

MISSISSIPPI BOARD OF PHARMACY

MARCH 2017 BOARD MEETING OVERVIEW



The Mississippi Board of Pharmacy met on March 9, 2017 to conduct business and hold disciplinary hearings. The following is a synopsis of the items presented or considered by the Board during their meeting:

- Dr. John Hall, executive Director of the Mississippi Board of Medical Licensure, spoke to the Board about potential future regulation concerning the prescribing of controlled substances in the State. He emphasized the need for licensing boards to work together to create a viable solution to drug diversion problems facing our State.
- Staff provided an update on the roll out of a new website.
- The PMP Division reported that the program is now connected Alabama so that all surrounding states are interconnected.
- Robert Dozier, Executive Director of Mississippi Independent Pharmacy Association, provided information to the Board concerning the Association's tracking of proposed legislation and the need to unify as pharmacists to insure the interests of pharmacists are considered by the legislature when enacting laws that effect pharmacy regulations.
- Chris McLaurin from the MPhA reported on the upcoming activities of the Mississippi Pharmacists Association.
- Several guests and Board members commented on the success of the Open Forum sponsored by the Board which focused on Moving Pharmacy forward in the State. The Forum was attended by a large number of participants from all over the State who had an opportunity to discuss various issues related to the practice of pharmacy.
- The Board asks staff to review the regulations concerning the requirement that a pharmacist be employed in a facility that has been permitted by the Board. The inclination of the Board is to remove restrictive regulations on pharmacists while not jeopardizing the mission to protect the public. The Board also asked staff to review the regulations with respect to the possibility of "certifying" pharmacies for compounding.
- Hillary Blackburn from the Dispensary of Hope made a presentation to the Board concerning the availability of drugs that can be supplied to charity pharmacies and whether there are any ways to expand the use of these donated drugs to other permitted facilities.
- Leland Stice from Mississippi Baptist Medical Center presented information concerning their desire to utilize a retail pharmacy permit to dispense discounted prescription drugs under the "own use" exception to the Robinson-Patman Act by using a "mixed inventory" system.