

MINUTES
Alberta College of Pharmacy
Teleconference Meeting of the Council
January 2, 2020

1. Call to Order

President-elect Dana Lyons called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Registrar Eberhart called the roll call and confirmed the attendance of the following council members. A quorum of council was declared.

- District 1 – Peter Macek
- District 2 – Peter Eshenko
- District 3 – Craig MacAlpine
- District 4 – Stan Dyjur (Past President)
- District 5 – Brad Couldwell
- District 5 – Judi Parrott
- District A – Don Ridley
- District B – Dana Lyons (President Elect)
- Public Member – Irene Pfeiffer (Executive Member at Large)
- Public Member – Christine Maligec

Non-Voting

- Ex-Officio Member - Neal Davies, Dean - Faculty of Pharmacy
- Ex-Officio Member - Terra Young, Representative - accredited pharmacy technician colleges in Alberta

Absent:

- District 3 – Fayaz Rajabali (President)
- Public Member – Carmen Wyton
- Ex-Officio Member - Jadin Chahade, Student Representative - Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Also in attendance:

- Greg Eberhart - Registrar
- Jeff Whissell - Deputy Registrar
- Leslie Ainslie - Executive Assistant

3. Approval of the Agenda

MOTION: to approve the agenda as circulated.

Moved by **Peter Eshenko**/Seconded by **Irene Pfeiffer**/CARRIED

4. Proposed Amendments to the Standards of Practice for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians to Accommodate Implementation of Bill 201, the *Protection of Students with Life-Threatening Allergies Act*

The new standard enables pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to sell epinephrine auto-injectors to an authorized individual from a school board, and provides authorization and additional direction on the requirements respecting identification, assessment, communication, documentation, and record keeping when providing an epinephrine auto-injector to an authorized individual purchasing on behalf of a school board. Parents are to continue providing epinephrine for children who have been diagnosed with an allergy and who may require epinephrine. Products provided for the purpose of this Act, are meant for emergencies, when child specific dosing is not available.

Council received a spreadsheet of all comments received from registrants, and correspondence received from Alberta Health and Alberta Education in response to the consultation. Analysis of the comments was provided by Deputy Registrar Whissell, including recommendations for several amendments to the circulated DRAFT standard (see appendix to agenda).

Council inquired about the training of individuals in schools to administer epinephrine auto-injectors. Registrar Eberhart advised that the Act requires school boards to have policies that provide for training teachers for this purpose. Despite a request to use the term school authority, it was recommended that this not be supported, deferring to the term “school board” as used in the Act. Deputy Registrar Whissell advised that auto-injectors are dosed by weight, so ACP amended the guidelines to support dosing decisions based on a weight range.

Alberta Education is not introducing regulations to support the Act. ACP will communicate with pharmacy teams the afternoon of January 2, 2020, notifying them to expect to be contacted by authorized school representatives about the purchase of epinephrine auto-injectors for their school. Under the legislation, schools must have at least 1 epinephrine auto-injector on site. To avoid additional shortages of this life-saving medication, pharmacies should use discretion and will be advised to only order stock in response to a confirmed request from a school as it is not appropriate to stockpile epinephrine auto-injectors in anticipation of a request or to order stock for the purposes of soliciting schools.

MOTION: to approve the Standard of Practice for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians, and guidelines, to support implementation of Bill 201, the *Protection of Students with Life Threatening Allergies Act*, as amended and as circulated.
Moved by **Peter Eshenko**/Seconded by **Don Ridley**/CARRIED

5. Adjournment

MOTION: that the meeting be adjourned at 12:29 p.m.
Moved by **Peter Eshenko**/Seconded by **Peter Macek**