Mareck, describing his intent to submit an application for Option Care / Trumm Drug Clinic Pharmacy, whereby an application will be submitted in the future for an Option Care Pharmacy located within the licensed area of what is currently Trumm Drug Clinic Pharmacy. Mr. Mareck is requesting the Board's consideration of this plan and guidance as to whether the Board would be willing to consider such a unique arrangement. After discussing Mr. Mareck's letter, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to inform Mr. Mareck that it will need more information on the details of his proposal, including the space requirements of both the Option Care unit and the Trumm Drug Clinic Pharmacy, if this plan were to go forward. In addition, more information is needed relating to the staffing of each of these licensed areas.

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, and candidates for reinstatement of previously granted licenses. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that, having passed the Jurisprudence Examination, required of candidates for reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:



<u>CERTIFICATE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF ORIGINAL LICENSURE</u>
7182	MARY JO FLOCKHART	SD
7183	LEAH L FLORHAUG	ND
7184	KELLY M FRANKS	NC
7185	TODD J GALBREATH	ND
7186	MOHAMMED R HAMID	MD
7187	JEFFREY A LEMBKE	IA
7188	MELISSA A LEMBKE	IA
7189	RICH J MELBYE	ND
7190	JAMES A MICHELS	TX
7191	RABIH C NAHAS	IA
7192	LARRY D ROEHRKASSE	IA
7193	ALICE S SHEHADY	PA
7194	CATHERINE A SWART	OH
7195	NICHOLE L VETTER	SD
7196	JENNIFER M WILLEY	IL

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of candidates who are seeking licensure by examination and who were retaking only the State law portion, or the practical portion, or the state law and practical portion of the full board examination. In conformity with the Board's policy, previously established, the Board again established a score of 75 as the minimum passing score. With the passing scores thus established, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the following examination retake candidates, having achieved a score of not less than 75 on the state jurisprudence examination and on the practical examination, be granted licensure as pharmacists:

**OMOALUSE MEMSOH AMONI**  
**MICHELLE L MODRIJAN**  
**JOHN JOSEPH RESMAN**

The Board next turned its attention to variance requests that have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The first request for a variance was submitted on behalf of Coram Healthcare Pharmacy in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, by Mr. David Monson, Pharmacy Manager. Mr. Monson is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows Coram to provide emergency medications and supplies, to be used by designated registered nurses in the hospice/home healthcare setting, and to expand that variance to include registered nurses affiliated with children's home care. After reviewing Mr. Monson's proposal, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be expanded to include nurses affiliated with children's home care, and that the expanded variance be approved for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The second variance request, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Dakota Treatment Center Pharmacy by Donna Loveless, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Loveless is seeking an extension on a previously granted variance relating to:

1. An exception from having a prescription balance, weights, graduates, mortar and pestles, etc., on the premises.
2. An exception from maintaining a physical barrier between the ceiling and roof deck on the perimeter walls of the licensed area.
3. Allowing the dosing nurse to dose patients without an on-site pharmacist when emergency situations, such as illness, disaster, or bad weather prevent the pharmacist from being at the clinic.
4. An exception from having to perform a drug use review at each patient visit.

Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that Ms. Loveless' request be granted and that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The third request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Good Samaritan Pharmacy, by Ms. Tamara Nielsen, Consultant Pharmacist. Ms. Nielsen is requesting a one-year extension to a previously granted variance, which allows the emergency kit, at the Maplewood Good Samaritan Center, to contain more than ten oral medications. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the variance, granted to Good Samaritan Pharmacy and relating to the emergency kit at Maplewood Good Samaritan Center, be approved for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The fourth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Good Samaritan Pharmacy by Ms. Amy Hammitt, pharmacist-in-charge. This request is for a six-month extension to a previously granted variance, permitting the use of the Omnicell Pharmacy Module at University Good Samaritan Center in Minneapolis and St. Benedict's Center in St. Cloud.

After discussing Ms. Hammitt's request, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board allow the existing variance to continue until the next meeting of the Board, at which time the Board will reconsider Ms. Hammitt's request. In the meantime, Mr. Holmstrom is directed to contact Ms. Hammitt and obtain information regarding how many medications are stocked in the Omnicell at each of the two locations, how many times the Omnicell system was used at each location, and how many overrides of the pharmacist approval were utilized by nursing staff at each of the locations. The motion passed.

The fifth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Johnson Memorial Hospital in Perham, Minnesota, by Ms. Janet Fenske, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Fenske is requesting an extension of the previously granted variance, which allows her to utilize a nurse/technician in the hospital pharmacy during times when Ms. Fenske is present in the institution, but is not in the licensed pharmacy area. During those periods of time, the technician will assist in the areas of surveying pharmacy stock for outdates, assisting with inventory and return of merchandise, and assisting with ordering and checking in drug orders.

After discussing Ms. Fenske's request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be approved for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was a submission by Mr. Mark Klein of K-Scale Incorporated. Mr. Klein is seeking Board approval for the use of an electronic scale, in Minnesota pharmacies, in lieu of the Class A prescription balance, identified in the Board rules. Mr. Klein provided the Board with documentation indicating that the sensitivity and capacity of the electronic scale is greater than that of the mechanical prescription balance, thus allowing pharmacists to weigh a greater range of weights with a higher degree of accuracy.

After discussing Mr. Klein's request, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that Mr. Holmstrom inform Mr. Klein that pharmacists, desiring to use the Acculab V-1mg scale instead of the required prescription balance, will be allowed to do so without requesting site specific variances. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Merwin Drug in Andover, Minnesota, by Mr. David Lehman, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Lehman is requesting a variance that would allow him to hire a technician, who is an LPN, and utilize that individual to take new prescription information over the phone.

After discussing Mr. Lehman's request, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board deny Mr. Lehman's request to utilize an LPN technician to take new prescription information from prescribers over the phone. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was a request by Mr. Michael Clouthier, Vice President of Healthcare Products for MICROMEDEX, Inc., requesting Board of Pharmacy approval of the use of MICROMEDEX computerized information system in lieu of one or more of the reference books required by Board of Pharmacy rules.

After discussing the information, provided by Mr. Clouthier, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board take the position that MICROMEDEX can be used in place of up to two of the required references, the categories of which will depend on which modules of MICROMEDEX are obtained by the pharmacist. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to come before the Board, was submitted on behalf of Pipestone County Medical Center Pharmacy by Mr. Donald R. Spawn, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Spawn is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows the pharmacy technician to accompany a designated registered nurse into the secured area of the pharmacy, for purposes of expediting the nurse's determination of whether the ordered dose of a drug is stocked in the pharmacy and where it is located when the nurse needs to access the pharmacy and the pharmacist is not present. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the



previously granted variance be extended for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of St. Michael's Hospital Pharmacy in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, by Mr. Dennis Heinen, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Heinen is seeking a variance that would allow him to establish a hospice emergency box for use by hospice nurses associated with the hospital. After reviewing this request, the Board declined to act on it and directed Mr. Holmstrom to obtain additional information from Mr. Heinen regarding his proposal.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of St. Francis Regional Medical Center Pharmacy by Mr. Carl Woetzel, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Woetzel is seeking an extension of a previously granted variance, which permits the St. Francis Regional Medical Center Pharmacy to prepackage medications for subsequent physician dispensing at the Urgent Care Facility, owned and operated by St. Francis Regional Medical Center, but located in Chaska. The physician dispensing service is limited to hours when community pharmacies in Chaska are closed. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of St. Paul Metro Treatment Center Pharmacy by Ms. Jeannie Jorissen, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Jorissen is seeking an extension on a previously granted variance relating to:

1. An exception from having a prescription balance, weights, graduates, mortar and pestles, etc., on the premises.
2. An exception from maintaining a physical barrier between the ceiling and roof deck on the perimeter walls of the licensed area.
3. Allowing the dosing nurse to dose patients without an on-site pharmacist when emergency situations, such as illness, disaster, or bad weather prevent the pharmacist from being at the clinic.
4. An exception from having to perform a drug use review at each patient visit.

Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that Ms. Jorissen's request be granted and that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy #1160, located at 621 West Broadway in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and was submitted by Mr. Vern Kassekert, Walgreens District Manager. Mr. Kassekert is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance allowing the prescription department of the pharmacy to be operated at hours different from the rest of the pharmacy, even though the secured prescription department area is less than the required 400 square feet in total area. Mr. Don Gibson then moved

and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board grant a six-month extension to the previously granted variance. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Wells Drug in Wells, Minnesota, by Ms. Janise Brindley, staff pharmacist. Ms. Brindley is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed Wells Drug to set up starter supplies of medications to be dispensed at the Kiester Clinic, in Kiester, by physicians associated with the Mayo Health System. A variance, allowing a similar system for the clinic in Bricelyn, is being discontinued. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance, allowing the starter supplies and medications for the Kiester Clinic, be approved for an additional one-year period of time. The motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Brian Howell, Assistant Director of Pharmacy for Spectrum Pharmacy Services, appeared before the Board to discuss a variance request relating to pharmacy services that will soon be provided by Spectrum to correctional facilities in Minnesota. After receiving Mr. Howell's explanation of the Spectrum proposal, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Spectrum proposal for, essentially, unlimited floorstock of medications at correctional facilities, be denied, and that Spectrum be held to the same standards as are applicable to long term care facilities and the emergency kits available to meet emergency needs of long-term care residents. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg abstaining.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of March 24, 1998 and April 28, 1998, and between April 28, 1998, and June 2, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented to the Board, a letter, from Mr. James Benn, requesting an extension of time for completing the continuing education credits due October 1, 1998. Mr. Benn explained that he had planned to go on "inactive" status in February of 1999, but his current part-time employer has convinced him to continue. As a result, Mr. Benn requires some additional time in which to obtain his continuing education credits. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board grant Mr. Benn until January 1, 1999 in which to complete his continuing education credits. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Mr. Jerry Ellinghuysen. Mr. Ellinghuysen is also requesting an extension of time in which to complete his continuing education credits. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that Mr. Ellinghuysen be granted until January 1, 1999 to complete his continuing education requirements. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of supportive personnel requests recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that those supportive personnel requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the NABP Annual Meeting, recently held in Orlando, Florida, and determined, by a motion made by Mr. Carl Benson and seconded by Ms. Carol Peterson, that one day of per diem payments should be made to all Board members who attended the NABP Annual Meeting. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter submitted jointly by the Minnesota Pharmacists Association and the Minnesota Retail Merchants Association suggesting language changes to two portions of the Board's draft rules. In the case of proposed Minn. Rule 6800.0700, the Board indicated it is not prepared to give up its responsibility to determine the adequacy of patient counseling areas in pharmacies, and observed that the pharmacist-in-charge often does not have the authority to do anything about it if, in his professional judgement, the patient counseling area of a pharmacy is insufficient to provide an assurance of confidentiality.

