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New Business Review Committee Report

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The APhA House of Delegates New Business Review Committee met on Saturday, March 23, 2018, and presents the following report:

TOPIC 1 – Gluten Content and Labeling in Medications

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #1 Whole Numbered Statement #1 as **WRITTEN**.

1. APhA supports labeling of all prescription and over the counter ~~medications that~~ **drug products as well as dietary supplement products, to** indicate the presence of gluten.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #1 Whole Numbered Statement #2 as **WRITTEN**.

2. APhA encourages the development of analytical methods that can accurately detect lower levels of gluten than the current standard (20 ppm), and for the establishment of evidence based gluten-free standards for the labeling of foods, excipients, dietary supplements, prescription and over the counter drug products.

TOPIC 2 – Unit-of-Use Packaging

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #2 Whole Numbered Statement #1 as **AMENDED**. (*Amendments made by the New Business Review Committee are shown in red text*)

1. APhA encourages the continued supports development, distribution, and use of unit-of-use packaging as the pharmaceutical industry standard to enhance patient safety, patient adherence, drug distribution efficiencies, and Drug Supply Chain Security Act (DSCSA) regulation. ~~compliance~~, and efficiencies in drug distribution ~~in the event of a recall and reduce the potential for counterfeiting.~~

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #2, Whole Numbered Statement #2 as **AMENDED**. (*Amendments made by the New Business Review Committee are shown in red text*)

2. APhA shall encourages collaboration with the pharmaceutical industry, ~~re-packagers~~, third-party payers, and appropriate federal agencies to effect the changes necessary for the adoption of unit-of-use packaging as the industry standard.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #2, Whole Numbered Statement #3 as **WRITTEN**.

3. APhA encourages supports the enactment of legislation and regulations to permit pharmacists to modify prescribed quantities to correspond with commercially available unit-of-use packages.

TOPIC 3 – Pharmacist and Pharmacy Personnel Well-Being

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #3, Whole Numbered Statement #1 as **AMENDED**.

1. APhA calls for ~~pharmacist~~ employers to develop policies and resources to support ~~pharmacist's and~~ pharmacy personnel's ability to retreat or withdraw, without retaliation, from ~~patient and consumer~~ interactions which threaten their safety and ~~or~~ well-being.

The APhA New Business Review Committee Recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #3, Whole Numbered Statement #2 as **AMENDED**.

2. APhA encourages the development or utilization of educational programs and resources by the Association, ~~and~~ employers, and other institutions to empower ~~prepare~~ ~~pharmacists and~~ pharmacy personnel to regarding appropriate response to situations which they perceive to threaten their safety ~~or well-being~~.

COMMENTS: The Committee believed that the amendments to this statement also would include an active shooter situation and would incorporate the original intent of Urgent New Business Item 8, Statement 2.

The APhA New Business Review Committee Recommends REJECTION of New Business Item #3, Whole Numbered Statement #3 as WRITTEN.

3. APhA calls for education of the public regarding optimizing their interactions with pharmacists and pharmacy personnel.

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this policy statement as the language does not stand on its own without also restating existing policy language that discusses public education of pharmacist services.

The APhA New Business Review Committee Recommends approval of a motion to ADOPT the following additional whole numbered statement to New Business Item #3 as Statement #4.

APhA strongly believes that all pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should be safe in their work and learning environments.

COMMENTS: The intent of this motion is to address concerns stated by members and delegates during webinars and the open hearing to combine and take immediate action at the 2019 House of Delegates on, New Business Item #3 and #8. The proposed language is based off of the following modifications by the Committee to the original New Business Item 8, Statement 1:

Original Topic #8 Statement #1 language with modifications from the Committee:

APhA strongly believes that all pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should be safe in their work and learning environments ~~and be free from firearm-related violence.~~

The APhA New Business Review Committee Recommends approval of a motion to ADOPT the following additional whole numbered statement to New Business Item #3 as Statement #5.

APhA encourages pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are impacted by firearm or violence-related incidents to seek the help of counselors and other trained mental health professionals.

COMMENTS: The intent is to address concerns stated by members and delegates during webinars and the open hearing event to combine and take immediate action at the 2019 House of Delegates on, New Business Item #3 and #8. The proposed language is based off of the following modifications by the Committee to the original New Business Item 8, Statement 4:

Original Topic #8 Statement #4 language with modifications from the Committee:

APhA encourages pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are impacted by victims of firearm or-related violence-related incidents to seek the help of counselors and other trained mental health professionals.

TOPIC 4 – Qualification Standards for Pharmacists

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **REJECTION** of New Business Item #4, Whole Numbered Statement #1.

1. APhA supports qualification standards for pharmacist designation that are consistent with licensure standards issued by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this policy statement as there are state law requirements for licensure and no formal qualification standards. The Committee believes the recommendation for amendment of New Business Item #4, Statement #2 captures the full intent of this new business item and Statement #1 written here is not necessary.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #4, Whole Numbered Statement #2 as **AMENDED**.

2. APhA adamantly opposes the basic education requirement within the Office of Personnel Management's Classification and Qualifications - General Schedule Qualification Standard - Pharmacy Series, 0660, requiring a Doctor of Pharmacy degree as the non-licensing agencies developing minimum qualifications to practice pharmacy that are inconsistent with pharmacist licensure requirements standards by State Boards of Pharmacy. issued by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP).

