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Oregon Board of Pharmacy
2019 Strategic Planning Meeting
November 6-7, 2019

DoubleTree by Hilton
1000 NE Multnomah
Portland, OR 97232

The mission of the Oregon State Board of Pharmacy is to promote, preserve and protect the public health, safety and welfare by ensuring high standards in the practice of pharmacy and by regulating the quality, manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2019

President Cyndi Vipperman called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

Roll Call
Cyndi Vipperman, President
Roberto Linares
Rachael DeBarmore
Wassim Ayoub
Public Member, Vacant
Shannon Beaman, Vice President
Dianne Armstrong
Michelle Murray
Tim Logan – excused absence

The following staff members will be present for all or part of this session:
Joe Schnabel, Executive Director
Brienne Efremoff, Compliance Director
Fiona Karbowicz, Pharmacist Consultant
Tom Cowan, Sr. Assistant Attorney General
Karen MacLean, Administrative Director
Chrisy Hennigan, Licensing Manager
Rachel Melvin, Operations Policy Analyst

Agenda Review & Approval

MOTION
Motion to approve the agenda was made and unanimously carried (Motion by Armstrong, seconded by Ayoub).

Strategic Planning
President Cyndi Vipperman introduced the topic as an opportunity to better pharmacy in Oregon. She asked all present to bring their experiences for a productive meeting. Executive Director Joe Schnabel thanked everyone for coming and proposed a two-year cycle for major strategic planning and in alternate years the Board review, check and adjust as needed. Joe thanked the staff for welcoming him this past nine months. He summarized a variety of changes that have occurred in the last five years, ranging from the addition of two Pharmacy Technician Members on the Board, pharmacist prescribing, streamlined investigatory processes, the newly upgraded licensing and compliance database – MLO. Joe pointed out that the Board and the Agency’s Leadership team staff were present at this meeting with equal voices. He thanked the local association and school/college of pharmacy stakeholders who assisted in providing input for information gathering. Joe introduced Pete Pande & Cheralynn Abbott, our facilitators from Pivotal Resources for the meeting.
expressing that cultural competency is very important and he would like to see diversity and inclusion continuing education incorporated. He commented on the quality of the MPJE questions and offered the school’s assistance and training for exam writing. He commented that he believes that part of what the Board of Pharmacy should be doing is to help people do the right thing, not catch them in what they’ve done wrong.

Mike Millard, RPh, attended on behalf of Pacific University, School of Pharmacy and as the OSHP Legislative Chair, congratulating the Board on today’s efforts. He identified the biggest risks or threats being the work place / work flow burdens, reductions in staffing all resulting in cost and access concerns for Oregonians. Another area of concern is community pharmacy, students who go on rotation to hearing “this is a lousy job” as practitioners think their workplaces are unsafe. He asked the Board to consider greater use of technicians to allow pharmacists to take on more prescribing. OSHP wants to use technicians as much as possible and properly used for patient safety.

Adjourn

MOTION
Motion to adjourn at 4:12PM was made and unanimously carried (Motion by DeBarmore, seconded by Beaman).

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019

President Cyndi Vipperman called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

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Pete Pande reviewed potential priorities from the first day. Asking groups to discuss key questions to define and enhance to identify what questions to now ask: are the current issues well defined, are goal and rationale statements clear, how can we improve them? Can similar items be combined or are they really different?

The Board identified the following as their strategic areas for focus:
- Standards of Care / Safe Practice / Roles and Responsibilities of Pharmacists and Technicians
- Technology Use in Practice
- Drug Outlet Licensing
- Rules Development / Review Philosophy and Strategy
- Board Relationship / Engagement with the Community at large