After discussing the recommended language change to proposed Minn. Rule 6800.2400, the Board indicated it would be willing to consider the language proposed by MPhA and MRMA after a slight modification. After reviewing the rule package as a whole, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded the following resolution.

Resolved, that David E. Holmstrom, Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority, and is directed to sign and to give the notice of the Board's intent to adopt rules, without a public hearing, governing pharmacy technicians and miscellaneous changes to the practice of pharmacy to all persons who have registered their names with the Board for that purpose, and publish the notice and rules in the State Register, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto.

Be it further resolved that, if there are fewer than 25 outstanding hearing requests, David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is hereby granted the authority and is directed to sign the order adopting rules, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto.

And be it further resolved that, if there are 25 or more outstanding hearing requests, David Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Board, is hereby granted the authority and is directed to act as the Board's representative at the hearing, and to perform any and all acts incidental thereto.

The motion passed.



At this time, Ms. Jean Lemberg led a discussion regarding the Board's handling of variance requests and suggested that either a sub-committee of the Board be established to review variance requests prior to the Board's meeting, or that a mechanism be established for identifying previously approved or denied variances, that are similar in nature to each variance being considered by the Board, so that the Board can maintain consistency in its decision making regarding variance requests. The consensus was that Mr. Holmstrom should provide the Board with precedence and background for each of the variance requests placed before the Board for action.

There being no further business requiring Board action at this time, President Denise Frank adjourned the meeting.

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TECHNICIAN REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

JUNE 25, 1998

ONE-TO-ONE RATIO:

CHILDREN'S WEST PHARMACY - MINNETONKA  
HEALTHPARTNERS PHARMACY - ARDEN HILLS  
HEALTHPARTNERS PHARMACY - MINNETONKA  
IDEAL DRUG - MINNEAPOLIS  
MERWIN DRUG #5 - ST. PAUL  
NORTHLAND PROVIDERS - ST. CLOUD  
PAMIDA PHARMACY #363 - PIPESTONE  
SLINDEE PHARMACY - HARMONY  
SNYDER DRUG - BRECKENRIDGE  
SNYDER DRUG - LITTLE CANADA  
THE MEDICINE SHOPPE - WADENA  
WALGREEN'S PHARMACY #2713 - MINNEAPOLIS  
WAL-MART PHARMACY - CAMBRIDGE  
WAL-MART PHARMACY #1858 - MONTEVIDEO

TWO-TO-ONE RATIO:

CASH WISE PHARMACY - HUTCHINSON  
CENTRAL REFILL PHARMACY - EDEN PRAIRIE  
CUB PHARMACY #639 - EDEN PRAIRIE  
FAIRVIEW RIVERSIDE PHARMACY - MINNEAPOLIS  
FAMILY PHARMACY - MOOSE LAKE  
K-MART PHARMACY #3778 - FAIRMONT  
NORTHLAND PROVIDERS - DULUTH  
ROCHESTER METHODIST HOSPITAL PHARMACY - ROCHESTER  
SNYDER DRUG - SURBURBAN AVE, ST PAUL  
SNYDER DRUG #73 - WHITE BEAR AVE, ST PAUL  
VENCOR HOSPITAL - GOLDEN VALLEY  
WALKER DRUG - WALKER

THREE-TO-ONE:

MAYO PHARMACY NORTHWEST - ROCHESTER  
3:1 IV Admixture, Unit Dose, Prepackaging, Bulk  
compounding

**MINNESOTA BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
**SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH MEETING**

At approximately 8:30 a.m., August 5, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met, in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

The meeting began with the introduction of Ms. Candice Fleming, the Board's newly hired pharmacy surveyor, to the members of the Board. Ms. Fleming was invited to attend the meeting of the Board as part of her introductory training as a pharmacy surveyor. The Board members welcomed Ms. Fleming to the meeting and to the Board's overall staff.

After reviewing and approving the agenda for this meeting, the Board addressed the minutes of the meeting of June 24 and 25, 1998. After amending the minutes of the meeting of June 25, 1998, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Cash Wise Pharmacy in Moorhead, Minnesota, by Mr. Marvin Moen, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application for a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coborns Pharmacy in Sauk Center, Minnesota, by Mr. Marvin Moen, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coram Alternate Site Services in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, by Mr. David Monson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Park Nicollet Cancer Center Pharmacy in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, by Ms. Darcy Johnson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of



the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance, relating to the provision of medications after regular pharmacy hours, be approved, and that the application for licensure be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Midwest IV Pharmacy in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, by Ms. Alexandra Demello, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Demello, relating to the overall size of the pharmacy, be granted, and that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Ridgeview Plaza Pharmacy in Chaska, Minnesota, by Mr. James Polucha, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The seventh and final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Walgreens Pharmacy in Fridley, Minnesota, by Mr. Brent Schicker, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license issued subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature was a presentation, by Mr. Holley, of the opinion of the Attorney General's Office relating to pharmacy technicians and the relationship between Minnesota Statutes 151.102 (Supp 1997) and Minn. Rule 6800.3850. Mr. Holley summarized the memorandum for the Board members. Discussion was then had on whether the memorandum or contents of the memorandum were public information. The Board, subsequently, indicated that Mr. Holmstrom should reply to the Minnesota Pharmacists Association and the Minnesota Retail Merchants Association by letter, summarizing the points made in the opinion and make the opinion, itself, public when it is attached to the Statement of Need and Reasonableness, developed in conjunction with the Board's soon-to-be-published rule change proposals.

The next item of a quasi judicial nature was a discussion led by Ms. Jean Lemberg regarding potential conflict of interest on the part of Board members during certain discussions of issues that come before the Board. Ms. Lemberg, subsequently, moved and Mr. Gibson seconded that any Board member, having an interest either financial or personal in discussions before the Board, should absent themselves from the room during the discussion and voting, and any questions the Board may have on the issue before it should be sent to an information source other than the Board member, except for "rule of necessity" situations. The motion passed.

The next item of a quasi judicial nature, to be discussed by the Board, was presented by Mr. Carl Benson and involved a request by Pharmacist Tom Johnson that the stipulation and order relating to his licensure as a pharmacist be modified to allow him to become pharmacist-in-charge of the nuclear pharmacy in which he is employed. A review of his stipulation and order, by Mr. Holley and Mr. Holmstrom, disclosed that Mr. Johnson is not prohibited by the stipulation and order from being appointed pharmacist-in-charge of a nuclear pharmacy, but does have certain employment restrictions imposed on him should he be employed at a traditional pharmacy. Mr. Holmstrom, then, was directed to inform Mr. Johnson that he would be permitted, under the current stipulation and order, to accept the position of pharmacist-in-charge at the nuclear pharmacy.

The next issue of a quasi judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the issue of whether Mr. Holmstrom should be allowed to testify as the Executive Director of the Board in a lawsuit that does not involve the Board. Mr. Holley indicated that, from a legal standpoint, he would advise Mr. Holmstrom not to become involved in the interpretation of Board of Pharmacy Statutes or Regulations outside of official Board activities. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Board refuse to allow Mr. Holmstrom to testify as the Executive Director of the Board in third party lawsuits that do not directly involve the Board, and to deny Mr. Holmstrom time off in which to provide such testimony. The motion passed.

This concluded the consideration of quasi judicial items.

Mr. Jeff Lindoo next presented, to the Board, his concerns and ideas regarding Minn. Rule 6800.2250, Subpart I, Item D, regarding kickbacks involving pharmacy services to long-term care facilities. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to solicit input on this issue from the Academy of Long-term Care Pharmacists of the Minnesota Pharmacists Association.

The Board next turned its attention to requests for variances it has received since the last meeting. The first request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coram Healthcare in Mendota Heights, Minnesota, by Mr. David Monson, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Monson is requesting the authority to have a walk-in cooler which would be connected to the licensed pharmacy, but which is not part of the licensed pharmacy, and which will be used for the storage of already processed prescriptions, thus enabling access by nursing staff after regular pharmacy hours without the necessity of entering the licensed pharmacy area. This variance was submitted in conjunction with the application for licensure of Coram, discussed earlier. Mr. Jeff

Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance be granted on a permanent basis, but only on condition that the drugs, kept in the cooler, are already prepared prescriptions, and that there would be no access into the licensed pharmacy area through the cooler at times when pharmacists are not present and on duty. The motion passed.

The second application for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Haugan's Pharmacy in Preston, Minnesota, by Mr. Jon C. Haugan, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Haugan is requesting a variance which would allow Haugan's Pharmacy to supply the Family Medical Clinic in Lanesboro, Minnesota with prepackaged medications. These medications would be dispensed by the physicians or physician assistants working at the clinic. Each prepackaged medication would be prepared in prescription form by Haugan's Pharmacy and kept in a zip-lock bag with an appropriate drug monograph and a hard copy prescription blank. The label would contain the prescription number, directions, commonly used directions for use, lot number, expiration date, drug name, quantity, and manufacturer. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the Board grant the requested variance for a one year period of time, subject to the development, by Mr. Haugan, of a procedure for contacting patients to whom the prepackaged medications have been dispensed in order to provide patient counseling and to answer any questions the patients might have. The motion passed.

