# INDIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY Indiana Government Center South 402 West Washington Street, Room W064 Indianapolis, IN 46204

# Minutes of September 9, 2024

Jason Jablonski, R.Ph., Board Member, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-26-13-3(d), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office for the Board, online at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

#### **Members Present:**

Jason Jablonski, R.Ph., President Steve Anderson, R.Ph., Vice President Mark Bunton, R.Ph., Member Andrew Meador, C,Ph.T., Member Mark Smosna, R.Ph., Member Kate Snedeker, Consumer Member – Out at 11:15 a.m.

#### **Members Absent**

Matt Balla, R.Ph., Member

#### PLA Staff Present:

Kim Snyder, Board Director Caitlin Cress, Assistant Board Director Brad Repass, Litigation Specialist

#### **Advisory Counsel:**

Leif Johnson, J.D.

#### **Court Reporter:**

Accurate Reporting – Margie Addington

Meeting called to order at 8:30a

The Board moved to adopt the agenda. Smosna/Bunton, 6-0-0 Motion carries

The Board moved to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2024 Board meeting. Smosna/Meador 6-0-0 Motion carries

# Brian LaRowe, R.Ph., License No: 26022971A - Cause No. 202408-BOP-0019

Order to Show Cause

DAG: None

Respondent: Not Present

Exhibit(s): None

Witness(es): Tracy Trout

The board discussed available options concerning the current Order to Show Cause. The AG's Office was not noticed on this matter. The board was advised that they had the legal authority to proceed with an Emergency Suspension.

The court reporter, Margie Addington was sworn in.

Tracy Trout explained that Brian LaRowe was in violation of the terms and conditions of his 5-year RMA contract. Tracy was notified by Mr. LaRowe's employer that he was placed on a three-week administrative leave due to suspected impairment. It's unknown how long he will remain on administrative leave but presents a clear and immediate danger to the public. Tracy explained the higher level of care as recommended. He is not fulfilling regular IPRP testing requirements.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to issue a NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEFAULT.

Snedeker/Smosna 6-0-0 Motion Carries

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to issue a 90-day SUMMARY SUSPENSION.

Anderson/Smosna, 6-0-0 Motion carries

### Miranda Milzarek, Intern, License No: 45019521A - Cause No. 2019 IBP 0071

Petition for Probation Withdraw

Mark Bunton recused himself because Miranda worked as an intern for CVS.

DAG: None

Respondent: Miranda Milzarek, no counsel.

Exhibit(s): Petitioner's Exhibit 1. Witness(es): Miranda Milzarek.

Miranda explained what lead to the current status of her license and having met all terms and conditions of her license requests withdrawing probation. Her criminal record will be expunged in November 2024

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to

WITHDRAW the Order of Probation on the Respondent's license.

# Smosna/Snedeker 6-0-0 Bunton Recused Motion carries

# Jared Bachman, R.Ph., License No: 26021573A - Cause No.: 2023 IBP 0030

Final Hearing

Mark Bunton disclosed that the respondent previously worked for CVS but that he could be fair and impartial in this matter.

DAG: Sha'na Terry

Respondent: Jared Bachman, with Counsel Laura Iosue

Exhibits(s): None

Witness(es): Tracy Trout, Jared Bachman

Sha'na Terry made an opening statement, discussed the Proposed Settlement Agreement and confirmed Jared has been compliant with his 5-year IPRP contract. Proposed suspended license be lifted and moved to a Probationary license to run concurrent with his RMA contract that expires 12/22/2028. The criminal cases are closed and currently on criminal probation. Tracy confirmed that Jared Bachman has been compliant with his RMA contract and has no concerns at this time.

After having considered the evidence presented, and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to accept the PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

Smosna/Anderson, 5-1-0 Meador Opposed Motion carries

# **Discussion**

# **Monthly Reports**

Board Director's Report – Presented by Kim Snyder

OAG Report - Presented by DAG, Ryan Eldridge

Compliance Director Report – Presented by Zaneta Nunnally

- 10/26/24 is next scheduled DEA Drug Take Back event.
- Locations to be determined. 11a 2p.
- · Zero pharmacy robberies.

INSPECT Director's Report – Presented by Kara Slusser and Logan Winslow.

- Discussed various compliance issues.
- Reminder that all pharmacies are required to collect and report government IDs for controlled substances.
- Over 3,000 instances of pharmacies not complying. This does not include mail order pharmacies. Some pharmacies are listed multiple times. Recommending sending a formal non-compliance letter. If non-compliance continues, a formal complaint will be filed.

Discussed identifying a threshold to determine who will be notified. Discussed including all non-compliant dispensing information.

- The board requested seeing this data reported monthly.
- Non-compliant letters to be sent to the location not complying and the company headquarters if applicable.
- Report back in November the impact of sending out notices.
- Discussed the 8/27/24 message regarding Dispensation to Animals notification.

### **Old Business**

# **New Business**

- NABP District 4 Wellbeing Report
  - Discussed the percentage of pharmacists reporting being distressed.
  - o Michigan's percentage of not being distressed notably better than Indiana.
- APC Best Practices for Compounding Drugs in Shortage

# **Full Board Appearances**

# Curium US LLC - WDD Application - Provisional License

Jason Tilly, Matthew Trushner, Cheryl Blosner, David Frushnor, and John Bane appeared before the Board and discussed their need for a Provisional Wholesale Drug Distributor License. The site they are referencing is an FDA approved site. Scheduled for a NABP supply chain inspection.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE the Provisional Wholesale Drug Distributor License.