TOPIC 5 – Collaborative Practice Agreements

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item #5, Whole Numbered Statement #1 as **WRITTEN**.

2. APhA supports the establishment of collaborative practice agreements between one or multiple pharmacists and one or multiple prescribers.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **REJECTION** of New Business Item #5, Whole Numbered Statement #2.

3. APhA supports collaborative practice laws that are inclusive of patients lacking a primary care provider.

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this statement as there is a lack of clarity in the overall language. The New Business Review Committee does not believe this statement would stand alone and struggled to amend the language based on open hearing and we binar feedback.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item#5, Whole Numbered Statement #3 as **AMENDED**.

4. APhA ~~encourages~~ ~~opposes~~ state laws and regulations that do not limit collaborative practice agreements to specific patients.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item#5, Whole Numbered Statement #4 as **AMENDED**.

5. APhA supports state laws and regulations that allow for prescriptive authority delegated to pharmacists. ~~prescriptive authority.~~

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item#5, Whole Numbered Statement #5 as **AMENDED**.

6. APhA supports state collaborative practice laws and regulations that allow all licensed pharmacists, in all practice settings, to establish collaborative practice agreements with other healthcare professionals.

TOPIC 6 – Expanding Technician Roles: Tech-Check-Tech

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item#6, Whole Numbered Statement #1 as **AMENDED**.

1. APhA encourages state boards of pharmacy to develop regulations allowing ~~endorsing~~ expanded pharmacy technician roles, ~~such as to include technician product verification tech-check-tech~~ programs, that allow both technicians and pharmacists to practice at the top of their training and license or certification.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item#6, Whole Numbered Statement #2 as **AMENDED**.

2. APhA supports state boards of pharmacy regulations that standardize and set minimum didactic and experiential standards for technicians to allow for functioning ~~practicing~~ in expanded roles.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends **ADOPTION** of New Business Item#6, Whole Numbered Statement #3 as **WRITTEN**.

3. APhA encourages the creation of standardized technician training and continuing education programs that support expanded pharmacy technician roles.

TOPIC 7 – Patient-Centered Care of People Who Inject Drugs (PWID)

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends ADOPTION of New Business Item#7, Whole Numbered Statement #1 as WRITTEN.

1. APhA encourages state legislatures and boards of pharmacy to revise laws and regulations to support the patient-centered care of PWID.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends ADOPTION of New Business Item#7, Whole Numbered Statement #2 as WRITTEN.

2. To reduce the consequences of stigma associated with injection drug use, APhA supports the expansion of interprofessional harm reduction education in the curriculum of schools and colleges of pharmacy, post-graduate training, and continuing professional development programs.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends ADOPTION of New Business Item#7, Whole Numbered Statement #3 as WRITTEN.

3. APhA encourages pharmacists to initiate, sustain, and integrate evidence-based harm reduction principles and programs into their practice to optimize the health of PWID.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends ADOPTION of New Business Item#7, Whole Numbered Statement #4 as WRITTEN.

4. APhA supports pharmacists' roles to provide and promote consistent, unrestricted, and immediate access to evidence-based, mortality and morbidity-reducing interventions to enhance the health of PWID and their communities, including: sterile syringes, needles, and other safe injection equipment, syringe disposal, fentanyl test strips, immunizations, condoms, wound care supplies, pre- and post-exposure prophylaxis medications for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), point-of-care testing for HIV and hepatitis C virus (HCV), opioid overdose reversal medications, and medications for opioid use disorder.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends ADOPTION of New Business Item#7, Whole Numbered Statement #5 as WRITTEN.

5. APhA urges pharmacists to refer PWID to specialists in mental health, infectious diseases, and addiction treatment; to housing, vocational, harm reduction, and recovery support services; and to overdose prevention sites and syringe service programs.

TOPIC 8 – Creating Safe Work and Learning Environments for Student Pharmacists,
Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends REJECTION of New Business Item #8, Whole Numbered Statement #1.

1. APhA strongly believes that all pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians should be safe in their work and learning environments and be free from firearm-related violence.

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this policy statement as it is the committee's intent to add modified language to New Business Item #3 as a new statement in response to feedback received during the webinars and the open hearing.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends REJECTION of New Business Item #8, Whole Numbered Statement #2.

2. APhA strongly recommends that schools and colleges of pharmacy, residency programs, and employers should develop programs to increase readiness in the event of an active shooter.

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this policy statement as the committee believes the modifications to New Business Item #3, Statement 2 incorporates the intent of this policy statement.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends REJECTION of New Business Item #8, Whole Numbered Statement #3.

3. APhA strongly believes pharmacists and student pharmacists should be trained to recognize and refer patients at high risk of violence to themselves or others.

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this policy statement. The Committee believes this language would be duplicative to newly adopted policy **Pharmacists' Role in Mental Health and Emotional Well-being** from the March 22, 2019 House of Delegates.

The APhA New Business Review Committee recommends REJECTION of New Business Item #8, Whole Numbered Statement #4.

4. APhA encourages pharmacists, student pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are impacted by victims of firearm-related violence to seek the help of counselors and other trained mental health professionals.

COMMENTS: The Committee recommends rejection of this policy statement as it is the committee's intent to add modified language to New Business Item #3 as a new statement in response to feedback received during the webinars and the open hearing.