The third request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Mayo Subway Pharmacy, by Ms. Michele Eichhorst, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Eichhorst is seeking an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed the pharmacist to perform the visual check, required in certifying the accuracy of each prescription, from an electronically displayed image of the pertinent drug, which is derived from an internally-generated and pharmacist-certified electronic drug image database, in substitution of the pharmacist making the visual check from the original manufacturer's container from which the medication was withdrawn, as required by current rules. Mr. Chuck Cooper then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance be extended for an additional five-year period of time. The motion passed.

The fourth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Mayo Pharmacy Baldwin, by Mr. Peter Skaar, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Skaar is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3, which would enable pharmacists to complete a prescription transfer to another pharmacy without documenting the transfer on the original paper copy of the prescription. The prescription processing software, being utilized at the Mayo Pharmacy Baldwin, has a feature which fully documents the prescription transfer with all the required information and, at the same time, renders the prescription non-refillable. Mr. Skaar indicates that Mayo Pharmacy Baldwin performs the quality assurance double-check on a daily basis, thus providing an assurance that all transferred prescription information is correct when a prescription is transferred from the electronic record. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Skaar, be granted for a one-year period of time.



The fifth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Mayo Pharmacy Northwest, by Mr. Robert Glowac, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Glowac is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3, which would enable pharmacists to complete a prescription transfer to another pharmacy without documenting the transfer on the original paper copy of the prescription. The prescription processing software, being utilized at the Mayo Pharmacy Northwest, has a feature which fully documents the prescription transfer with all the required information and, at the same time, renders the prescription non-refillable. Mr. Glowac indicates that Mayo Pharmacy Northwest performs the quality assurance double-check on a daily basis, thus providing an assurance that all transferred prescription information is correct when a prescription is transferred from the electronic record. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Glowac, be granted for a one-year period of time.

The sixth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Mayo Pharmacy Subway, by Ms. Michele Eichhorst, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Eichhorst is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3, which would enable pharmacists to complete a prescription transfer to another pharmacy without documenting the transfer on the original paper copy of the prescription. The prescription processing software, being utilized at the Mayo Pharmacy Subway, has a feature which fully documents the prescription transfer with all the required information and, at the same time, renders the prescription non-refillable. Ms. Eichhorst indicates that Mayo Pharmacy Subway performs the quality assurance double-check on a daily basis, thus providing an assurance that all transferred prescription information is correct when a prescription is transferred from the electronic record. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Eichhorst, be granted for a one-year period of time.

The seventh application for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Methodist Cancer Center Pharmacy in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, by Ms. Joanne Schneider, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Schneider is requesting a variance which would allow home care nurses, associated with the Cancer Center Pharmacy, to carry four medications as emergency supplies. The four medications are: (1) epinephrine 1:1000 1 ml ampules, (2) heparin 100 units/ml (3) bacteriostatic normal saline, and (4) urokinase 5000 units/ml. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Schneider, be approved for a one year period of time, on condition that the pharmacist check the emergency supply of medications not less frequently than every 60 days to prevent the medications from becoming outdated. The motion passed.

The eighth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Nord's Pharmacy and Gifts in Fosston, Minnesota, by Mr. John Nord, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Nord is requesting a variance which would allow Nord's Pharmacy to prepare starter doses of medications for dispensing by physician assistants or nurse practitioners, serving the Oklee Clinic in Oklee, Minnesota. These medications are proposed to be limited to a two-day supply whenever possible. When a patient is given a starter dose of medication, the patient will also receive a written

prescription, to be filled at the pharmacy of their choice, for the remainder of the drug therapy. When a starter dose is provided to a patient, an order covering the drug will be faxed to Nord's Pharmacy, which will allow the pharmacist to re-supply the inventory and to contact the patient to provide appropriate DUR and patient counseling. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Nord, be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The ninth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in St. Cloud, Minnesota, by Ms. Sara Strobel, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Strobel is requesting an extension to a previously granted variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3, regarding the voiding of the original hard copy prescription when transferring a prescription copy to another pharmacy. Mr. Donald Gibson then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the Board grant a one year extension to the previously granted variance. The motion passed.

The tenth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Thrifty White Drug in Blaine, Minnesota, by Mr. Darryl Stoering, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Stoering is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, allowing the return of medications from the Anoka Medium Security Correctional Facility and the Anoka County Juvenile Center in Lino Lakes, under conditions essentially the same as those applicable to the return of medications from long-term care facilities. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed, with Mr. Jeff Lindoo abstaining.

The eleventh request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Christenson Pharmacy in Rushford, Minnesota, by Mr. Thomas Witt, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Witt is proposing to provide pharmacy services to Lanesboro, Minnesota by opening a store front "pharmacy" and staff it with a certified pharmacy technician, who would accept and do computer entry of prescriptions from patients in Lanesboro. The original prescriptions would then be faxed to Christenson Pharmacy in Rushford, which is where the prescription labels, based on the computer entry by the technician in Lanesboro would print. The labels would be checked against the prescription for accuracy of data entry, and any questions on therapy or drug-drug interactions, etc., could be addressed. The final check would be done by the pharmacist in Rushford. There would be no prescription drug inventory at the "pharmacy" in Lanesboro. All prescriptions filled and checked in Rushford would then be delivered to Lanesboro, using a relief pharmacist, employed in Rushford, who lives in Lanesboro. Mr. Witt proposes that this pharmacist would then distribute the prescriptions to the Lanesboro patients and do the appropriate counseling. After discussion of Mr. Witt's request for a variance, the Board denied the request and directed Mr. Holmstrom to inform Mr. Witt that the Board is not prepared to authorize the use of a technician accepting prescriptions and doing data entry from a remote site, but, if Mr. Witt desires to establish a part-time licensed pharmacy, staffed by a licensed pharmacist, the Board would consider approval of such an application. In addition, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to inform Mr. Witt that current Board rules would allow prescriptions, filled in Rushford, to be sent to the office of the prescriber in Lanesboro for distribution to Lanesboro patients.

The twelfth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of the Duluth Clinic Pharmacy, by Mr. Richard Krikava, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Krikava is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allows the Duluth Clinic Pharmacy to accept the return of certain specific unused fertility drugs, providing that certain specified guidelines regarding storage of the medications are met. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The thirteenth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Express Pharmacy in St. Paul, Minnesota, by Mr. Chao Yang, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Yang is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.0700, Subpart 1, Section B, regarding a continuous wall extending from the floor to the permanent ceiling surrounding an area proposed for licensure as a pharmacy. Mr. Yang is requesting approval of an electronic security system in the pharmacy, including motion detectors, in lieu of a solid wall extending above the false ceiling to the permanent roof deck. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Yang, be approved for a five year period of time. The motion passed.

The fourteenth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Lakeview Hospital Pharmacy, by Ms. Cindy Appleseth, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Appleseth is seeking an extension of a previously granted variance, which allows Lakeview Hospital Pharmacy to furnish portable containers of medications to hospice and home care nurses for use in emergency situations. Ms. Jean Lemberg then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Longbella Drug-Motley, by Ms. Lani Longbella-Roberts, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Longbella-Roberts is seeking a variance which would allow her to maintain control over the drug samples, distributed to physicians at the Lakewood Clinic, which shares a building with Longbella Drug-Motley. Ms. Longbella-Roberts has developed policies and procedures for the management of samples, which includes tracking of each drug sample, maintaining security for the drug samples, and distributing the drug samples upon request of the clinic physicians. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the requested variance be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of OmniCare Pharmacy-Twin Cities, by Mr. Keith Sadowsky, pharmacist-in-charge. At the end of May of 1998, Ms. Amy Hammitt, Mr. Sadowsky's predecessor as pharmacist-in-charge at OmniCare Pharmacy, submitted a request for a six month extension of this variance, which permits the use of the Omnicell Pharmacy module at University Good Samaritan Center in Minneapolis, and St. Benedict's Center in St. Cloud. At its meeting of June 25, 1998, the Board granted an extension only through the August meeting of the Board, and requested additional information



about the operation of the Omnicell pharmacy units. Mr. Sadowsky has now provided that information and renews the request for an extension. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board extend the previously granted variance through December 31, 1998, but express its concern to Mr. Sadowsky over the number of overrides being entered by nursing staff at the two facilities, and that Mr. Holmstrom invite representatives of OmniCare Pharmacy to appear at the Board's December 9 meeting to address these concerns and to discuss an endpoint for the project. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PharMerica, by Mr. Loren Noreen, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Noreen is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed PharMerica's predecessor corporation, Pharmacy Corporation of America, to employ technicians in a three-to-one ratio in the order entry department of the pharmacy. After noting Mr. Holley's previous comments regarding the Attorney General's opinion concerning technician ratios, the Board acted to deny Mr. Noreen's variance request on the grounds that the Board no longer has authority to grant variances to the ratio of pharmacy technicians.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, by Ms. Ann Kantola, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Kantola is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3, relating to prescription transfers and which allows Target Pharmacy, in Brooklyn Center, to record the transfer electronically, print a report of all outgoing transfers, which will be kept on file for two years, and obviate the need to void the hard copy original of the prescription being transferred. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time.

The final request for a variance, to come before the Board, was submitted on behalf of UPC Health Network, by Ms. Patsy Stuva, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Stuva is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed Harold's Pharmacy, a predecessor to UPC Health Network, to provide stock medication for use at local detox centers. During the discussion of this request, Mr. Holmstrom pointed out that the statutes now allow licensed detox centers to maintain stock supplies of legend drugs at the facility for administration to detox patients. As a result, the variance, requested by Ms. Stuva, can be modified to extend only to the manner in which limited stock supplies of medications are provided to the detox centers. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance, as modified, be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of the candidates for licensure by examination, who sat for the State portions of the full Board Examination on June 24, 1998, and who have now completed the required portions of the licensure examination. Having first determined, in grading the examination, that the NAPLEX portion of the exam would be weighted at 65% of the total, the Board's Practical Examination portion at 20% of the total, and the average score of the Federal Drug Law Examination and the Board's Jurisprudence Examination weighted

at 15% of the total, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that those candidates, who received a general average of 75% or better, not less than 75% on the Practical Examination, not less than 75% on the Federal Drug Law Examination, not less than 75% on the State Jurisprudence Examination, and not less than 75% on the NABPLEX Examination, be granted licensure as pharmacists.

