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**THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY  
HELD A TELEPHONIC COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE  
TECHNOLOGY ASSISTED VALIDATION OF PRODUCT COMMITTEE  
ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**

AGENDA ITEM 1 – Call to Order

Chairperson Mr. McAllister called the Meeting to Order at 9:30 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 – Provided Written Comments
9. Kam Gandhi – Board Staff
10. Cheryl Frush – Board Staff
11. Jeanne Galvin – Assistant Attorney General

Mr. McAllister opened the discussion by stating that the committee's job is to draft rules for the technology assisted validation of product.

Mr. McAllister stated that North Dakota, Idaho, and Iowa already have rules in effect to allow technicians to verify the product using technology.

Ms. Galvin stated that they must link the rule change to a statute that authorizes technicians to do this task.

Ms. Frush indicated that the rules do not allow a technician to do a task reserved for a pharmacist.

Mr. McAllister stated that by using the technology the pharmacists can perform other tasks.  
Mr. McAllister stated that the technicians make less errors and are more satisfied with their jobs.

Mr. McAllister asked if 2000 hours of experience was necessary.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that he feels that the technician must have some hours of experience not necessarily 2,000 hours. Mr. Van Hassel stated that he feels some pharmacies may exploit the use of a new technician to do the scanning of a product without sufficient training.

Dr. Dang stated that a qualified technician could validate the work of another technician.  
Dr. Dang stated that the pharmacist should scan the profile to ensure that there are no interactions between the medications.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that the technician should know the process and understands what to do if a problem occurs.

Ms. Sparks stated all cognitive evaluation would be done in their PV1 system and a refill would use the same cognitive verification.

Dr. Gandhi stated that a technician could pass the certification test and never have worked in a pharmacy.

Ms. Fine recommended that a training program could define what elements are included in the training.

Mr. McAllister stated that he felt that 1,000 hours of training and the completion of 4 hours of CE on error prevention every 2 years would satisfy the training requirements.

Ms. Underwood stated that the training program at the pharmacy could list the specifics and be available to the Board.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that he feels 1,000 hours would be sufficient.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that the change would provide a career ladder for the technician and expand their responsibility.

Ms. Snair asked about the title change to verification technician.

Ms. Sparks stated that she feels the title change is not necessary as they have the documentation at the store.

Ms. Sparks stated that a traditionally labeled vial should also be allowed if it is barcoded.

Mr. McAllister stated that the technician should be allowed to verify all products.

Ms. Fine recommended removing the term manufacturer's bottle

Dr. Gandhi asked about access to the CII cabinet.

Dr. Dang stated that he does not support the technicians verifying CII medications are IV Admixtures.

Ms. Sparks stated that at her pharmacies only the pharmacist can verify CII medications.

Ms. Fine asked about the 4 hours of CE.

Mr. Van Hassel stated that he is not sure if CE is required if they are trained.

Dr. Dang stated that the 4 hours of CE could be part of the CE to renew their license.

Ms. Fine stated that there could be different modules for training.

A call to the public was made. No one came forth.

Mr. McAllister adjourned the meeting at 10:15 A.M.