

GEORGIA BOARD OF PHARMACY
Institutional Pharmacy Rule Committee Meeting
2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30303
August 28, 2018
10:45 a.m.

The following Committee members were present:

Mike Faulk
Carrie Ashbee

Staff present:

Dennis Troughton, Director, GDNA
Michael Karnbach, Special Agent, GDNA
Max Changus, Assistant Attorney General
Kimberly Emm, Attorney

Visitors:

Stephanie Kirkland, Eldercare
Amanda Roberson, Eldercare
George Ray, Nelson Mullins/Kaiser Perm

Mr. Faulk established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:47 a.m.

Institutional Pharmacy Rules: Mr. Faulk stated that the rule presented has many issues and since Mr. Henderson and Mr. Warnock are the interested parties they should make the recommendations. Mr. Faulk stated that the Committee can then look at what Mr. Henderson and Mr. Warnock present and see what can be implemented. Mr. Changus asked if the Committee would like to identify some of the concerns found with this rule. Director Troughton commented that there is a section on nursing homes and retail and it will take revisions in both areas. He stated that GDNA has identified dozens of issues from an enforcement standpoint with this rule as is such as the way orders come across to facilities and how they get there that need to be looked at.

Amanda Roberson, Eldercare, stated that they have long term care and retail facilities. She stated they have often struggled with how hospitals can do things they cannot even though they are so similar. She stated that they have encountered Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) and audits that are looking at the Board rules and getting them on everything they possibly can. Ms. Roberson gave an example such as e-prescribing, which does not allow the physician to put "LTC/Hospice Patient" on the order so when they add it on the label they receive an infraction for it during an audit. Mr. Faulk stated he does have some concerns with the draft presented. He advised Ms. Roberson that the Committee will try and address her concerns. After further discussion, Ms. Roberson commented that she would appreciate the ability to provide comments as the Committee moves forward.

Mr. George Ray, Nelson Mullins/Kaiser Permanente, commented that it would be helpful to know what rule is going to be revised if this proposed rule is not going to be pursued. Director Troughton responded by stating that it will depend on what the Board wants to reconsider whether it is long term care or retail or both. Ms. Roberson commented that they have retail as well. She added that they have no intent to take anything away from retail. Director Troughton responded by stating that is what the Board must be careful of, not negatively impacting others.

Ms. Ashbee asked when would Mr. Henderson and Mr. Warnock be discussing the revisions. Mr. Changus responded by stating that any discussion of such should be held at the next scheduled board meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

The next meeting of the Georgia Board of Pharmacy is scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health's office located at 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303.

Minutes recorded by Kimberly Emm, Attorney
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