

Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy

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New Inspector

The Oklahoma State Board announces the hiring of a new pharmacy inspector Terry Bratt. Terry joins the Board staff after 26 years as an officer with the Muskogee Police Department. Terry and his wife live in Harrah, Okla and he will be the inspector for the southwest area

of the state. We welcome Terry to our staff.

Board Meeting – January 23-24, 2001

Discussion of Reciprocity with Florida

The Board discussed the possibility of reciprocating with Florida. Florida will only agree to accept those persons that have passed the NABPLEX® or NAPLEX® not more than 12 years prior to filing a Florida application. These requirements are more stringent than Oklahoma requirements. The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® (NABP®) agreement now allows reciprocity of licensed pharmacists from a member state to a member state. There are no exceptions such as age or degree. Mr Bryan Potter, executive director of the Board, was directed to check into the legality of entering into such an agreement and report back to the Board at the March meeting.

Reciprocities and Score Transfers

The following reciprocities and score transfers were accepted into Oklahoma after successfully completing the Jurisprudence Exam: Barbara Newman (NM), #12991; Jeremy Lee Garrett (Tex), #12992; Gordon L. Meisgeier (Iowa), #12993; Susan Reed Moore (Ky), #12994; Amy J. Parker (Minn), #12995; John Howard Rose (Tex), #12996; Theophlous Aron Sims, Jr (NM), #12997; Tamara Lea Springer (Tex), #12998; Brian E. Maves (Ohio), #13009.

Doctor of Pharmacy Licensure Certificate

The Board has set August 1, 2002, as the deadline for applying for a Doctor of Pharmacy certificate. At that time the fee will increase from \$20 to \$50. You may call the Board office at 405/521-3815 or visit www.pharmacy.state.ok.us for an application.

Disciplinary Action

Bobby G. Watson, DPh #8954 – Case 614. Respondent entered into an Agreed Order with the Board. He was found guilty of four (4) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. His license was suspended for four (4) years beginning February 3, 2002 through February 17, 2006. The suspension will be stayed and his license placed on probation for the remainder of the four years beginning February 17, 2002. He was fined a total of \$2,000 and must attend a law seminar in both 2002 and 2003 in addition to his required annual 15 hours of continuing education (CE).

Phil Rushing, DPh #9645 and Huskins Drug Store #67-4209 – Case 611 and 612. Respondents entered into an Agreed Order with the Board. Both were found guilty of six (6) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. Rushing's pharmacist license was revoked effective February 28, 2002. Huskins Drug pharmacy license was placed on probation for one (1) year beginning February 28, 2002. Huskins Drug was also fined a total of \$1,200.

Lloyd Williams, DPh #6627 – Case 615. Respondent received two (2) warning notices in a 12-month period and was referred to the Board for complaint. A letter of reprimand shall be placed in his file for a period of three (3) months.

Paula Moore, Technician #344 – Case 616. Respondent was found guilty of three (3) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. She did not appear at the hearing. Her pharmacy technician permit was revoked.

Gavin Greer, Technician #5521 – Case 605. Respondent was found guilty of two (2) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. A signed admission of guilt was presented as evidence. His pharmacy technician permit was revoked.

Craig Howell, DPh #12640 – Case 613. Respondent entered into an Agreed Order with the Board. He was found guilty of three (3) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. His license was suspended for five (5) years beginning January 24, 2002. The suspension will be stayed and his license placed on probation for the remainder of the five years beginning March 1, 2002. He will submit to an evaluation by

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Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP). He was fined a total of \$1,500 and must attend a law seminar in both 2002 and 2003 in addition to his required annual 15 hours of continuing education (CE).

Mark McCullough, DPh #10336 – Request for probation.

Mr McCullough's license was placed on suspension on March 28, 2001. The Board voted to place the suspension of his license on probation for the remainder of the original period until November 21, 2006.

Congratulations

The following candidates have successfully passed the Oklahoma Jurisprudence Exam and were issued a license upon successfully passing the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination™ (NAPLEX®): Sheila Kay Carr, #12974; Heidi Ibrahim Gabriel, #12990; Jennifer Reneé Berry, #12999; James Jackson Cummings, #13000; Jeremy Duane Davis, #13001; James Edward Deibert, #13002; Kelly R. Earhart, #13003; Dustin C. Hays, #13004; Aimee D'Anne Henderson, #13005; Kaleb Michael Pershica, #13006; Darena Lee Robison, #13007; Jaron L. Sylvester, #13008.

Nationwide Poison Hotline: 1-800/222-1222

This new hotline makes the country's 65 local poison centers accessible by the same national toll-free number. The number connects Americans to poison treatment and prevention experts at the closest local poison center, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

From the Inspector's Desk

- ◆ Some hospitals need to have **CIII, IV, and V's on sign-out sheets** for documentation of administration and waste. Sign-out sheets also give the ability to audit the use of these drugs.
- ◆ **Hospital ERs** should not be filing prescriptions.
- ◆ When signing an application for a technician to obtain a permit, pharmacists need to look at the **Charges and Convictions** section. If a **Yes** answer is given, please **initial**.
- ◆ It is suggested that pharmacies set up a system to periodically check for **"outdated drugs."** There are a number of services available to help you return drugs.

Technician Permits Canceled

The Board has canceled the permits of pharmacy technicians who failed to renew their permits for the year February 1, 2002 through January 31, 2003. Please make sure that all of your technicians have a current permit posted.

Renewal Reminder

Renewal notices will be mailed in May. Please remember that it is your responsibility to keep your license current whether or not you receive a renewal notice. If you do not receive your renewal notice because you have moved or for any other reason, you are still subject to the penalty fee. If you have not received your renewal notice by June 1, you may contact the Board office at 405/521-3815 or visit www.pharmacy.state.ok.us for a renewal application.

Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana may call the OPHP Help-Line at 1-800/260-7574 ext 5. All others may call OPHP at 405/528-3338. All calls are confidential.

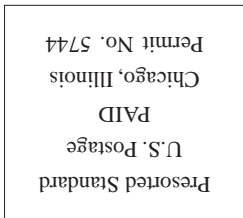
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