

Council on Legislative Affairs
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Marshall Medical Centers South/Cancer Center
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The Council on Legislative Affairs is responsible for the review and interpretation of proposed legislation and actual changes in law, rules, and regulations affecting public health, pharmacy and hospital pharmacy practice, the interpretation and application of Alabama Society principles and review of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

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State Board of Pharmacy Summary-February 22th, 2017

- Wellness program-Dr. Garver was not present but sent the wellness information: 156 people being seen- There are 3 pharmacists in inpatient treatment, 3 techs in inpatient treatment. The total so far for 2017 is 6 for pharmacy professionals being treated.
- Presentations
 - Jacksonville Hospital requested permission for Remote Order Entry within their system. Anniston Regional and Jacksonville Hospital are in the same system, Regional being 24 hour pharmacy service and Jacksonville is not. Mr. Howard Bishop DOP of Jacksonville presented information along with Joe Weaver the CEO, Brian Jenkins DOP of Regional, and the CNO of Regional. Jacksonville was pursuing this based on a recent JOINT commission survey with the strong suggestion that this should be done. The Board voted and approved permission for Regional to cover after hour orders for Jacksonville along with the required monthly reports to the Board of their statistics.
 - Wedowee Hospital requested permission for Remote Order Entry by using Medastar Contract out of Phoenix, Arizona. Wedowee Hospital has partnered with Tanner Health System and is supposed to be building a new hospital with construction starting in the fall. The remote order entry is to help within the mean time of the construction. The Board approved permission for Wedowee to utilize Medastar.

- Prime Therapeutics requested to change licensure to non-resident pharmacy service. It was suggested by the staff of the Board of pharmacy for their company to change from mail order and non-resident to a non-resident license. The Board asked about their tech to pharmacist's ratio. Texas has an 8 technician to 1 pharmacist limit depending on the classification of the license they obtain. Also, the technician has to be nationally certified to obtain a pharmacy tech license in the state originally but does not have to maintain to renew their license thereafter. Prime Therapeutics has the means through their Ques of work to be able to make sure the pharmacist and techs maintain the Alabama ratio/certification requirements.
- Treasures Report
 - The Board is at 30% expenses which is on track with being done with 30% of their fiscal year. Due to the license renewals in December, the Board is at 70% income with surplus hopefully covering this year and the coming new year's budget. There were a few purchases of vehicles for the inspectors this past month.
- Inspectors Report
 - Mr. Braden reported on purchasing the new vehicles and getting reimbursed from the state for turning in the older vehicles. A clarification was asked by David Darby about two of the arrests that the inspectors had made, one being a DUI and the other being a Domestic Violence case.
- Secretary Report
 - Dr. Alverson was not at the meeting due to being in Montgomery working on legislation being passed. Cristal Anderson, Director of Compliance for the Board reported in her absence.
 - Susan has met with Nursing Board, Logan Gray, Board of Medical Examiners on legislative issues
 - They agreed to allow the bill related to local taxation of pharmacies to be presented first aside from the Bill the Board has presented with the verbiage recognizing pharmacists has health care providers(see bill attached)
 - Sunset passed for the Board in legislature and will come up again in two years for review
 - The Secretary is trying to get a meeting set up with the Offices of Veterinarian Associate to discuss compounding and the current rules on the books
 - Susan and Cristal was asked to speak again at the Nursing Annual meeting as they did last year which was very productive in the form of education for new nurses
- Lawyers Report- Mr. Ward was not present at the meeting but did send via Mr. Barden remarks/cases
- Old business/Minutes- Board passed Minutes for January
- Board dismissed for Executive Session
- Board positions
 - President- Buddy Bunch
 - David Darby
 - Treasurer- Donna Yeatman
 - Ralph Sorrell
 - Brenda Denson
 - Executive Secretary-Susan Alverson