

Oregon State Board of Pharmacy
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Teleconference on December 22, 2008 @ 1:00 PM

Tuesday, December 22, 2008

Cathryn Lew, Board President, called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Roll Call

The following Board Members were present for all or part of the teleconference:

Cathryn Lew, President	Lee Howard, Vice President
Ann Zweber	Bernie Foster
Larry Cartier	Linda Howrey
Dianna Pimlott	

The following staff was present for all or part of the teleconference:

Gary Schnabel, Executive Director	Tom Cowan, Board Counsel
Karen MacLean, Administrative Director	Paige Clark, Pharmacist Consultant
Gary Miner, Compliance Director	Chrisy Hennigan, Office Manager
Loretta Glenn, Management Secretary	

The following representatives from OHSU were also present for the teleconference:

Gae Ryan	Kavish Coudhary
Mike Brownly	Colleen Shipman
Yen Pham	Steven Scott

Cathryn Lew called a Special Meeting of the Board to be held Monday, December 22, 2008 beginning at 1:00 PM. The office was closed due to severe winter weather, but the Board Meeting conference call occurred as originally scheduled. The purpose of this meeting was to continue the discussion regarding an OHSU exception request and additional information the Board requested.

Cathryn Lew opened the discussion and thanked all Board members, staff and attendees for participating in the Special Board meeting on a holiday week. She reviewed the motion from the December 1-2, 2008 Board meeting which was to approve the OHSU Pilot Project with a report back to the Board at the January Board meeting. The Board asked for additional documentation for the project and Cathryn asked whether Board members or staff had questions of Gae Ryan or other OHSU staff of the materials provided.

Board member, Dianna Pimlott asked the OHSU staff if the technicians at the remote, satellite sites would enter data into the Epic software. Gae said that technicians will not be entering data. Dianna then asked if the labels are color coded and how the technician would differentiate between a good or rejected mix. OHSU representative, Colleen Shipman, stated that in the sorting queue for review, the machine would not print out a yellow coded label if a pharmacist had rejected or not verified it. Once a source container has been checked, it may not be used for subsequent orders. Also, any product being used to make a dose for a patient would be photographed. Gae added

that there were some modifications still to be made, such as additional photographs. Dianna inquired how errors would be reported. Gae said that the OHSU Patient Safety Network is used for reporting errors, near errors or system problems institution wide.

In addition, Dianna asked if training included sterilizing the equipment to include the computer monitor touch screens. OHSU representative, Kavish Coudhary said that the technicians wipe their hands with alcohol every time they leave the hood. Compliance Director, Gary Miner asked how the hood would be cleaned. Kavish answered that training for the cleaning the hood is done from the back, then the sides and front.

Dianna further wanted to know what the timelines were for when the pharmacists would be at the sites. Gae responded that there would be one pharmacist each at the heaviest volume sites, Gresham and Beaverton. These sites will also cover the other remote sites. She added that some remodeling needed to be done to enlarge the Gresham location and it will likely become a pharmacy. The Newburg location would only be open two days a week and has a lease change on June 30, 2008. Dianna asked why the pilot project had an operational deadline of January. Gae said that their goal was to provide service to patients within their local communities so that they do not have to go to other locations outside of the area. There would be pharmacists onsite at all locations for the first full week, but after that, it would be very difficult to keep pharmacists at all of the sites. Board member, Linda Howrey also wanted to know why the quick deadline was imposed. Gae responded that the clinics were purchased to provide services. They were notified last summer that the goal was to continue service at a level provided on the main campus.

Linda asked the OHSU members if there was a root cause assessment analysis plan if an incident should occur when there was not a pharmacist at the site. Gae replied that there would be management staff available out in the field. OHSU representative, Steven added that technicians would have headsets on with available, seamless communication to a pharmacist at the Beaverton site. Linda also asked if technicians would input product lot numbers and expiration dates. OHSU team member, Colleen Shipman said that pictures were to be taken of that process. Additionally, Linda inquired what the quality assurance process was. Colleen answered that no multiple mixing or servicing of patients would occur at the same time. Only one customer is serviced at any given time. Gae mentioned that everyone who touches product has the responsibility of examining the final product for particulates. Compliance Director, Gary Miner, asked if inline filters would be used whenever possible. Steven said yes, where possible.