Candidates who have successfully passed the examination are as follows:

<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Registration #</u>
7202	MEHERETAB ABRAHA	116641
7203	NITISH SHRIKAR BANGALORE	116642
7204	KARI MARIE BIRD	116643
7205	KRISTEN DEE BOEVE	116644
7206	TARA SUZANNE BRAATEN	116645
7207	COREY WAYNE BURNSIDE	116646
7208	CARRIE JEAN CAHILL	116647
7209	SHABBIR S DAWOODBHAI	116648
7210	KENREA J DOBITZ	116649
7211	LORALEE ANN EBERTS	116650
7212	JEREMY JAMES EHLERT	116651
7213	JULIE DIANE GEHRKE	116652
7214	SHAWN MICHAEL GORDON	116653
7215	HEIDI D GUNDERSON	116654
7216	JESS JORGEN HANSON	116655
7217	MYO KYOUNG KIM	116656
7218	LEZLEE ANN KOEL	116657
7219	TYSHA RAE KRUEGER	116658
7220	JULIE MARIE LAUMANN	116659
7221	AMY MICHELLE LEIFELD	116660
7222	JASON JOHN LINDEN	116661
7223	CHENG SENG LO	116662
7224	NANCY J LORENZ	116663
7225	CANDIDA LYNN LUM	116664
7226	RYAN DONALD LUNDELL	116665
7227	BEN J MARCUSEN	116666
7228	TOU GEU MOUA	116667
7229	GERRI LYNN OVERBYE	116668
7230	MICHAEL C PERELL	116669
7231	WAYNE F RANCE	116670
7232	KRISTI JOYCE RITTENHOUSE	116671
7233	MARY E ROSE	116672
7234	ELLIOT PAUL ROSHEIM	116673

<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Registration #</u>
7235	SUSAN K SCHENKENBERG	116674
7236	GREGORY ALAN SCHUUR	116675
7237	STEFANIE A SELLNER	116676
7238	BRENT JASON THOMPSON	116677
7239	VADANAK TRY	116678
7240	MIN ZHOU WALD	116679
7241	COLEEN ROSE WYBORN	116680
7242	ROXANNE CAROL ZARAMBO	116681
7243	JAMES ARTHUR ZIMMER, JR	116682

Board President Denise Frank then led a general discussion of future examination dates, examination construction, and examination options.

During the discussion, it was noted that the Board's Reciprocity Examination will be given on September 15, 1998 and December 1, 1998, and that, after January 1, 1999, the Board may be able to use the Multi-State Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, produced by NABP as a reciprocity examination. Mr. Carl Benson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that Mr. Holmstrom explore, with NABP, the process necessary for using the MPJE as the Board's Reciprocity Examination. The motion passed.

The Board also determined that it will give the Practical Examination, associated with the Full Board Examination process, in late January and late June of 1999, specifically, January 27 and June 23, 1999.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of continuing education programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of June 2, 1998 and July 7, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided, to the Board, information on the continuing education programs reviewed at the meeting of June 25, 1998, for which the Board had questions. No action by the Board was necessary.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Pharmacist Ray Debelak requesting an extension of time in which to meet his continuing education obligations for the current reporting period. After reviewing Mr. Debelak's request, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board grant Mr. Debelak an extension of time through December 31, 1998 in which to obtain his required continuing education credits. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg abstaining.



Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of pharmacy technician applications recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of pharmacy technician requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that those pharmacy technician requests, recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom, be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Mr. David Otterness, Pharmacist-in-charge at St. Joseph Area Health Service Pharmacy in Park Rapids, Minnesota, providing additional information on his technician request, as required by the Board. After reviewing Mr. Otterness' letter, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that St. Joseph's Area Health Service Pharmacy be added to the list of approved technician requests. The motion passed.

Mr. Chuck Cooper next led a discussion of the issue of pharmacy manpower and what, if anything, the Board can do to increase the availability of competent, well-trained pharmacists in Minnesota. Concern was expressed that the pharmacy graduates, being produced at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, may be lacking in practical experience in day-to-day pharmacy operations at the time of their graduation, and may have unrealistic expectations of current pharmacy practice in Minnesota. No formal action was taken by the Board.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter he received from Mr. Bob Dufour, Director of Professional Services at Wal-Mart, requesting Board approval for security plans, developed by Wal-Mart, for pharmacies undergoing remodeling. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that Wal-Mart security proposal be accepted, providing that they furnish the Board with the dates for each remodeling scheduled to occur in Minnesota. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, information regarding a reciprocity application from Mr. Gerald Peterson of Madison, Nebraska. Mr. Peterson is requesting an opportunity to reciprocate to Minnesota, but was the subject of disciplinary action in 1995 by the Nebraska Board of Pharmacy. After reviewing all of the available information regarding Mr. Peterson's case, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board accept Mr. Peterson as a candidate for licensure by reciprocity. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Ms. Marie L. Gemmato. Ms. Gemmato is seeking an opportunity to sit for the examination for licensure by reciprocity in Minnesota but, due to various family issues, is not able to sit for the September 15 examination. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that Mr. Holmstrom advise Ms. Gemmato of the December 1, 1998 Reciprocity Examination and, if she cannot sit for the examination at that time, Mr. Holmstrom is authorized to allow Ms. Gemmato to sit for the Reciprocity Examination at the Board office at a time convenient to both Mr. Holmstrom and Ms. Gemmato. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter he recently received from Tim Ferch, Pharmacist-in-charge at Duluth Clinic Rutter Pharmacy, requesting the Board's opinion on the extent of acceptable delay on the part of the transferring pharmacist in responding to a request from another pharmacy for a prescription transfer. After discussing this issue, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to inform Mr. Ferch that a 10-15 minute delay is acceptable if the pharmacy, providing the information, returns the phone call and provides the requesting pharmacy with the information within that time frame.

The Board next turned its attention to meeting dates for calendar year 1999. The established dates are as follows:

January 26 & 27, 1999	Board Exam/Business Meeting
March 17, 1999	Business Meeting
April 28, 1999	Business Meeting
May 22 - 26, 1999	NABP Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Albuquerque, NM
June 22 & 23, 1999	Board Exam/Business Meeting
August 4, 1999	Business Meeting
August 19, 20, 21, 1999	District V Meeting
September 15, 1999	Business Meeting
October 20, 1999	Business Meeting
December 7, 1999	Business Meeting

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, an issue brought to his attention by a Minnesota pharmacist regarding a situation where a drug manufacturer, as part of its medication for the indigent program, was dispensing medication directly to a patient in a long-term care facility. During discussions, it was determined that, if the paperwork in the indigent program is completed correctly, the drug will be sent to the pharmacy rather than directly to the patient. Mr. Holmstrom was directed to communicate this information to the pharmacist involved.

There being no further business at this time requiring action by the Board, President Denise Frank adjourned the meeting.



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TECHNICIAN REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL  
AUGUST 5, 1998**

ONE-TO-ONE RATIO

Anderson Drug Co., Cambridge  
Boynton Health Service Phcy, Minneapolis  
Brooklyn Park Pharmacy, Brooklyn Park  
Cartwright Drug Inc., Ortonville  
Coborn's Pharmacy, Foley  
Coborn's Pharmacy, Princeton  
East Ottertail Pharmacy, Perham  
Health Partners - Physician's Clinic, St. Paul  
K-Mart Pharmacy, Maple Grove  
K-Mart Pharmacy, Waite Park  
Snyder Drug, Pipestone  
St. Mary's Regional Health Center, Detroit Lakes  
Swift County-Benson Hospital, Benson  
The Medicine Shoppe, Wadena  
Thrifty White Drug, Marshall  
Walgreens, Minneapolis  
Zumbrota Healthcare Pharmacy, Zumbrota

TWO-TO-ONE RATIO

Cash Wise Pharmacy, Waite Park  
Coborn's Pharmacy, Elk River  
Dayton's Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
Fairview Northland Pharmacy, Milaca  
Fairview Ridgeview Pharmacy, Burnsville  
HealthPartners Bloomington Pharmacy, Bloomington  
Healthparterns Riverside Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
K-Mart Pharmacy, Duluth  
Medicine Shoppe Pharmay, Alexandria  
Snyder Drug, Bloomington  
St. Joseph's Area Health Service Pharmacy  
Target Pharmacy, Brooklyn Center  
Thrifty White Drug, New Ulm  
Walgreen Drug, Columbia Heights  
Walgreens, St. Paul

THREE-TO-ONE AND ONE-TO-ONE RATIO

Care Alliance, New Brighton



# Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTEENTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., September 16, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

The Board first reviewed, amended, and approved the agenda for this meeting.

