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Maine Board of Pharmacy Minutes of May 18, 2022 Board Meeting

Virtual Meeting Public Notification and Hearing/Viewing Instructions Provided at the Opening of the Meeting by Board President Edward Kane.

CALL TO ORDER

President Kane called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Edward Kane, Esq., Public Member, Board President Eric Norberg, R.Ph., Pharmacist, Vice President Bradley Hamilton, R.Ph., Chain Pharmacist, Complaint Officer Nicholas Haar, PharmD, R.Ph., Hospital Pharmacist Abdifatah Ahmed, PharmD, R.Ph., Independent Pharmacist Timothy McCormack, Esq., Public Member Cassandra White, PharmD, R.Ph., Pharmacist

STAFF PRESENT

Geraldine L. Betts, Administrator Thomas Avery, Chief Field Investigator Andrew Black, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor Kelly McLaughlin, Comprehensive Health Planner I

CORRESPONDENCE

Maine Society of Health System Pharmacists, MaineHealth, and Northern Light Health, COVID-19 Related Shortage of IV Contrast Media, Letter dated May 11, 2022 McCormack moved to issue a Board Statement regarding beyond-use dating of intravenous iodinated contrast media drugs during active shortage. In order to protect the public health and welfare, to issue clarification stating for the period ending 90 days after the issuance of the Statement, the Board will not consider it "unprofessional conduct" for purposes of Board Rules Chapter 29, when a licensed pharmacist assigns a beyond-use date to a repackaged intravenous iodinated contrast media drug, provided that the beyond-use date complies with the guidance contained in the USP's "Operational Considerations for Sterile Compounding During Covid-19 Pandemic." seconded by Norberg. Unanimously voted.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business Hamilton moved to adjourn at 9:34 a.m., seconded by Haar. Unanimously voted.

Prepared By: Jessica Gowell, Professional Licensing Supervisor Board approved: June 2, 2022