

**BOARD MEETING - NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 1999****Reciprocities and Score Transfers**

The following reciprocities and score transfers were accepted into Oklahoma after successfully completing the Jurisprudence Exam: Leann M. Fontenot (LA), #12650; Diane Lynn Fox (TX), #12651; Curtis R. Griffith (MO), #12652; John Kohut, III (WV), #12653; Angela Michelle Milam (AR), #12654; Kirk Eugene Milam (AR), #12655; Darrell Ray Newcomer (OH), #12656; David A. Prussack (PA), #12657; Thomas Christopher Tran (TX), #12658.

**Disciplinary Action***R.Ph. #7061 - Case 562*

Respondent had been issued two (2) warning notices in a twelve month period relating to misfills. After an explanation about the second misfill, the Board voted to dismiss the case.

*R.Ph. #11698 - Case 558*

Respondent was found guilty on three (3) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. All counts related to the theft of CDS's. His license was suspended until April 21, 2007.

*R.Ph. #9608 - Case 563*

Respondent was found guilty of three (3) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. He admitted to altering a prescription to cover a misfill. He was fined \$500 per count for a total of \$1,500.00.

*R.Ph. #9687 - Case 559*

Respondent was found guilty of four (4) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. All counts related to required CE for license renewal. He admitted that he had not completed the CE listed on his license renewal. He was fined \$250.00 on each count for a total of \$1,000.00. In addition, he shall complete 30 hours of CE within 90 days with 10 of these hours being live CE programs.

*R.Ph. #9046 - Case 560*

Respondent had been issued two (2) warning notices in a twelve month period. The Board voted to place a letter of reprimand in his file for a period of 3 months.

*R.Ph. #7815 - Case 555*

Respondent was found guilty on eight (8) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. All counts related to the dispensing of medications without the authorization of a physician. In an agreed order with the Board, her license was placed on probation for four (4) years until November 18, 2003. In addition, she was fined \$450 for each count for a total of \$3,600.00 and must attend a one-day Jurisprudence Seminar for the next two (2) years. She must also take and pass the Oklahoma Jurisprudence Exam within thirty (30) days.

## **OPHP Presentation by Kevin Rich**

Mr. Rich presented a report from Oklahoma Pharmacists Helping Pharmacists (OPHP) for 1999. He indicated that they have had a successful recovery rate of 87%. This is determined by the pharmacist still being in recovery. Ninety-four pharmacists have received assistance since OPHP was organized. Thirty-five of these cases are currently active. Ten have received assistance from OPHP in 1999. Six out of ten are considered self-referred. OPHP will implement a new process for drug screens in January of 2000. The Board thanks Mr. Rich for the report and for OPHP's good work. ***OPHP is available for help. Call the OPHP Help-Line 1-800-260-7574 ext. 5. All calls are confidential.***

## **Eckerd Lunch Break Program**

After a discussion of the request by Eckerd Drug for a lunch break program, a motion was made to notify Eckerd Drug that the Board applauds their effort to give pharmacists a lunch break. The process presented would not meet Board requirements, but the Board is willing to work with Eckerd.

## **BOARD MEETING - JANUARY 12, 2000**

### **Reciprocities and Score Transfers**

The following reciprocities and score transfers were accepted into Oklahoma after successfully completing the Jurisprudence Exam: Charles David Ross (TX), #12662; Elena A. Snell (IN), #12663; Gerard Barnes (OR), #12664; Patrick J. Huntoon (KS), #12665; Gregory Martin (AL), #12666; Robert Christopher Mitchell (CO), #12667; Sherry Lynn Johnson Parrish (TX), #12668; Armando L. Merino (NJ), #12669.

### **Disciplinary Action**

#### *R.Ph. #10776 - Case 565*

Respondent was found guilty of four (4) counts of violation of the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act. All counts related to the theft of CDS's for personal use. In an agreed order with the Board, his license was placed on probation for ten (10) years until January 12, 2010. He shall also enter into a contract with OPHP and shall reimburse the Board of Pharmacy \$600.00 as a reasonable cost of investigation and prosecution of this matter. In addition, he shall attend a one-day live Jurisprudence Seminar in the year 2000 and 2001.

#### *Technician #3462 - Case 548*

Respondent violated the Oklahoma Pharmacy Act by stealing CDS's from the pharmacy. Her technician permit was revoked.

## **BOARD MEETING - FEBRUARY 16, 2000**

### **Reciprocities**

The following reciprocities were accepted into Oklahoma after successfully completing the Jurisprudence Exam: Christi Michelle Anderson (TX), #12671; Michael Shawn Anderson (TX),

#12672.

### **DEXTROMETHORPHAN ABUSE REPORTED**

The Oklahoma Poison Control Center has noted an alarming drug abuse trend. Teenagers and young adults 13-19 years of age are ingesting large amounts (10-15 tablets) of Coricidin HBP. They are seeking what is described as an LSD-like "high" from the dextromethorphan. Reported symptoms include increased heart rate, elevated blood pressure, increased pupil size, drowsiness, dizziness, slurred speech, unsteady gait, hallucinations, confusion and nystagmus (involuntary rapid, rhythmic movement of the eyeballs). Large amounts of Robitussin DM (8 oz) and similar products have been abused for some time. The liquid contains 15 mg/tsp and the Coricidin HBP contains 30 mg/tablet. If the wrong product is obtained, they also run the risk of APAP & PPA overdose. For further information call Lee McGoodwin at the Poison Control Center at 1-800-764-7661. The Poison Control Center is a program of the OU College of Pharmacy and Children's Hospital of Oklahoma.

### **PERCOCET PRESCRIPTIONS**

Due to the new Percocet strengths, the Board has received a number of questions regarding how to handle Percocet prescriptions issued without including a strength. The Board consulted with OBNDD regarding the matter and OBNDD stated that if a pharmacist receives a prescription for Percocet with no strength, the pharmacist may call the prescriber in order to determine the strength. If the prescriber wants the original 5mg/325mg, the pharmacist can make a note on the **back** of the prescription and fill the prescription. If the prescriber wants any strength other than 5mg/325mg, the prescription must be returned to the prescriber to be rewritten.

### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

The following candidates have successfully passed the Oklahoma Jurisprudence Exam and were issued a license upon successfully passing the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX): Daxesh Patel, #12646; Jennifer Marie Burgett, #12647; Brian Clay Demers, #12648; Nguyet T. Nguyen, #12649; Sherri K. Middick, #12659; Mike A. Beiergrohslain, #12660; Roberta Ellen Woodward, #12661; Jaymie Renae Woodward-Landreth, #12670; Diane Elizabeth Feightner, #12673; Jodi Kaelyn Forgay, #12674; Charles Brent Bushnell, #12674.

### **CORRECTION!**

The January newsletter published incorrect phone numbers for the Oklahoma City DEA office. The correct contact numbers are: (405) 475-7500 or 1-800-882-9539.

### **RENEWAL REMINDER!**

Renewal Notices will be mailed in May. If you do not receive your renewal notice because you have moved or for any other reason, you are still subject to the penalty fee. If you haven't received your renewal notice by June 1st, contact the Board office. Senior Pharmacists age 65 or over that wish to renew as Senior Inactive should contact the Board.