The Board next addressed the minutes of the meeting of August 5, 1998. After amending a gender error on page one of the minutes, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Baxter Healthcare Renal Pharmacy in Champlin, Minnesota, by Mr. Bruce Erickson, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The second application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy in Buffalo, Minnesota, by Mr. Thomas Elo, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy in Monticello, Minnesota, by Mr. David Steen, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cub Pharmacy in Shakopee, Minnesota, by Ms. Rhonda Dellwo, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Austin, Minnesota, by Mr. Al Kuns, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, by Mr. David Tschida, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Option Care Alexandria in Alexandria, Minnesota, by Mr. Paul Trumm, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application, and noting that this proposed pharmacy is located within the physical space of Trumm Drug Clinic Pharmacy in Alexandria, and noting that a single pharmacist is proposed as pharmacist-in-charge and pharmacist on duty at both pharmacies simultaneously, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be denied at this time, and that Mr. Holmstrom communicate the Board's suggestions regarding staffing and operational coordination to the applicant. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Lakeland Vet Pharmacy in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, by Mr. Barry Zoss, pharmacist-in-charge. After reviewing this application and noting the variances being requested relating to the pharmacist-in-charge, the physical size of the pharmacy, and certain operational proposals, and noting also the unique nature of this proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the presentation, by Mr. Robert Holley, Legal Counsel for the Board, of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Ms. Susan K. Shorter. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference held with Ms. Shorter on June 9, 1998, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Ms. Shorter. Ms. Shorter now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Ms. Shorter, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order, as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

Mr. Holley next described a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Mr. Keith E. Verthein. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a

conference held with Mr. Verthein on July 14, 1998, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Verthein. Mr. Verthein now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Verthein, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order, as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The voting resulted in three votes in favor of the motion, and three voted opposed to the motion, thus requiring President Denise Frank to vote to break the tie. Ms. Frank voted in favor of the motion and the motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to variance requests that have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The first request for a variance was submitted on behalf of Apria Healthcare in Minnetonka, Minnesota, by Ms. Cheryl LaChance. Ms. LaChance is requesting an extension of the previously granted variance that allowed home care nurses, affiliated with Apria Healthcare, to have access to a pharmacy-provided emergency kit containing heparin and saline. After reviewing the information, submitted by Ms. LaChance, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The second variance request, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Stadtlanders Pharmacy in Arden Hills, Minnesota, by Mr. Gary Clauson, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Clauson is requesting a variance which would allow Stadtlanders to accept, as a return and to re-issue, certain expensive infertility treatment drugs when patients can document that the drugs have been stored under appropriate storage conditions. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the variance request be approved for a six month period of time, on condition that Mr. Clauson provide the Board with a list of medications, which he is proposing to include in this variance request, and that Mr. Clauson inform the Board of how he intends to deal with potential repeated temperature extreme exposure of the drugs involved. The motion passed, with Ms. Jean Lemberg voting in opposition.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Northern Itasca Pharmacy in Big Fork, Minnesota, by Ms. Valerie Halverson, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Halverson is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allows Northern Itasca Pharmacy to prepackage various pharmaceutical products, to be dispensed by physicians in the Northome and Big Falls Clinics. After carefully reviewing Ms. Halverson's request, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Chanhassen, Minnesota, by Ms. Lana Adrian, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Adrian is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3 relating to prescription transfers. Ms. Adrian is requesting the ability to record all transfers electronically and print a monthly log of those transfers. A monthly log of all transferred prescriptions would be kept on file for a period of two years. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Adrian, be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.



The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, by Mr. David Tschida, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Tschida is requesting a variance to Minn. Rule 6800.3120, Subpart 3 relating to prescription transfers. Mr. Tschida is requesting the ability to record all transfers electronically and print a monthly log of those transfers. A monthly log of all transferred prescriptions would be kept on file for a period of two years. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Tschida, be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Elk River, Minnesota, by Mr. David Hewitt, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Hewitt is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance relating to recording prescription transfers electronically at Target Pharmacy in Elk River. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mr. Kevin Weckwerth, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Weckwerth is requesting a variance that would allow the pharmacy to stock and dispense sample prescription medications for the physicians at the Fairview Hiawatha Clinic, located at the same address. After carefully reviewing Mr. Weckwerth's request, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Hennepin County Medical Center Pharmacy, by Mr. David Graves, Assistant Director and pharmacist-in-charge of the in-patient pharmacy. Mr. Graves is requesting an extension of the previously granted variance relating to the Tech-check-tech Program at HCMC. After discussing the request for extension, being made by Mr. Graves, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Tech-check-tech Program at HCMC be approved for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed, with Mr. Chuck Cooper abstaining.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of PharMerica Pharmacy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Ms. Jeanette Haggerty, Lead Consultant. Ms. Haggerty is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed nursing staff, affiliated with PharMerica, to be allowed to check and inventory the emergency kit at long-term care facilities on the condition that such activity be under the supervision of a pharmacist. Mr. Chuck Cooper then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Edina, Minnesota, by Mr. James Hanson, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Hanson is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance relating to the checking of the original container from which medication was withdrawn during the certification steps, conducted by the pharmacist at the completion of the filling process of each prescription. After discussing Mr. Hanson's request, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended until October 31, 1998, and that Mr. Holmstrom request additional information from Mr. Hanson regarding the misfills that were reported during

the last year and what quality assurance steps were taken as a result of these misfills. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of UPC Pharmacy in Golden Valley, Minnesota, by Ms. Patsy Stuva, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Stuva is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance allowing UPC to establish an emergency kit of drugs for use at the Ramsey County Workhouse. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional two year period of time. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of requests for the use of pharmacy technicians recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that those technicians requests recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of July 7 and August 11, 1998, and between the dates of August 11 and September 8, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

The Board next reviewed a number of requests for extension of time in which to meet the continuing education requirements of Minnesota pharmacists. The Board acted to approve all requests for extensions through December 31, 1998. In addition, the Board adopted a new policy relating to continuing education reporting by new licensees who obtained licensure in Minnesota through reciprocity. The Board adopted a position that it will accept, as continuing education participation from those licensees who obtained licensure in Minnesota by reciprocity and who have been licensed in Minnesota for less than a full two-year continuing education cycle, continuing education participation after licensure in Minnesota, which averages 1 1/4 hours per month after obtaining licensure in Minnesota, or will accept 30 hours of continuing education participation over the preceding two year period of time, coinciding with Minnesota's CE reporting cycle, which totals 30 hours of continuing education participation, regardless of whether the CE participation took place after licensure in Minnesota.

Mr. Holmstrom next shared, with the Board, the final budget documents for Fiscal Year 1998, which ended on June 30. The Board also discussed whether budget initiatives should be developed for the Fiscal Year 2000-2001 biennial budget, which is now under development.

Mr. Cooper suggested that the Board seek additional funding to provide upgrades to the Board's licensure system so that the system is more flexible and more readily usable for providing data for manpower studies, demographic trends, etc. Mr. Holmstrom was then directed to contact computer software companies to obtain approximate cost figures and, if possible, include this item in the Board's biennial budget request.

The Board next discussed the 1998 District V meeting of the boards and colleges of pharmacy, which was held in August of 1998 in Amana, Iowa. At the conclusion of the discussion, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that, while the Board will pay the travel expenses of those attending the meeting, no per diem payments will be made to the Board members who attended. The motion passed.

Mr. Don Gibson next led a discussion pertaining to the organization of the 1999 District V meeting of the boards and colleges of pharmacy, which will be hosted by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy and the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy. No formal action by the Board was taken at this time.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter received from Ms. Karen Bergrud, Manager of Pharmacy Support Services at Mayo Hospital Pharmacies in Rochester, Minnesota, regarding the proposed utilization of a Pyxis Medstation Rx System 2000 in both Rochester Methodist and St. Mary's Hospitals in Rochester. Specifically, Ms. Bergrud is requesting direction from the Board regarding the acceptability of including Pyxis mini-drawers in the systems proposed for Rochester Methodist and St. Mary's. Ms. Bergrud is proposing that mini-drawers be used in a "four pocket mini-drawer" configuration, with four different medication forms stored in the same drawer, each in their own pocket. Ms. Bergrud is proposing that each medication would be substantially different in appearance, preferably including a different form/route of administration of each drug. For example, a multi-dose vial, a suppository, a tablet/capsule, and an ointment could all be stored in the same drawer, divided by separate pockets, as there would be a minimal chance of interchanging these medications accidentally, since medications are all administered via different routes.

After discussing Ms. Bergrud's proposal, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the Board accept Ms. Bergrud's proposal and directed Mr. Holmstrom to request a copy of the final policies and procedures that are developed for the use of this system at these hospitals. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter received from Ms. Rose Eggerth, who is seeking reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy in Minnesota. For the past 15 years, Ms. Eggerth has been actively employed in the pharmaceutical industry and has not maintained her license to practice pharmacy in Minnesota, which was originally issued in 1975. Ms. Eggerth is requesting an opportunity to reinstate her license to practice and is seeking guidance from the Board as to the steps that must be taken to reinstate her license. After discussing Ms. Eggerth's situation, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that Ms. Eggerth be required to obtain 30 hours of continuing education, focused on current drug knowledge, drug use evaluations, and patient counseling, that she be required to also take and pass the Board's Jurisprudence Examination, and the Board's Practical Examination, and that she be required to obtain 250 hours of work in a pharmacy as a pharmacist-intern under the direction and supervision of a preceptor, approved by the Board, in order to reinstate her license. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a document he received from a Minnesota pharmacist inquiring whether the medication order form, being utilized by Merck-Medco Rx Services, is in violation of the Board's rule relating to advertising on prescription blanks provided to practitioners. After discussing the issue, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson



seconded that the Board take the position that the form used by Merck-Medco, and identified as Version 1.6, which is used to obtain prescription information from practitioners by mail, does not violate the spirit or intent of the Board's rule. The motion passed.

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, and candidates for reinstatement of previously granted licenses. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that, having passed the Jurisprudence Examination, required of candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidates be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Original Licensure</u>
7245	SONIA BLESIC	IA
7246	JEFFREY J CHOMIUK	MI
7247	SEAN E ETIENNE	WI
7248	JEREMY C HOLT	KS
7249	THANH T HUA	LA
7250	DAVAR KHOSSRAVI	IL
7251	LINDA J KVARE	WA
7252	KAREN LEINBACH	MO
7253	ANGELA A MADAN	NY
7254	CHRISTOPHER R MCCURDY	GA
7255	STEVEN M NYQUIST	IA
7256	KENDALL R PETERSON	TX
7257	NICOLE R ROHRBECK	ND
7258	ROBERT A SCHULTZ	ND
7259	JEFFREY A SIMMONS	AZ
7260	KATHERINE A STEHLY	MI
7261	ELIZABETH J VOGEL	AL
7262	GERALD F WENSMANN	TX

The Board next addressed itself to the performance of candidates who are seeking licensure by examination, and who were retaking only the State Law portion of the full Board Examination. In conformity with the Board's policy, previously established, the Board again established a score of 75 as the minimum passing score. With the passing score thus established, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the following examination retake candidates, having achieved a score of not less than 75 on the State Jurisprudence Examination, be granted licensure as pharmacists:

**ELIZABETH GRAPENTINE**

**ROBERT ZUPANCICH**

Also successfully passing the examination, which was required of her for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy in Minnesota, was Ms. Sandra LeTourneau.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, letters and other documents (both the original document written in French, and a notarized English translation of those documents) he received from Ms. Dominique Gignac. Ms. Gignac is requesting that the Board reconsider its

position on accepting candidates for licensure only from those college of pharmacy located in Canada in which the curriculum is presented in English. Ms. Gignac is a graduate from Laval University in Quebec, Canada, and taken all of her training as a pharmacist in French.

