

**BOARD OF PHARMACY
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES
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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Mesaros, PharmD, JD, Chair
Jeenu Philip, BPharm,
Jonathan Hickman, PharmD

STAFF PRESENT

Jessica Sapp, Executive Director
Traci Zeh, Program Administrator

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ABSENT MEMBERS

David Wright, BPharm

JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Hector Vila, MD, Board of Medicine
Michelle R. Mendez, DO, Board of Osteopathic Medicine
Joel Rose, DO, Board of Osteopathic Medicine

Also present on the call was Ed Tellechea, counsel to the Board of Medicine and the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Kama Monroe, Executive Director for the Board of Osteopathic Medicine.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Application for Initial Collaborative Practice Certification Course

The Board of Pharmacy received an Initial Collaborative Practice Certification Course Provider Application from the University of Florida. Section 465.1865(2)(c) requires this application be reviewed and approved by the Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with the Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine.

The application was provided for to the Joint Rules Committee for review.

64B16-31.003 Collaborative Practice Certification: Initial Certification Course.

(1) Applicants for Initial Certification Course approval shall submit an application using Form DH5061-MQA (eff. 08/20) "Application for Initial Collaborative Practice Certification Course" that is hereby incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12226> or <http://floridapharmacy.gov>.

(2) Initial collaborative practice certification courses shall be a minimum of 20 hours in duration, and shall meet all the following mandatory requirements:

(a) The course may only be offered by a program provider who is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), a program provider who is accredited to provide educational activities designated for the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category I credit, or a program provider approved by the American Osteopathic Association to offer continuing medical education credits.

(b) The course content and objectives offered by an approved provider shall be developed in conjunction with an individual licensed to practice pharmacy and an individual licensed to practice pharmacy and an individual who is licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician.

(c) The course content shall include all those areas enumerated in Section 465.1865(2)(c), F.S. and shall cover the following areas:

1. Laws and rules applicable to the collaborative practice for the treatment of chronic health care conditions; and

2. Writing and entering into a collaborative practice agreement.

(d) No less than 8 hours of the course shall be offered through a live seminar or a live video conference.

(3) A pharmacist who successfully completes a board approved collaborative practice certification course shall be awarded 20 hours of general continuing education credits.

Dr. Vila addressed the Committee regarding the application and stated the course content was well put together and captured all elements of the requirements. He conveyed that this application has set the bar for the first available course and was a great example of the quality of education that is to be expected from an initial collaborative practice certification course.

Motion: by Dr. Vila to approve the application submitted by University of Florida and present to the full Board of Pharmacy.

Second: by Dr. Mendez

Dr. Mesaros opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Philip addressed the Committee in agreeance with Dr. Vila.

Dr. Hickman addressed the Committee regarding the great work in the collaboration between the pharmacists and physicians putting the course together.

Dr. Ghazvini addressed the Committee and stated this is a perfect example of collaboration between different health care professions.

Vote: Unanimous

b. Application for Initial Test and Treat Certification Course

The Board of Pharmacy has received an Initial Test and Treat Certification Course Provider Application from the University of Florida. Section 465.1895(2)(b) requires this application be reviewed and approved by the Board of Pharmacy, in consultation with the Boards of Medicine and Osteopathic Medicine.

64B16-31.035 Test and Treat Certification: Initial Certification Course.

(1) Applicants for Initial Certification Course approval shall submit an application using Form DH5062-MQA (eff. 08/20) "Application for Initial Test and Treat Certification Course" that is hereby incorporated by reference and available at <http://www.flrules.org/Gateway/reference.asp?No=Ref-12228> or <http://floridapharmacy.gov>.

(2) Initial test and treat certification courses shall be a minimum of 20 hours in duration, and shall meet all the following mandatory requirements:

(a) The course may only be offered by a program provider who is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), a program provider who is accredited to provide educational activities designated for the American Medical Association Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 credit, or a program provider approved by the American Osteopathic Association to offer continuing medical education credits.

(b) The course content and objectives offered by an approved provider shall be developed in conjunction with an individual licensed to practice pharmacy and an individual who is licensed allopathic or osteopathic physician.

(c) The course content shall include all those areas enumerated in Section 465.1895(2)(b), F.S., and shall also cover the following areas:

1. Laws and rules applicable to test and treat certifications; and
2. Writing and entering into a written protocol.

(d) No less than 8 hours of the course shall be offered through a live seminar or a live video teleconference.

(3) A pharmacist who successfully completes a board approved test and treat certification course shall be awarded 20 hours of general continuing education credits.

Dr. Vila addressed the Committee and echoed his comments from the collaborative practice initial course application.

Motion: by Dr. Vila to approve the application submitted by University of Florida and present to the Full Board of Pharmacy.

Second: by Dr. Mendez

Vote: Unanimous

Dr. Mesaros opened the floor for public Comment.

Mr. Philip inquired with Kristin Wiisanen Director of Continuing Education, University of Florida, and asked if the application would be available not only on CEBroker but on the University of Florida website to be available to the public.

Ms. Wiisanen confirmed with Mr. Philip that the application would be available via their website and inquired with the Committee regarding the qualification requirements of the Test and Treat Certification.

Dr. Mesaros thanked the Joint Committee Members for their time and inquired what the next steps were to have these courses available.

Ms. Sapp addressed the Committee and confirmed that this will need to be ratified by the full Board.

Ms. Wiisanen indicated that the course will be implemented and available to be taken within a month or so from the approval of the applications.

Mr. Philip suggested a more streamlined approach to reviewing and approving these courses.

Mr. Dierlam addressed Mr. Philip and explained the approval requirements outlined in the statute and will research options on streamlining the approvals.

III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m. ET.