



Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

Participants: Gentry Phillips (Co-Chair, Year 2), Zach Tolman (Board Liaison), Kolene Creek, Kristie Fitzgerald, Autumn Hawks,

Excused: Adam Kijek (Co-Chair, Year 1),

Subject	Discussion	Conclusions/Actions
Welcome & Attendance		Minutes recorded by: Zach
Old Business	<p>Reviewed discussion from last meeting, including goals to increase technician membership and salaries.</p> <p>USHP is restricted from advocating for wages directly. The board encourages individuals to participate in groups and discussions related to role expansion (e.g. Pharmacy Practice Act rewrite taskforce, BOP meetings, etc.) and ensure the topic of compensation directly accompanies that of expanded roles and responsibilities.</p>	<p>Several USHP board members, including Scotty & Zach, are involved with the Pharmacy Practice Act rewrite taskforce, and will advocate appropriately.</p>
Committee Discussion Topics	<p>General Discussion:</p> <p>Technician market: shortage, wages and placement environment. Many tech students, especially high school age, fill slots in programs, but without intent to enter market as full time techs.</p> <p>IHC surveying interest in Tech only CE event (IHC employees only). If successful, would like presence and support from USHP members, especially board and committee members</p> <p>Immunizations, as soon as May(?) Expecting market driven implementation of training programs.</p> <p>PTCB's efforts to implement feedback and prepare for expanded roles are perceived as attempts to complicate certification and gain market exclusivity. How do we determine the right approach to licensing, etc. amidst so many options? The foundations of such choices seem arbitrary or ambiguous to the common technician.</p>	<p>Training programs cannot match tech demand. Can this be addressed without discriminating? Responsibility ultimately falls to individual organizations and should be addressed with their advisory committees.</p> <p>Challenges encountered by Kristie 1-2 years ago when trying to create a tech CE event, were shared. If event is planned, Autumn will notify Zach of request for USHP presence.</p> <p>Informational only. No discussion.</p> <p>How do we provide appropriate feedback to PTCB? Zach will relay questions to the board.</p>
	<p>Communication Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for technician member. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Tessa Potvien? - Content for PTCB blast email. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Upcoming changes & impact to techs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • medical cannabis • sterile compounding 	<p>Autumn reaching out to Tessa about interest in joining communication committee phone meetings.</p>

	<p>Programming Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technician topics for Annual Meeting (Aug) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Basic pharmacology for techs (o Pharmacy calculations (top requested topic at IHC) o Naloxone education and distribution (Justin Davenport [homecare] & Tessa Potvien) o OTC counseling o Supporting pharmacist contraceptive dispensing 	Zach will relay ideas to programming committee.
	<p>Advocacy Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Request for technician representation. 	Zach is joining advocacy committee meetings/calls.
	<p>Board update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The board is very invested in helping technicians find professional success. They would like more technician input and ideas on how to show their support. 	
	<p>Spring CE Series (members receive up to 13 tech CE for only \$15) April 6th – April 13th.</p>	Save the Date
Next Meeting and Agenda	Tuesday, May 14 th , 2019 at the IMC Doty Educational Building	

Respectfully submitted,

Zach Tolman, USHP Technician Committee, Board Liaison