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Communication and Public Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Teleconference Locations: Department of Consumer Affairs
1625 N. Market Blvd, 1st Floor Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95834

La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham LAX
5249 W. Century Blvd, Century Ballroom
Los Angeles, CA 90045

Members Present: Ricardo Sanchez, Public Member, Chairperson
Jason Weisz, Public Member, Vice Chairperson
Jose De La Paz, Public Member
Kula Koenig, Public Member

Staff Present: Anne Sodergren, Executive Officer
Eileen Smiley, DCA Counsel
Debbie Damoth, Administration Manager
Anne Altamirano, Public Records Analyst
Bob Dávila, Public Information Officer

a. Call to Order and Establishment of Quorum

Chairperson Sanchez called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Present: De La Paz, Koenig, Weisz, Sanchez. Absent: Kim, Thibeau. Quorum established.

b. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda; Matters for Future Meetings

No public comments or matters for future meetings.

c. Approval of the July 14, 2021, Communication and Public Education Committee Meeting Minutes

No committee member comments. No public comments.

M/S: De La Paz/Weisz
Yes: De La Paz, Koenig, Sanchez, Weisz

No: None.
Abstain: None.

d. Approval of the January 19, 2022, Communication and Public Education Committee Meeting Minutes

No committee member comments. No public comments.

M/S: Weisz/De La Paz
Yes: De La Paz, Koenig, Sanchez, Weisz
No: None.
Abstain: None.

e. Update on Communication and Public Education Activities by Staff

1. The Script

Ms. Sodergren advised the committee that staff has issued the first issue of the Script for 2022. Articles include changes in pharmacy law, COVID vaccine programs, the responsibilities of a pharmacist-in-charge, and strategies for reducing drug diversion by pharmacy employees. Staff expects to publish the next issue this summer highlighting changes in pharmacy regulations as well as enforcement trends, citations and other items from the report to the Enforcement Committee in July.

2. Staff Outreach

Ms. Sodergren reported on a training event related to prescription drug abuse and drug diversion provided by the Board on March 11. She noted the training was free and more than 500 participants attended the event, which was held via Webex. She said the online training would continue but staff may try to resume in-person training as well, although she noted that the Webex platform has allowed staff to expand the training audience.

Ms. Sodergren also noted the upcoming graduation season for schools of pharmacy and said staff would provide presentations for interested schools on the pharmacist application process to help avoid deficiencies in applications.

3. News Media

Mr. Dávila advised the committee a list of recent inquiries from news reporters was included in Attachment 3.

4. Webinars

Mr. Dávila advised the committee staff has completed production and made available online free webinar training for pharmacists initiating and furnishing HIV pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis. He noted the webinar is 90 minutes long and includes an assessment pharmacists must pass with a least a score of 70 percent to obtain a

certificate of completion. He added pharmacists who do not view the entire 90 minutes will not receive a certificate of completion, regardless of their assessment score.

Mr. Dávila also noted staff is currently producing the annual pharmacy law update webinar and expects the webinar to be completed by summer.

Mr. Weisz asked if pharmacists are advised they must watch the entire 90 minutes of the HIV PrEP/PEP webinar to receive credit. Mr. Dávila replied that information on website advises participants about the requirement to view all 90 minutes of the program. In addition, those who do not view the entire program can simply go back and watch the webinar online.

f. Future Meeting Dates

Chairperson Sanchez advised the committee the remaining meeting scheduled in 2022 are set for Tuesday, July 19, and Tuesday, October 25.

Adjournment

Chairperson Sanchez adjourned the meeting at 1:22 p.m.