2019 APhA-ASP REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The APhA-ASP Reference Committee met in closed session from 9:00am – 10:30am on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The members of the 2019 APhA-ASP Reference Committee are as follows:

Chair: Grace Baek, 2018-2019 APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

Region 1: Jordan Scott, D’Youville College
Region 2: Ralphaelia Atelefack, U. of Maryland Eastern Shore
Region 3: Clayton Melson, Presbyterian College
Region 4: Connor Michael Anderson, Ferris State University
Region 5: Rebecca McCaughey, University of Iowa
Region 6: Any Jivan, The University of Texas at Austin
Region 7: Kirk Katseanes, The University of Montana
Region 8: Valerie Lee, California Northstate University

2019 REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The APhA-ASP Reference Committee considered the testimony presented during the APhA-ASP Open Hearing on Proposed Resolutions on the Report of the 2019 APhA-ASP Resolutions Committee.

2019.1 — Addressing Professional Burnout
APhA-ASP recommends that all pharmacy practice settings and educational institutions develop and implement programs targeted at the prevention, identification, and reduction of professional burnout in the pharmacy profession, including among pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2019.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2019.2 — Amendment to APhA-ASP Resolution 2015.4 - Increased Access to Opioid Reversal Agents
1. APhA-ASP supports state and federal legislation to increase access to opioid reversal agents.
2. APhA-ASP encourages pharmacists and student pharmacists to provide public education about opioid reversal agents, including proper administration in situations of opioid-related drug overdose.
3. APhA-ASP encourages all schools and colleges of pharmacy to incorporate opioid reversal agent training as a requirement prior to completion of the pharmacy program. APhA-ASP recommends this training includes a live, hands-on component, identification of high-risk patients, and recognition of the stigma surrounding opioid use disorder.

The Reference Committee recommends to ADOPT Issue 2019.2 of the Committee Report, and I so move.

2019.3 — Role of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Education in Patient Care Involving Cannabis
1. APhA-ASP encourages standardization of the resolution of any conflict between federal and state regulations regarding the legality of cannabis and any cannabis-derived products.
2. APhA-ASP supports the standardization of cannabis-derived products in order to optimize patient safety and to ensure clinical efficacy.
3. APhA-ASP encourages all colleges and schools of pharmacy to expand curricula on cannabis and any cannabis-derived products, including pharmacologic effects, adverse drug reactions, interactions with other medications and current pharmacy law regarding cannabis at both a federal and state level.
4. APhA-ASP encourages the expansion of postgraduate education regarding cannabis and cannabis-derived products, including relevant pharmacy law at both a federal and state level, in order to better serve our patients.
5. APhA-ASP supports pharmacists keeping an updated patient profile regarding use of cannabis and any cannabis-derived products to ensure proper patient care.
6. APhA-ASP supports continued research, development, and implementation of clinical guidelines to inform appropriate therapeutic use of cannabis-derived products to improve patient care.
The Reference Committee recommends to **ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2019.3 of the Committee Report, and I so move.**

2019.4 — Technicians’ Immunization Administration Authority
APhA-ASP supports the advancement of pharmacy technicians’ roles in public health and disease prevention through immunization administration authority (under pharmacist supervision). This would to include, but not be limited to, appropriate technician certification and/or state licensure, immunization training/certification, and basic life support.

The Reference Committee recommends to **ADOPT AS AMENDED Issue 2019.4 of the Committee Report, and I so move.**

2019.5 – Creating Safe Work and Learning Environments for Student Pharmacists, Pharmacists, and Pharmacy Technicians
1. APhA-ASP strongly believes that all student pharmacists, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians should be safe in their work and learning environments and be free from firearm-related violence.
2. APhA-ASP 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.
3. APhA-ASP strongly believes student pharmacists and pharmacists should be trained to recognize and refer patients at high risk of violence to themselves or others.
4. APhA-ASP encourages student pharmacists, pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians who are victims of firearm-related violence to seek the help of counselors and other trained mental health professionals.

The Reference Committee recommends to **ADOPT Issue 2019.5 of the Committee Report, and I so move.**

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**2019 APhA-ASP NEW BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE REPORT**

The APhA-ASP New Business Review Committee met in closed session from 9:00am – 9:15am on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The members of the 2019 APhA-ASP Reference Committee are as follows:

**Ex-Officio Chair:** Jason Gaines, Past APhA-ASP Speaker of the House

| Region 1: Rachel Mesina, University at Buffalo | Region 5: Christopher Kotschevar, South Dakota State Univ. |
| Region 2: Nneka Okafor, Howard University | Region 6: Kallie Erickson, The University of Texas at Austin |
| Region 3: Kalyn Davis, Samford University | Region 7: Majid Nazir, Washington State University |
| Region 4: Alexander Hutchinson, University of Cincinnati | Region 8: Jenee Vo, Loma Linda University |

**2019 NEW BUSINESS REVIEW COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The APhA-ASP New Business Review Committee considered the testimony presented during the APhA-ASP Open Hearing on Proposed Resolutions and New Business Items.

NBI – 2019.1 – Amendment to APhA-ASP Resolution 2016.3 - Establishing Immunization Requirements
1. APhA-ASP affirms the valuable role immunizations play in protecting the public and strongly recommends that all persons receive immunizations currently recommended by the CDC, except when medically contraindicated.
2. APhA-ASP recommends all private and public educational or child-care institutions require enrollees and employees to receive all CDC-recommended immunizations, except when medically contraindicated.
3. APhA-ASP encourages mandatory Meningitis serogroup B vaccinations prior to entering public and private institutions in accordance with institution statutes, state, and federal laws, except when medically contraindicated.
4. APhA-ASP strongly affirms that it is the professional responsibility of all health care personnel to receive CDC-recommended immunizations and supports their employers mandating immunizations as a condition of employment, volunteering, or training, except when medically contraindicated.

The New Business Review Committee recommends to **REJECT New Business Item 2019.1 of the Committee Report, and I so move.**