

BOARD MEETING – June 8, 2005

Disciplinary Action

The Board took action in three (3) impaired cases: **Case 744 - D.Ph. #12715**, was suspended for ten (10) years until June 8, 2015 and must attend an approved one-day law seminar in 2005 and 2006. Respondent may appear and request probation after June 1, 2006; **Case 745 – D.Ph. #11290**, was suspended indefinitely. Respondent may apply for probation on or after June 8, 2008 provided he enters into and abides by a contract with Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP); **Case 739 – D.Ph. #9721**, failed to complete the terms of a previous Board order and was placed on probation for thirty-one (31) months until January 8, 2008.

BOARD MEETING – July 20, 2005

Disciplinary Action

Nicole Bauer, Tech #8472 – Case 747: **Charges:** Possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription and theft of merchandise. **Permit revoked.**

Ashley Brundridge, Tech #7605 – Case 748: **Charges:** Possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription and theft of merchandise. **Permit revoked.**

Julie A. Morgan, Tech #7497 – Case 746: **Charges:** Possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription and theft of merchandise. **Permit revoked.**

Sherry Lynn Ross, D.Ph. #9815 and Sherry's Discount Drug, Inc., #1-2588 – Case 752: **Charges:** Dispensing a veterinary prescription drug without authorization from a licensed veterinarian. **Fine of \$2,000.00 total.**

The Board also took action in one (1) impaired case: **Case 539 - D.Ph. #12317**, had

the suspension of his license placed on probation until April 14, 2009.

BOARD MEETING – August 17, 2005

Disciplinary Action

Jamie Seay, Tech #5907 – Case 750: **Charges:** Possession of a controlled dangerous substance without a valid prescription and theft of merchandise. **Permit revoked.**

The Board also took action in one (1) impaired case: **Case 753 - D.Ph. #9650**, was suspended for ten (10) years until August 17, 2015. Respondent may appear and request probation upon showing three years of continual unbroken compliance with his OPHP contract.

FROM THE INSPECTORS:

- **PIC Changes:** There has been an increase in the number of pharmacies without a designated pharmacist-in-charge (PIC) for a period of time. Board rules require that when changing the PIC, a controlled drug inventory must be taken and sent to the Board with ten (10) days and the inventory must list the new PIC. This ten-day time period is just for reporting the change, not for making the change. There should not be a time lag between the old and new PIC. OAC 535:15-3-2(b) states, “each pharmacy, in order to obtain and maintain a pharmacy license, must have a registered pharmacist as the pharmacy manager”.
- **Oklahoma Prescribing Clarification:** Oklahoma pharmacies may fill prescriptions written by PA’s, Nurse Practitioners and Optometrists only if the prescriber is licensed in Oklahoma (i.e., by the Oklahoma Medical Board, Oklahoma Nursing Board or the Oklahoma Optometric Board). A prescription written by an Arkansas Nurse Practitioner would NOT be valid in Oklahoma.
- **Are your licenses current?** Be sure to monitor expiration dates of all Board

licenses and permits posted in your pharmacy. Especially pharmacy technicians and pharmacists! It is the responsibility of each registrant to keep the Board informed of any new address, new employment, etc. The inspectors are particularly finding technicians working with expired permits during routine inspections.

TECHNICIANS

It would appear that we have a large number of “bad” techs. In each newsletter we report several cases heard at Board meetings on pharmacy technicians. Technicians do not have as much at risk as pharmacists and some seem to be either unaware or unconcerned about the consequences of their actions. The majority of the cases involve stealing drugs or merchandise, yet pharmacists are usually shocked that a tech would steal from them or the pharmacy.

Pharmacists should also be aware that for those individuals who want to become techs, the answers they give on their technician application are very important. If they are not truthful on their explanation of an arrest or conviction, they will be denied a permit. In addition, when hiring someone that has been a pharmacy technician in the past but does not have a current pharmacy technician permit, these individuals CANNOT apply for a NEW permit but must complete an application for REINSTATEMENT. (*visit www.pharmacy.ok.gov*)

PHARMACISTS NEED TO DO A BETTER, MORE PROFESSIONAL JOB IN TRAINING AND SUPERVISING TECHNICIANS!

1. Carefully follow your technician training guidelines. (*Board guidelines are available at www.pharmacy.ok.gov, technician training manuals are available from www.opha.com*)
2. Keep verification of all training in each technician’s file.

3. Observe and supervise properly.
4. Have them read the tech rules and ask questions if there is something they do not understand.
5. Have them read the Board newsletter.
6. Encourage them to take continuing education (CE) and possibly become certified.
7. Encourage them to ask questions if they don't understand something in the filling process.
8. Do not become complacent with your process in the pharmacy.
9. Be observant at all times.

As pharmacies fill more and more prescriptions, there is a need for "good" pharmacy technicians. It is the pharmacist's responsibility to see that the technicians:

- Are well trained.
- Know what is expected of them.
- Understand what they can and cannot do.
- Are supervised properly.
- Have a current permit posted with the proper picture identification attached.

TRAINING AREA & PRECEPTOR PERMIT RENEWALS FOR 2006-2007-2008

The Board will mail renewal applications for Training Area and Preceptor permits expiring December 31, 2005 the first week of November. If for any reason you do not receive your renewal application, it is your responsibility to obtain one. Any renewal postmarked after January 15th is subject to the penalty fee whether or not an application was received. Renewal forms will be available from the Board web site at www.pharmacy.ok.gov. Permits not renewed are subject to cancellation thirty-days after

expiration.

REMINDER

Board rules require that all registrants (pharmacists, technicians and interns) notify the Board in writing within ten (10) days of a change of address or employment. Also, pharmacist licenses and technician permits are now renewed according to birth month. If you do not receive a renewal prior to expiration, it is your responsibility to contact the Board. It is crucial that we have your current correct address on file at the Board.

OKLAHOMA PHARMACISTS HELPING PHARMACISTS

If you or a pharmacist you care about is suffering from chemical dependency, there is a solution. Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) is readily available for help. Pharmacists in Oklahoma, Texas and Louisiana may call the OPHP Help-Line at 1-800-260-7574 ext. 5. All others may call OPHP at 405-528-3338. All calls are confidential.

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

The Board welcomes your comments and questions. You may mail them to the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy, 4545 Lincoln Blvd, Ste 112, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, fax us at 405-521-3758 or e-mail us at:

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