KANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

newsletter to promote pharmacy and drug law compliance

Announcements

- Regular updates regarding Kansas State Board of Pharmacy guidance and information on the coronavirus disease 2019 can be found on the Board website. This includes information about operations, waivers, renewals, exams, inspections, frequently asked questions, and more.
- Welcome new Administrative Assistant Tammy Brown! She has lived in Topeka, KS, since 2010. For the past 10 years, she has been employed with the state of Kansas working for various agencies. She has been married for 21 years and has one son who attends Kansas State University. She is active in the Mom's Club of Theta Xi Fraternity. She is also a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, part of the search and rescue posse for the Shawnee County Sheriff's Office, and volunteers for Kaw Valley Bicycle Club events. In her spare time, she enjoys riding her bicycle across Kansas, Oklahoma, Kentucky, and Tennessee, loves taking vacations, and spending quality time with her family.
- The Board is hiring! The Kansas Legislature approved funding for an additional licensed pharmacist inspector, and the Board is considering assignment of the Southeast Kansas region. Job postings are available on the Board Staff web page and through the State of Kansas Careers Portal.
- New! When submitting proof of a National Association of Boards of Pharmacy[®] (NABP[®]) Verified Pharmacy Program[®] inspection to the Board, you are only required to upload the first page. The Board will then use that information to retrieve the complete inspection from NABP's online verification system.

Board Members Appointed

The Board is pleased to announce Governor Laura Kelly's reappointment of Jonathan Brunswig, PharmD, RPh, and Bill Walden, RPh, to the Board. In addition, the Board is thrilled to announce Governor Kelly's appointment of new public member, Lucinda Noches Talbert. They will all serve a four-year term, ending in 2025.

Ms Talbert serves as the vice president of operations for KC Healthy Kids, a nonprofit organization in Kansas City, KS. In her role, she is responsible for leading the day-to-day operations, including fund development, general office operations, financial management, human resources, and IT support. Ms Talbert has more than 15 years of nonprofit management experience in Kansas and Missouri. She has a bachelor of liberal arts and science degree from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, and a master of public administration degree from the University of Kansas. She served as a board member for Riverview Health Clinic for six years and is now serving on the board for the Nettleton Foundation, a grantmaking organization that focuses on improving the quality of life for seniors ages 65 and older.

Ms Talbert is a 2014 graduate of the Health Forward Foundation of Greater Kansas City Leadership Academy and a 2011 graduate of the Greater Kansas City Chamber of Commerce Centurions Leadership Program. She is also an alumnus of the Central Exchange Adele Hall Endowment for Advancement and Development Program. In 2018, Ms Talbert received a volunteer of the year award from the United Way of Wyandotte County. She is originally from Topeka and has resided in the Kansas City metropolitan area for 17 years.

The Board also wishes to thank Cheri Pugh, former public member, for her eight years of dedication and service to the Board!

What Does Compliance Look Like?

Do you have a license displayed in your pharmacy that belongs to a person no longer working in the pharmacy? Do you have the license of a retired pharmacist among the current actively working pharmacists? Can the public discern who works at the pharmacy?

Pharmacists must display their license in the place of the business where they actively engage in the practice of pharmacy. Look at your licenses and technician registrations and only post the current employees of the pharmacy.

Kansas Statutes Annotated 65-1641. Display of pharmacist license; when unlawful.

A person holding a license as a pharmacist shall display conspicuously such license in that part of the place of business in which such person is engaged in the profession of pharmacy, and which is usually occupied by the public or which is visible to the public. It shall be unlawful for any licensed pharmacist to permit such license to be displayed in any place of business unless such pharmacist is actively engaged in the profession of pharmacy in such place of business.

Pharmacist Education Program to Focus on K-TRACS Utilization

The Kansas prescription drug monitoring program, K-TRACS, will begin outreach to Kansas pharmacies this fall to gauge interest in peer-to-peer education regarding K-TRACS utilization. Also known as academic detailing, this program is intended to help pharmacists incorporate K-TRACS into their clinical workflows and adopt best practices to prioritize patient safety.

The K-TRACS staff pharmacist will meet with peers to identify challenges in their pharmacy related to controlled substance (CS) dispensing and K-TRACS usage. They will then work together to identify and implement noncommercial, evidence-based solutions that promote positive patient outcomes.