After discussing the need for patient communication by pharmacists licensed to practice pharmacy in Minnesota, and noting that an alternative mechanism is available for non-English speaking Canadians to obtain licensure by obtaining certification from the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board refuse Ms. Gignac's request to become a candidate for licensure in Minnesota directly, and that Mr. Holmstrom inform her that she will be accepted as a candidate for licensure after taking and passing the test of English as a foreign language exam, and becoming certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Commission. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next shared, with the Board, a letter he received from the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, which indicates that Minnesota Board Members Donald Gibson, Jeffrey Lindoo, and Carl Benson have all been appointed to serve as committee members or alternates on various NABP committees and task forces.

Mr. Holmstrom next shared, with the Board, a letter he received from five physicians at The Endocrinology Clinic of Minneapolis regarding their concern that diabetic patients, who are taking the drug troglitazone (Rezulin) are getting monthly liver function studies performed, as is required by the Food and Drug Administration. The Endocrinology Clinic of Minneapolis physicians are seeking whatever assistance the Board can offer in advising pharmacists of this situation. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to consider developing an article for the Board's Quarterly Newsletter and to suggest to the physicians that this scenario provides an opportunity for the physician and pharmacist to collaborate for the benefit of the patient, and encourage the physicians to communicate the need for patient monitoring to the pharmacist with whom they develop a working relationship.

There being no further business requiring formal Board action at this time, President Frank adjourned the meeting.



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TECHNICIAN REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1998**

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO**

Cub Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
Fairview Hiawatha Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Albert Lea  
Liebe Drug, Ortonville  
Minnesota Cancer Care Pharmacy, Maplewood  
Muller Valu Rite Pharmacy, West St. Paul  
Mushel Drug, Little Falls  
Prescription Center Pharmacy, St. Cloud  
Regina Medical Center Pharmacy, Hastings  
University Park Pharmacy, St. Paul  
Walgreens Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Montevideo  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Redwood Falls  
Zumbrota Healthcare Pharmacy, Zumbrota

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO**

Apria Healthcare Pharmacy, Minnetonka  
Gallery Pharmacy, St. Paul  
Health Care Pharmacy, Coon Rapids  
Healtheast St. John's Hospital Phcy, Maplewood  
Kmart Pharmacy, Shakopee  
Oak Point Clinic Pharmacy, Eagan  
Rum River Drug, Cambridge

**THREE-TO-ONE AND ONE-TO-ONE RATIO**

St. Francis Medical Center Pharmacy, Breckenridge



# Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTEENTH MEETING

At approximately 8:30 a.m., October 21, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board, with the exception of Ms. Jean Lemberg, were in attendance. Also in attendance were the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom, and the Board's Legal Counsel, Mr. Robert Holley.

The Board first reviewed, amended, and approved the agenda for this meeting.

The Board next addressed the minutes of the meeting of September 16, 1998. Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Clancy's Pharmacy in Hastings, Minnesota, by Mr. Christopher Astrup, Pharmacy Owner. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of High Pointe Pharmacy in Lake Elmo, Minnesota, by Ms. Cynthia Appleseth, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the appointment of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Cash Wise Clinic Pharmacy in Willmar, Minnesota, by Mr. Marvin Moen, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application for a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Hughes Institute Oncology Pharmacy, by Ms. Linda Eddy, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Eddy has also submitted requests for variances relating to size of the licensed area, equipment, storage of pharmacy overstock, and security. After carefully reviewing this application, a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, the variances requested by Ms. Eddy, and the

comments made by Pharmacy Board Surveyor Les Kotek during his recently completed inspection visit, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that, in consideration of the specialty nature of this pharmacy, the variances requested be approved, and that the application for licensure be approved and a license issued. The motion passed.

The final application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Option Care Alexandria Pharmacy by Mr. Paul Trumm, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Steve Mareck, pharmacist-in-charge of Option Care Pharmacy in St. Cloud and co-owner of Option Care Alexandria, now appeared before the Board to discuss questions and concerns the Board has raised during its previous deliberations on this application. After thoroughly discussing this application with Mr. Mareck, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that a variance relating to the size of the licensed area be granted, and that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed, with Mr. Jeff Lindoo abstaining.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was the presentation, by Mr. Robert Holley, Legal Counsel for the Board, of a proposed stipulation and order in the matter of the pharmacist license of Paul A. Black. The stipulation was developed subsequent to a conference held August 26, 1998, with Mr. Black, to discuss allegations of unprofessional conduct. The stipulation has been agreed to and signed by Mr. Black. Mr. Black now personally appeared before the Board to discuss the proposed stipulation and order. After discussing the proposed stipulation and order with Mr. Black, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board accept the stipulation and order, as proposed, and that Mr. Holmstrom be directed to sign the stipulation and order on the Board's behalf. The motion passed.

The second item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was a petition, submitted by Mr. James J. Pettit, that the Board release him from the terms of his probation with the Board and restore his license to practice pharmacy to good standing. Mr. Pettit is requesting early release from the terms of his probation so that he can seek licensure in the state of Idaho.

After a lengthy discussion of the issues involved, the Board directed Mr. Holmstrom to contact the Executive Director of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy to confirm Mr. Pettit's ability to become licensed in that state, and deferred formal action on Mr. Pettit's request until the December meeting of the Board.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, copies of the proposed rules relating to pharmacy technicians and miscellaneous changes to pharmacy practice, comments received during the 30-day comment period on the rules, and some minor language changes to the rules which address issues that have come to light during review and discussion of the proposed rules. After discussing the comments received and reviewing the minor language changes proposed by Mr. Holmstrom, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded the following resolution:

"RESOLVED, that the rules relating to pharmacy technicians and miscellaneous changes to pharmacy practice, in the form set out in the Revisor of Statutes draft,

File #AR2918, dated 9/9/98, as amended this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1998, and identified as Minnesota Rules, Parts 6800.0100 to 6800.8007, are approved and adopted, pursuant to authority vested in the Board of Pharmacy, by Minnesota Statutes, Section 151.06. David E. Holmstrom, the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, is authorized to sign the order adopting rules, and further, is authorized to modify the rules, if necessary, to obtain the approval of the rules by the Revisor of Statutes or the Administrative Law Judge, and to perform the necessary acts to provide that the rule shall have the force and effect of law."

The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to variance requests that have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The first request for a variance was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, by Mr. Larry Tebbe, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Tebbe is requesting a variance which would allow Target Pharmacy, in St. Louis Park, to record prescription transfers electronically and to print a monthly log of all transfers, which would be kept on file at the pharmacy in lieu of having to void the hard copy original of each prescription transferred. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Tebbe, be granted for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Belle Plaine Drug, Jeanette Stock, pharmacist-in-charge, by Stuart Vandenberg, Pharmacy Board Surveyor. Mr. Vandenberg recently inspected Belle Plaine Drug and discussed the need for a variance with Ms. Stock. After reviewing the information provided with the variance request, the Board deferred action on this request and determined that additional information was needed regarding the other reference books currently used by Ms. Stock.

The third request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of HealthPartners Pharmacy in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota, by Mr. Steven Markes, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Markes is requesting an opportunity to electronically record requests for prescription transfers instead of voiding the hard copy of the original prescription. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that Mr. Markes' variance request be approved on condition that HealthPartners Pharmacy can produce a monthly printout of all prescriptions transferred, and on condition that the quality assurance double-check on the accuracy of computer entry of new prescription information is done within 24 hours of filling, rather than at the time of the first refill. The motion passed.

The fourth application for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Regions Hospital Pharmacy by Ms. Bobbie Masoud, Inpatient Pharmacy Director. Ms. Masoud is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance which allows Regions Hospital to utilize a Tech-check-tech Program for inpatient unit-dose cart fill distribution systems. Mr. Chuck Cooper then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional two-year period of time. The motion passed.

The fifth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Ridgeview Medical Center Pharmacy by Mr. Jim Polucha, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Polucha is requesting an opportunity to take control over the drug samples at Ridgeview Medical Center.



After noting that the policies and procedures, developed by Mr. Polucha, will provide better control over sample distribution, and will provide record keeping and appropriate labeling for drug samples, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Polucha, be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Fridley, Minnesota, by Mr. William Johnson, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Johnson is requesting a variance that would allow Target Pharmacy, in Fridley, to record prescription transfers electronically, and would include the printing of a monthly log of all transfers. Mr. Johnson indicates, in his request, that the quality assurance double-check on all new prescriptions is completed in less than 24 hours, thus ensuring that the prescription information, stored in the computer, is accurate and current to the hard copy prescription. Mr. Chuck Cooper then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Johnson, be approved for a one year period of time. The motion passed.

The final request for a variance, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Edina, Minnesota, by Mr. James Hanson, pharmacist-in-charge. At the September meeting of the Board, the Board first considered an extension of the previously granted variance relating to the checking of the original container from which medication was withdrawn during the certification steps conducted by pharmacists at the completion of the filling process of each prescription at Target in Edina. The Board determined, at that time, that additional information was needed. Mr. Hanson has now provided the Board with that additional information and renews his request for an extension of the previously granted variance. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the previously granted variance be extended for an additional one year period of time. The motion passed.

The Board next welcomed Dr. Linda M. Strand to the meeting. Dr. Strand requested an opportunity to address the Board regarding the concept of pharmaceutical care and its implementation in Minnesota.