Board member, Larry Cartier inquired of staff if they had any concerns regarding the current Pharmacy Board rules. Gary Miner said that for pilot projects, the existing rules were okay as is but might need to be changed in the future. Larry also wanted to know exactly what documentation the Board members wanted Gae to bring back to them in January. At that point, Board member, Dianna Pimlott expressed that she would like more time to think that over. Gae added that one of the pharmacist's roles onsite would be to check each bag locally and there would be another pharmacist checking the bag remotely during the first week. The plan is to provide the Board with the first week's operational data results. Should something not workout, it would also be reported. Colleen added that communication issues and wait times for that period would be assessed and reported.

Board member, Larry Cartier wanted to know that OHSU would cease the project at any point and not continued if necessary. Gae said that they have the patients' care first in mind and would "pull the plug" and inform the Board.

Board President, Cathryn Lew asked Gae if she or any of her team members had questions of the Board. Gae replied that she had already asked her questions and had no further questions. Cathryn asked if there were any changes that needed to be made to the previous motion for this topic and there was no response.

Board member, Ann Zweber asked Gae if she could bring a pharmacist and technician with her to the next Board meeting. Gae said that she would try to do so.

Public Board member, Bernie Foster expressed that his main concern was that all checks and balances were in place.

Executive Director, Gary Schnabel asked Gae if all of their documents for the pilot project were subject to review by the JCAHO. Gae answered yes and also the Department of Health. President, Cathryn Lew asked if there were any new motions to be made. Board member Dianna expressed that she was not comfortable with the topic and asked if there was anyone else who was also not comfortable with it. Gae responded that she understood and shared Dianna's concerns; adding that she would guarantee that nothing would be done to jeopardize or comprise patient safety.

Board President, Cathryn Lew said that she also worked with remote compounding and would like to know if they (OHSU staff) would be able to implement a camera for the remote pharmacies to get live views and not only still shots. Gae replied that she did not know if the pharmacists would be able to view five monitors at one time. She said that she would check to find out if options exist for that technology. Compliance Director, Gary Miner added that ongoing surveillance could be written into the rule.

Board President, Cathryn Lew asked the Board members what additional information they would prefer to see back from OHSU representatives and if Gae would like a staff member to assist her with that information. Gae said that she was not clear on the specific rules that need to be suspended for their project. Compliance Director, Gary Miner offered to provide the rules to her as well as the Board members. Board member Linda Howrey expressed that it is helpful to know about this new technology for the Board members to know where to go with future rule revisions. She added that she did not want the Board to discriminate against other practice settings for considering similar technology options.

Executive Director, Gary Schnabel said that it may be helpful for the Board to get a formal statement about the pilot project that would be easy to understand. Gae asked if a format exists for that formal statement. One had not been done before and Gary volunteered to assist Gae with preparing that prior to the Board's deadline of January 2d. Gae planned to send the formal statement to the Board by the first part of the next week. Lastly, she offered an invitation to Board members and staff to come out for a tour. Gae stated that she planned to bring a pharmacist to the January 21, 2009 Board meeting in Hillsboro and would find out if the Tuality location had the technology available for her to present a demonstration for the Board members there.

Compliance Director, Gary Miner suggested to Board members for them to take a look at the remote dispensing rule to get an idea of how the rule could be changed.

Hearing no further questions, President Cathryn Lew called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION

Motion to adjourn at 2:08 PM was made and unanimously carried (Motion by Howard, second by Howrey).

Minutes accepted by:

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Gary A. Schnabel, R.Ph., R.N.
Executive Director