Possible outcomes include the ability to:

- Apply best practices for using K-TRACS to prioritize patient safety when dispensing CS
- Develop conversation starters that can be implemented when addressing prescribers about concerning prescriptions
- Discuss how to use K-TRACS as a clinical decision-making tool to improve care coordination
- Implement patient education, naloxone dispensing guidelines, and other patient safety measures

For more information, visit the K-TRACS website.

Pharmacy Technician Examination, CE, and Renewal

Technician Registrations Expiring October 31, 2021

Any pharmacy technician who is unable to take or pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam or the Exam for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians by October 31, 2021, may request a six-month extension at least 30 days before the technician's registration expiration date by completing an Extension Request Form (LA-75) available on the Board's website.

Continuing Education

All Kansas pharmacy technicians with registrations expiring October 31, 2021, must have completed 20 hours of continuing education (CE) – or the prorated amount of CE based on the issue date and expiration date of the technician registration – before renewal. Those 20 hours must have been earned between September 1, 2019, and the day of renewal in 2021.

CE may be approved for pharmacists or pharmacy technicians, or may be earned for national certification. However, all CE must be approved by one of the following:

- 1. Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education: To receive credit, register for CPE Monitor®.
- **2. Another state board of pharmacy:** To receive credit, submit a copy of the certificate of completion to the Kansas Board within 30 days of course completion.
- 3. The Kansas State Board of Pharmacy: To receive CE approval from the Board, submit a request for approval to the Board at least 10 days prior to the course using the E-200 Request Form. A list of pre-approved Kansas CE courses is also available on the Board website. To receive credit, submit a copy of your certificate of completion to the Board within 30 days of course completion.

Renewal

Pharmacy technicians with licenses expiring October 31, 2021, can renew online beginning in early September. Renewal instructions:

- Visit http://ksbop.elicensesoftware.com/portal_logon.aspx.
- New users: click "Sign-Up" and create a username and password.
- Log in and select "Renew License."
- Review and update information, certify completion of the required CE hours, answer disciplinary questions, and submit the renewal.
- Use the secure online payment portal to pay \$20 plus a small transaction fee by credit/debit card or electronic check.
- Allow 10 business days for the Board to process your renewal.
- Visit the License Verification page to check for an updated expiration date.

Failing to renew on or before 11:59 PM CDT on October 31, 2021, will result in the registration being canceled. Technicians with canceled registrations cannot work and will be required to complete a new application and fingerprint card to continue working (\$67 cost).

Pharmacies utilizing/employing technicians with canceled registrations will be in violation of the Kansas Pharmacy Practice Act and may be disciplined by the Board.

Revoked Licenses and Registrations

In an effort to provide greater transparency to pharmacists, the Board will publish a list of revocations against Kansas pharmacists, interns, and technicians in its quarterly *Newsletter*. The Board encourages the pharmacist-in-charge to verify the registration status of all employed technicians at least twice a year (June and November are recommended). The Board's license verification website is a secure and primary source of credential verification information, and as authentic as a direct inquiry to the Board: *https://ksbop.elicensesoftware .com/portal.aspx*.

Please take notice of the Board's revocation action taken on these licenses, permits, and registrations:

- Abrams, Sharice 14-04175, Case 20-127
- Anderson, Elizabeth 14-100382, Case 20-087
- Bailey, Brittnee 14-16513, Case 20-089
- Buffington, Mitchell 24-109914, Case 21-101
- Cavender, Kasey 14-111002, Case 21-092
- Cervantes, Esperanza 14-101134, Case 20-100
- Chisolm, Jr, Ronald 14-09431, Case 20-126
- Flippin, Jill 14-19339, Case 20-111
- Franco, Nina 24-111573, Case 21-073
- Garcia, Cindy 14-100219, Case 20-192
- Gilliam, Jennifer 14-11683, Case 20-193
- Isham, Courtney 14-100611, Case 20-122
- Krugjohn, Nathaniel 14-15747, Case 20-131
- Marx, Luke 24-112260, Case 21-099
- McDowell, Autumn 24-111862, Case 21-064
- Miller, Dee 14-08157, Case 20-142
- Pierce, Atraya 24-108925, Case 21-075
- Regan, Katelyn 24-113714, Case 21-059

- Roeder, Holly 24-109759, Case 21-046
- Ross, Kelli 14-105275, Case 21-078
- Routh, Candi 14-19349, Case
 20-198
- National Pharmacy Compliance News Now Available!

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- Wilson, Robert 14-100710, Case 20-201
- Yang, Kia 14-08849, Case 20-185

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