Mr. Holmstrom next shared, with the Board, the proposals made as part of the Board's biennial budget request based on suggestions made by the Board at its meeting of September 16. Copies of the biennial budget documents were made available to the Board.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with information regarding the Disease State Management Examinations being made available by the National Institute for Standards in Pharmacist Credentialing. Mr. Holmstrom reported that there have been requests, from Minnesota pharmacists, that the Board participate in this Disease State Management credentialing process. The Board did not take action at this time, but tabled the matter until the January meeting and directed Mr. Holmstrom to gather additional information on this topic.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of September 8 and October 13, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Pharmacist John Hunt requesting an extension of time in which to report his continuing education participation. Mr. Hunt is requesting an extension until February 1, 1999. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that the Board grant Mr. Hunt an extension until December 31, 1998 in which to report his continuing education participation. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, information on several computer programs that were submitted by Mr. Rodney Ammerman with a request that he be granted continuing education credit for these programs. Mr. Ammerman is currently seeking reinstatement of his license to practice in Minnesota and is seeking credit for having participated in these programs. After reviewing the information, submitted by Mr. Ammerman, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board deny continuing education credit for these programs, in that they are designed to improve the skills of a computer programmer and are not designed to improve the professional skills of a pharmacist. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of requests for the use of pharmacy technicians recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of requests, submitted since the last meeting of the Board, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that those technician requests recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom be so approved. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of a candidate for licensure by examination, who sat for the state portions of the examination on June 24, 1998, but who failed to pass the Federal Drug Law Examination. The candidate has since retaken the Federal Drug Law Examination in another state and has transferred that score to Minnesota. Having established the passing scores during its meeting of August 5, 1998, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the following candidate be granted licensure as a pharmacist.

<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Registration #</u>
7265	SHAWN THOMAS HOLM	116703-6

The motion passed.

There being no further business requiring action by the Board at this time, President Denise Frank adjourned the meeting.



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TECHNICIAN REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**  
**October 21, 1998**

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO**

District One Community Pharmacy, Faribault  
Lakes Area Pharmacy, Pine River  
Northside Drug, Windom  
Park Nicollet Cancer Center Pharmacy, St. Louis Park  
St. Mary's Regional Health Care Pharmacy, Detroit Lakes  
St. Mary's Medical Center Outpatient Pharmacy, Duluth  
Thrifty White Drug #706, Brainerd

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO**

Austin Drug, Austin  
Chanhassen Center Drug, Chanhassen  
Chaska Snyder Drug, Chaska  
Cub Pharmacy, West St. Paul  
Lichty Drug, Westbrook  
Olson Drugs, Inc., East Grand Forks  
Rochester Methodist Hospital Pharmacy, Rochester  
Target Pharmacy, Bloomington  
Target Pharmacy #820, Coon Rapids  
Thomas Drug, Bemidji  
Walgreens Pharmacy #1980, Robbinsdale

**ONE-TO-ONE PLUS ONE RATIO**

Moudry Apothecary Shop, St. Paul



# Minnesota Board of Pharmacy

## SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEENTH MEETING

At approximately 9:00 a.m., December 9, 1998, the Board of Pharmacy met in Conference Room A, at the University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for the purpose of conducting a general business meeting. All members of the Board were in attendance. Also in attendance were Pharmacy Board Surveyor Candice Fleming and the Board's Executive Director, Mr. David Holmstrom.

The Board first reviewed, amended, and approved the agenda for this meeting.

The Board next addressed the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 1998. Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to applications to conduct new pharmacies, which it has received since its last meeting. The first such application was submitted on behalf of Fairview Eagan Pharmacy in Eagan, Minnesota, by Mr. William Schommer, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The second application, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rainbow Pharmacy in Apple Valley, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Hayes, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the appointment of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The third application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rainbow Pharmacy in Bloomington, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Hayes, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fourth application for a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rainbow Pharmacy in Burnsville, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Hayes, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Jean Lemberg moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the

pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The fifth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be reviewed by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Rainbow Pharmacy in Plymouth, Minnesota, by Mr. Richard Hayes, temporary pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Jean Lemberg seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the naming of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The sixth application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Storm Drug in Walker, Minnesota, by Mr. Terry Storm, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the appointment of a permanent pharmacist-in-charge for the pharmacy, and subject also to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The seventh application to conduct a new pharmacy, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Wal-Mart Pharmacy in Apple Valley, Minnesota, by Ms. Lisa McNulty, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Chuck Cooper seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure and, in particular, with the requirement that a patient counseling area, offering an assurance of privacy, is available. The motion passed.

The eighth and final application to conduct a new pharmacy, which was considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Coborn's Long Term Care Associates Pharmacy in St. Cloud, Minnesota, by Mr. Ken Bieganeck, pharmacist-in-charge. After carefully reviewing this application and a diagram of the proposed pharmacy, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the application be approved and a license issued, subject to the successful completion of an on-site inspection, by a member of the Board's staff, to assure compliance with Pharmacy Board rules dealing with licensure. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to matters of a quasi-judicial nature. The first item of a quasi-judicial nature, to come before the Board, was a petition, by Mr. James J. Pettit, that the Board release Mr. Pettit from probation, which was placed on Mr. Pettit's license under the stipulation and order of the Board dated April 11, 1996. The Board reviewed Mr. Pettit's file, Mr. Pettit's compliance with the terms of his probation, letters of reference on behalf of Mr. Pettit, and a report, by Mr. Holmstrom, of his conversations with Mr. "Mick" Marcuson, Executive Director of the Idaho Board of Pharmacy (Mr. Pettit is seeking early release from his probation so that he can apply for licensure in the state of Idaho). Mr. Carl Benson then moved

and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board terminate the probation of Mr. Pettit and restore his license to practice to good standing. The motion passed.

The Board next turned its attention to variance requests that have been submitted to the Board since its last meeting. The first request for a variance was submitted on behalf of Omnicare Pharmacy in New Brighton, Minnesota, and relates to a request for continuance of a pilot project studying the effectiveness and safety of automated medication management systems in sub-acute units of long-term care facilities. Mr. Howard Juni and Ms. Amy Hammitt now appeared before the Board to discuss this issue.

After a thorough discussion of the issues with Mr. Juni and Ms. Hammitt and, after reviewing a thorough and well-written report by Pharmacy Board Surveyors Candice Fleming and Les Kotek, Mr. Jeff Lindoo then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the Board extend the pilot study for one year, and that the Board establish a task force to look at the possibility of developing rules and/or guidelines for the operation of these systems. The motion passed.

The next request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Econo Family Pharmacy in Rochester, Minnesota, by Mr. Sherwood Peterson, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Peterson is requesting that patients at Econo Family Pharmacy, who are receiving certain very expensive fertility drugs, be allowed to return the drugs for credit, on condition that the drug is still in the original manufacturer's intact packaging, the drug is returned within 60 days of the date it was dispensed, the drug has been stored under optimal storage conditions, and the patient understands that the medication dispensed to them may have been returned by a previous patient. In his request, Mr. Peterson lists the drugs proposed for inclusion in this policy. After discussing this issue, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that Mr. Peterson's request for a variance, allowing the return of certain fertility drugs, be approved, but that the approval not extend to Progesterone in Oil Injection, which Mr. Peterson included in his list of covered drugs. The motion passed.

The third request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Fairview Home Care Pharmacy, by Mr. Jeff McNamara, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. McNamara is requesting an opportunity to establish an emergency kit for home care nurses affiliated with Fairview HomeCare Pharmacy, in order to address anaphylaxis issues or catheter dysfunction during their home care visits. After observing that the Board's proposed rules will soon authorize the establishment of this type of emergency kit, Mr. Chuck Cooper moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that variance, requested by Mr. McNamara, be approved for a one year period of time, or until the Board's rules are implemented, whichever occurs first. The motion passed.

The fourth application for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Soderlund Village Drug in St. Peter, Minnesota, by Ms. Noelle Buckley, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Buckley indicates that Soderlund Village Drug is interested in establishing a closed door nursing home pharmacy, apparently, within the area currently licensed as Soderlund Village Drug, and she is requesting the opportunity to be pharmacist-in-charge at both locations. After discussing the issues involved in this proposal, the Board declined to approve Ms. Buckley's request, citing that the criteria needed to obtain the proposed type of license will not allow the



same pharmacist-in-charge and staff to cover both pharmacies. A "closed door" pharmacy must have a separate address that is not accessible without leaving the area already licensed as Soderlund Village Drug. This arrangement would preclude coverage by the same pharmacist-in-charge and staff.

The fifth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Buffalo, Minnesota, by Mr. Alan Mackareth, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Mackareth is requesting a variance that would allow Target Pharmacy in Buffalo to record prescription transfers electronically, and would include the printing of a monthly log of all transfers. Mr. Mackareth indicates, in his request, that the quality assurance double-check, required for all new prescriptions, is completed in less than 24 hours, thus ensuring that the prescription information, stored in the computer, is accurate and current to the hard copy prescription. Mr. Don Gibson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance, requested by Mr. Mackareth, be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The sixth application for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Target Pharmacy in Bloomington, Minnesota, by Ms. Theresa Zotaley, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Zotaley is requesting a variance that would allow Target Pharmacy in Bloomington to record prescription transfers electronically, and would include the printing of a monthly log of all transfers. Ms. Zotaley indicates, in her request, that the quality assurance double-check, required for all new prescriptions, is completed in less than 24 hours, thus ensuring that the prescription information, stored in the computer, is accurate and current to the hard copy prescription. Ms. Carol Peterson then moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Zotaley, be approved for a one-year period of time. The motion passed.

The seventh request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Gold Standard Multimedia Incorporated, who is seeking the Board's approval of a CD-ROM version of *Clinical Pharmacology* as an acceptable reference for Minnesota pharmacists. After reviewing and discussing the material submitted by Gold Standard Multimedia, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that the Board accept the CD-ROM version of *Clinical Pharmacology* from Gold Standard Multimedia as meeting the requirement for any one of the three required references in Minnesota pharmacies. The motion passed.

The eighth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Apria Healthcare in Minnetonka, Minnesota, by Ms. Janice Dow, pharmacist-in-charge. Ms. Dow is requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed Apria Healthcare to supply certain limited items in an emergency kit to nurses affiliated with Apria Healthcare. After noting that the Board's rules, when implemented, will allow this type of emergency kit, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that the variance, requested by Ms. Dow, be approved for a one year period of time, or until the Board's rules become effective, whichever occurs first. The motion passed.

