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**THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY
HELD A TELEPHONIC COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE
TECH CHECK TECH COMMITTEE ON APRIL 12, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call to Order

Chairperson Mr. McAllister called the Meeting to Order at 10:00 A.M.

The following individuals participated:

1. Dennis McAllister – Board Member
2. Tom Van Hassel – Board Member
3. Kevin Dang – Board Member
4. Kristen Snair – Board Member
5. Stephanie Sparks – Fry's Pharmacy Supervisor
6. Janet Underwood - Arizona Retailers Association
7. Kelly Fine – Arizona Pharmacy Association
8. Lorri Walmsley – Walgreens Pharmacy Supervisor
9. Lauren Berton – CVS Regulatory
10. Rachel Lee – CVS Regulatory
11. Kam Gandhi – Board Staff
12. Cheryl Frush - Board Staff
13. Jeanne Galvin – Assistant Attorney General

Mr. McAllister stated that several states have rules that allow technicians to check the work of other technicians. Mr. McAllister stated that the Iowa project allowed technicians to check each other using barcode technology. Mr. McAllister stated that North Dakota has rules in place. Mr. McAllister stated that Idaho is drafting rules. Mr. McAllister stated that the Iowa pilot program is limited to refills.

Mr. McAllister stated that he feels that the current rules allow technicians to check each other using barcode.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that he is in the support of technology to prevent errors. Mr. Van Hassel stated that the technicians would be forced to use the technology.

Ms. Snair asked if this process would only be used in the community pharmacy.

Dr. Dang stated that tech check tech must be technology based. Dr. Dang stated that all the components for IV admixtures are barcoded but he would not want a technician checking another technician that made an IV admixture.

Mr. McAllister stated that it could exclude controlled substances, liquids, and items that do not have manufacturer barcodes.

Ms. Galvin stated that this would require rule changes. Ms. Galvin stated that exclusions would need to be listed in rule. Ms. Galvin stated that a substantive policy would not be appropriate. Ms. Galvin stated that an exception to rule making would need to be obtained due to the rules moratorium.

Mr. McAllister stated that he does not feel additional training would be necessary to use a scanner. Mr. McAllister stated that he feels that the technician would need to be licensed and certified.

Dr. Dang stated that he feels that the certified technician should receive advanced training. Dr. Dang stated that he feels that a program could be developed. Dr. Dang stated that he feels that an online course would not be sufficient.

Ms. Sparks stated that Fry's has technology that would allow the technicians to check new and refill prescriptions. Ms. Sparks stated that she supports that the technician be licensed for a length of time possibly one year. Ms. Sparks stated that there should be a specialized screening and training. Ms. Sparks stated that the pharmacist would be able to participate in MTM services, administering immunizations, and counseling services.

Ms. Walmsley stated that Walgreens had two stores participate in the Iowa project. Ms. Walmsley stated that there was no impact to quality. Ms. Walmsley stated that she felt 2000 hours of experience is difficult to monitor. Ms. Walmsley stated that technology must be in place for the program to be effective.

Ms. Berton stated that two Target pharmacies participated in the Iowa pilot and there was no impact on errors.

Ms. Fine stated that she is in support of the program. Ms. Fine stated that the pharmacies would be able to utilize the technicians to do routine tasks. Ms. Fine stated that the association could partner with employers to develop a training program. Ms. Fine stated that Iowa has a training program.

Ms. Underwood stated that the retailers are in support of the concept.

Mr. McAllister stated that it could serve as a career ladder for technicians. Ms. Snair stated that she agrees that technicians would be able to learn new skills.

Mr. McAllister stated that he feels that the Board could move forward with the concept.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that the rules should be similar to North Dakota's rules. Mr. Van Hassel stated that the Board must protect the public.

Ms. Snair stated that she is in favor of the concept as long as it is not a money-saving proposal to reduce the number of pharmacists in the pharmacy. Ms. Snair stated that she would support a ratio of pharmacists to technicians.

Mr. McAllister stated that the committee will present their ideas to the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.