

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH**  
**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

**March 11, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Room 474 (fourth floor)**  
**Heber M. Wells Building**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

**CONVENED:** 4:15 p.m.

**ADJOURNED:** 4:50 p.m.

**Bureau Manager:**

Debra Hobbins, DNP, APRN

**Board Secretary:**

Shirlene Kimball

**Conducting:**

David N. Sundwall, MD, Chairperson

**Committee Members Present:**

David N. Sundwall, MD, Chairperson  
Elizabeth Howell, MD  
Jeffrey Paul Clark, MD  
Deputy Commissioner Jeff Carr  
Kenneth Schaecher, MD (by telephone)  
David Young, Pharm D

**Committee Members Excused:**

Darin M. Vercillo, MD  
Jeffrey Wright, ND  
Blaine Winters, APRN  
Todd C. Grey, MD  
Scott W. Reed, AAG  
Glen R Hanson, Ph.D, DDS

**Guests:**

Barbara Crouch, Pharm D, MSPH Utah Poison Control  
Jennifer McNair, Bureau of Forensic Services  
Taylor North, Medical student  
Ryan Hardman, Addiction Psych Fellow, U of U

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

February 11, 2014 Minutes:

Dr. Schaecher made a motion to approve the February 11, 2014 minutes with corrections. Dr. Howell seconded the motion. All Committee members voted in favor of the motion.

Update regarding the 2014 Legislative Session:

Dr. Clark reported that the second reading of the ninth substitute bill for H.B. 105, Plant Extract Amendments,

has been scheduled for today. Dr. Clark and Mr. Carr both indicated that they expect the bill to pass. Mr. Carr stated that the current draft reads that a lab must be licensed in the state where the extract is produced and the extract has to be transmitted by the laboratory to the Department of Health.

Dr. Sundwall stated that H.B. 30 adopts the Committee's recommended additions to the Controlled Substances Act and should be signed by the Governor.

Dr. Young reported that S.B. 138 passed out of Committee. This bill will allow a prescribing practitioner to include more than one controlled substance on a prescription.

S.B. 178 allows the Pharmacist-in-charge to designate up to three licensed pharmacy technicians to have access to the controlled substance database on behalf of the pharmacist in accordance with statutory requirements.

H.B. 119 permits the prescribing and dispensing of an opiate antagonist to a person who is believed to be at risk of experiencing an opiate-related drug overdose event. The person who prescribes or dispenses the opiate antagonist must advise a person to seek a medical evaluation after experiencing a drug overdose and taking an opiate antagonist.

Update:

-Law Enforcement: Mr. Carr stated that he has been busy with the Legislature and does not have an update at this time.

-State Crime Lab: It was reported that there are several new substances that the Federal government will add to the controlled list on an emergency basis until further action can be taken. If the DEA adds the substance, then Utah can take action without having to go to the legislature.

-Utah Poison Control: Nothing new to report

-Medical Examiner: Nothing new to report

-Health Department: Nothing new to report

-National Trends: Nothing new to report

Committee members indicated they are surprised with the reported number of Tramadol-associated deaths. Dr. Young indicated that Tramadol deaths are third on the list

of opioids, just behind hydrocodone. Dr. Hobbins reported that the Division has received reports of individuals seeking Tramadol from veterinarians for their animals. Some individuals appear to be shopping around for Tramadol. Dr. Howell indicated that the pharmacist reports the Tramadol prescription to the controlled substance database, but veterinarians normally do not check the database prior to prescribing Tramadol. Dr. Howell indicated that some veterinarians dispense medications out of their office, but Tramadol still should be reported to the database.

Dr. Young reported that S.B. 55 removes the exemption from the Pharmacy Practice Act for medical practitioners who prescribe and dispense a cosmetic drug, injectable weight loss drug or a cancer drug treatment regimen. It requires a dispensing medical practitioner of a cosmetic drug, cancer drug treatment regimen or prepackaged drug from an employer-sponsored clinic to be licensed as a "dispensing medical practitioner" and establishes the pharmacy facility license classification "dispensing medical practitioner clinic pharmacy" under the Pharmacy Practice Act.

Dr. Sundwall suggested gathering more information from veterinarian clinics and requested a veterinarian meet with the Board to discuss this issue. Dr. Sundwall also indicated we could further discuss practitioner dispensing. Dr. Sundwall requested Senator Vickers be invited for the discussion.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be scheduled for May 20, 2014.

*Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.*

5/13/14

Date Approved



David N. Sundwall, Chairperson,  
Controlled Substances Advisory Committee

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Debra Hobbins, Bureau Manager, Division of  
Occupational & Professional Licensing