The ninth request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of In Home Health in Roseville, Minnesota, by Mr. Irv Hines, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Hines is also requesting an extension of a previously granted variance, which allowed In Home Health Pharmacy to provide an emergency kit to home care nurses affiliated with In Home Health Pharmacy. Again, after noting that the Board's rules, when implemented, will address this issue,

Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Carl Benson seconded that the variance be approved for a one year period of time, or until the rules become effective, whichever occurs first. The motion passed.

The final request for a variance, to be considered by the Board, was submitted on behalf of Option Care Alexandria Pharmacy, by Mr. Paul Trumm, pharmacist-in-charge. Mr. Trumm is requesting a variance relating to the required references at Option Care Alexandria, and is requesting permission to utilize the references at Trumm Drug Clinic Pharmacy, which is immediately adjacent to Option Care Alexandria, with both pharmacies being housed in the same facility. Mr. Trumm indicates, however, that Option Care Alexandria will keep its own handbook on injectable drugs, as that is the most frequently utilized reference. After a brief discussion, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that Mr. Trumm's request for a variance, relating to reference books at Option Care Alexandria, be approved on a permanent basis. The motion passed.

At this time, Mr. Thomas Barrett, Program Manager for the Health Professionals Services Program, appeared before the Board to provide the Board with an overview of the Health Professionals Services Program. After hearing from Mr. Barrett and noting that the Board must determine its representative for calendar year 1999 at its January meeting, the Board thanked Mr. Barrett for his presentation.

Mr. Jeff Lindoo next led a discussion of what, if anything, the Board of Pharmacy can do to address the apparent pharmacist shortage that Minnesota is currently experiencing.

Discussion indicated that the shortage of pharmacists is a national phenomenon and, insofar as Minnesota is concerned, is being exacerbated currently by the lack of a graduating class at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy during June of 1998. The College of Pharmacy, at the University of Minnesota, is in the midst of a changeover from a five-year BS program to a six-year Pharm D program, with the result that there were, essentially, no graduates from the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy during June of 1998. It is hoped that once Pharm D graduates begin seeking employment in June of 1999, the critical nature of the manpower shortage will be lessened.

During the discussion, Mr. Holmstrom was directed to attempt to bring together representatives from the Board of Pharmacy, the College of Pharmacy, the Minnesota Pharmacists Association, and the Minnesota Society of Health System Pharmacists to look at manpower issues and the potential for developing some sort of mid-level practitioner to oversee dispensing functions in Minnesota pharmacies. Mr. Chuck Cooper, Mr. Jeff Lindoo, and Ms. Denise Frank volunteered to serve on the task force as representatives of the Board.

Mr. Chuck Cooper next led a continuing discussion of automation and the role that automation might be able to play in the dispensing activities in pharmacies. Since the Board had already decided to attempt to pull together a task force on automation, no further action was taken at this time.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of requests for the use of pharmacy technicians recommended for approval. After reviewing the list of requests, submitted since the

last meeting of the Board, Mr. Jeff Lindoo moved and Mr. Don Gibson seconded that those technician requests recommended for approval by Mr. Holmstrom be so approved. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided the Board with additional information regarding the Disease State Management Examinations, being made available by the National Institute for Standards in Pharmacy Credentialing. During the discussion of this issue, it was noted that the Credentialing Examination is only one part of the overall credentialing requirements for pharmacists who are seeking reimbursement for providing disease state management services and, since the other parts of the overall credentialing process are not yet in place in Minnesota, there is not an immediate need to administer the Disease State Management Exams. The Board's position then, for the time being, will be one of waiting and watching the developments on a national level.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a list of continuing education programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force between the dates of October 14 and November 25, 1998. After reviewing the list of programs, submitted to and reviewed by the Continuing Education Advisory Task Force, Ms. Carol Peterson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that those programs recommended for approval be so approved, and that those programs for which denial of approval was recommended be denied. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Ms. Elisa Peltola requesting an extension of time to January 31, 1999 in which to complete her continuing education requirements. After a brief discussion, Mr. Don Gibson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that Ms. Peltola be granted an extension of time in which to complete her continuing education requirements, extending to January 31, 1999. The motion passed, with Mr. Carl Benson voting in opposition.

Mr. Holmstrom next presented, to the Board, a letter from Ms. Sherry Reisenauer, a pharmacist in North Dakota who is expressing an intent to provide a drug information consulting service in the state of North Dakota, but which may provide services to residents of Minnesota. Ms. Reisenauer requests guidance from the Board in several areas. After discussion of the issues surrounding this type of proposal, Mr. Carl Benson moved and Ms. Carol Peterson seconded that Mr. Holmstrom inform Ms. Reisenauer that, as described in her letter, licensure as a pharmacist in Minnesota would not be required unless she physically comes to the state of Minnesota and provides professional services here. The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next led a discussion of the District V Meeting of the Boards and Colleges of Pharmacy, which will be co-hosted by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy and the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy during the summer of 1999. Mr. Carl Benson then volunteered to help with fundraising, and Mr. Chuck Cooper volunteered to help with programming.

The Board next turned its attention to the performance of a candidate for licensure by reciprocity, candidates required to take the Jurisprudence Examination as part of a stipulation and order of the Board, and candidates for reinstatement of previously granted licenses. After a thorough review of the performance of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, Mr. Carl



Benson moved and Mr. Jeff Lindoo seconded that, having passed the Jurisprudence Examination, required of the candidates for licensure by reciprocity, the following candidate be granted such licensure based on their current license to practice in the state listed with their name:

<u>Certificate #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>State of Original Licensure</u>
7268	CLEMENT OKO AKOGERAM	MD
7269	IVY IRIS AKOGERAM	MD
7270	MOWLID YUSSUF BALAYAH	TX
7271	RALPH EUGENE BALLARD	ID
7272	DENNIS SHAWN BROGAN	IL
7273	ANNIE LESLIE CULVER-BURTON	WA
7274	BRADLEY JOHN EIDE	ND
7275	JOSEPH THOMAS HANLON	MA
7276	JAMES EUGENE HARIG	IA
7277	ILA MEHRA HARRIS	MO
7278	MARK LEE HUGHES	IA
7279	SPENCER A PARKER	PA
7280	TODD ROBERT PARKER	SD
7281	GERALD R PETERSEN	SD
7282	NORMAN CARL RICHTER	NY
7283	RODNEY STUART TESTER	AK
7284	VALERIE JEAN TETRAULT	AZ
7285	CHRISTOPHER W VIRILIO	CT

The following candidate, who participated in the Jurisprudence Examination as part of a stipulation and order of the Board, also successfully passed the examination.

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The motion passed.

Mr. Holmstrom next provided information to the Board regarding a patient information study, being conducted by the Food and Drug Administration through the offices of NABP, which will involve some randomly selected pharmacies in Minnesota. No official action of the Board was necessary or taken on this issue.

The Board next addressed the standards, which were developed back in 1984, which are applied to candidates for reinstatement of licenses to practice pharmacy in Minnesota that had been allowed to lapse. The Board observed that the standards had now been in place for over 14 years, and were in need of review and revision. The Board developed the following criteria as the Board's position on requests for reinstatement from pharmacists who have continued to be in active pharmacy practice while outside of this jurisdiction:

1. Payment of back renewal fees and penalty fees up to a maximum of \$1000.
2. Proof of having completed at least 30 hours of continuing professional education within the last two years.
3. Successful passing of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, offered through the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

The Board next developed the following criteria as the Board's position on requests for reinstatement from pharmacists who have not continued in active pharmacy practice outside of Minnesota:

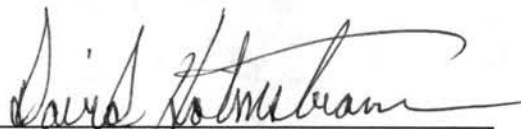
1. Payment of back renewal fees and penalty fees up to a maximum of \$1000.
2. Completion of up to 60 hours of continuing education programming, as directed by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.
3. Successful passing of the Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination, offered through the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.
4. Successful passing of the Practical Examination, offered by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.
5. Completion of 400 hours of work in a pharmacy in the United States as a pharmacist-intern, under the direction and supervision of a pharmacist preceptor approved by the Minnesota Board of Pharmacy.

The above-listed criteria are effective January 1, 1999.

There being no further business requiring action by the Board at this time, President Denise Frank adjourned the meeting.



PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**TECHNICIAN REQUESTS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL**  
**December 9, 1998**

**ONE-TO-ONE RATIO**

Health Partners Coon Rapids Pharmacy, Coon Rapids  
Health Partners Uptown Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
Meeker Co. Memorial Hospital, Litchfield  
Northpark Pharmacy, Albert Lea  
Pratt Pharmacy, Clearbrook  
Valley Pharmacy, Spring Valley  
Wahlberg's Snyder Drug, Warroad  
Wal-Mart Pharmacy, Eagan

**ONE-TO-ONE PLUS ONE RATIO**

Moudry Professional Pharmacy, St. Paul

**TWO-TO-ONE RATIO**

Cub Pharmacy, Burnsville  
Cass Lake Indian Hospital, Cass Lake  
DL Pharmacy, Detroit Lakes  
Kmart Pharmacy, Burnsville  
Kmart Pharmacy, Minneapolis  
Kmart Pharmacy, Shakopee  
Prescription Center, Willmar  
Ritchie Medical Plaza Pharmacy, St. Paul  
Shopko Pharmacy, Duluth  
Snyder Drug, Breckenridge  
Snyder Drug, Burnsville  
Snyder Drug, St. Paul  
St. Mary's Medical Ctr. Outpatient Phcy, Duluth  
Northland Mall, Worthington  
Target Pharmacy, St. Paul  
Thrifty White Drug, Owatonna  
Walgreens, Fridley  
Walgreens, Sauk Rapids

**THREE-TO-ONE RATIO**

Fairmont Community Hospital Pharmacy, Fairmont