Anderson/Smosna 6-0-0 Motion carries

# <u>Isotopia USA – WDD Application – Exemption Request</u>

Todd Hockermeyer, Jennifer Hocker, Jared (Last name) appeared before the Board and discussed their need for exemption of a Wholesale Drug Distributor License. Explained that Isotopia manufactures one product for a radioactive chemotherapy medication. Isotopia procures certain items to manufacture a particular chemotherapy medication. Exemptions have been granted historically, but in those cases, the entity has received FDA approval. Isotopia is not currently approved by the FDA because they need to procure the materials to make the chemotherapy medication. The supplier indicates Isotopia either need to be licensed as a wholesaler or receive an exemption before the supplier will ship the supplies.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE issuing the requested letter restating current statute verifying a Wholesale Drug Distributor License is not required. Letter valid for 12 months after issuance.

Bunton/Anderson 5-0-0 Motion carries No one from Therapy One appeared before the Board regarding their failed Inspection for Home Medical Equipment Service Provider Application. Zanetta Nunnally and Michelle Gresham discussed the conditions that led to the failed inspection. Leif explained that the failed inspection can be a basis for denial. Currently open and operating without a license.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY the Home Medical Equipment Service Provider License and refer to the OAG.

Smosna/Anderson 5-0-0 Motion carries

# Personal Appearances

<u>Wesley Cammenga – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:</u>
Wesley Cammenga appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a technician application. Reviewed the updated letter from therapist.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's Technician application.

Bunton/Smosna 4-0-1 Anderson Abstained Motion carries

<u>Lissette Villarruel – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

<u>Carmen Williams – Technician/Tech in Training Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

<u>Kimberly Stern – 67012475A – Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

<u>Brandie Mejer – 67023223A – Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

<u>Sarah Morgan – 67029072A – Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

<u>Audrey Dickerson – 67035037A – Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

Amanda Myers – 67035097A – Technician Renewal Application – Positive Response:

Amanda Myers appeared via Zoom before the Board regarding a failure to disclose on a technician renewal application. Was charged with criminal mischief after an argument with her father. Criminal probation ends November 2024. Was released from substance abuse care. Only time she was arrested. Last worked as a pharmacy technician in 2019 and interested in returning to the profession.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's technician renewal application.

## Bunton/Smosna 5-0-0 Motion carries

# <u>Spencer Stringham – 45020794A – Intern Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u>

Spencer Stringham appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. P3 student at Purdue University. Pulled over for speeding but had been drinking and charged with DUI. Served 90 days of criminal probation. Was also arrested in 2018 for public intoxication.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's intern renewal application.

Anderson/Bunton 6-0-0
Motion carries

### Zara Chaudhry - Pharmacist Application - Positive Response:

Zara Chaudhry appeared via Zoom before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. In July 2023 charged with misdemeanor theft from Meijer. Was a P3 student at that time. Graduated this year.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist application.

Smosna/Anderson 5-0-0 Motion carries

# Seth DePasquale - Pharmacist Application - Positive Response:

Failure to appear.

# <u>Angela Steinhardt, R.Ph., – 26020928A – Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive</u> Response: after curium.

Angela Steinhardt appeared via Zoom before the Board regarding a positive response on a pharmacist renewal application. Angela's counsel, Lori Brown requested this matter be moved up on the agenda because Angela had patients to see (she is also a medical doctor in Massachusetts). The criminal matter ended in 2020. Massachusetts Medical license probation expires in 2 months. Does not have a pharmacy license in Massachusetts. Health Monitoring Contract with the physician services also concludes in 2 months.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's pharmacist renewal application.

Smosna/Anderson 5-0-0 Motion carries

# <u>Jeremy Bryson, R.Ph., – 26025779A – Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u>

Failure to appear.

<u>Majd Dahabre, R.Ph., – 26022233A – Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u> Failure to appear.

# <u>Marco Vidaurri, R.Ph., – 26028108A – Pharmacist Renewal Application – Positive Response:</u>

Failure to appear.

# Geoffrey River, R. N. – CSR Application for Prescriptive Authority – Positive Response:

Geoffrey River appeared before the Board regarding a positive response on a controlled substance registration application. Grew up using mind altering substances. Does use in current practice. Involved in facilitating recovery for many people. Arrested in 1998 for diverting a controlled substance. January 8,1999 sobriety date. Completed 3 years of monitoring in Illinois. Plans to work in urgent care in several locations. No issues with licenses in any other states; all in good standing.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's controlled substance registration application.

Smosna/Anderson 5-0-0 Motion carries

# <u>Jessica Dowe, M.D. – 01052224E – CSR App for Physician – Address Change:</u>

Jessica Dowe appeared before the Board regarding an address change request for her CSR. Acknowledged awareness of a consumer complaint. Brett Busby spoke about the investigation requested about the change of address request verifying address is a P.O. Box. Practicing family medicine for almost 30 years. Prior to COVID practiced from 4 locations. After COVID, closed those locations. Currently Chief of Medicine at a public health facility in Louisville. Would like to work virtually in Indiana. Has an office in her home. Applied for Indiana CSR so she can work virtually from her home address. Indiana can not issue a CSR to a P.O. Box, nor would a DEA license be issued.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE applicant's address change for CSR # 01052224E that includes her home address.

Anderson/Smosna 5-0-0 Motion carries

There being no further business the Board ADJOURNED at 1:43 p.m.