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September 23, 2013

The Honorable Paul Thissen
Speaker of the House
Minnesota House of Representatives
State Office Building
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St. Paul, MN 55155-1298

Dear Speaker Thissen,

This is in response to your letter of August 2, 2013, in which you requested information about two advisory groups. The two groups mentioned in your letter are the only two groups created in statutes. The following information is provided for each group, as requested:

Continuing Education Advisory Task Force (CEATF)

1. Mission

As permitted by MN Stat. §151.13, subd. 2, the Board established the CEATF by promulgating rules (see MN Rules 6800.1600). The current mission of the CEATF is to provide advice to the Board, as necessary, concerning issues involving continuing education for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Until earlier this year, the CEATF also reviewed programs submitted by licensees, registrants and others to determine if they would be accepted as approved CE. The Board recently delegated that task to staff. Unfortunately, few members of the CEATF actually showed up for scheduled meetings and staff had therefore been doing the reviews anyway. The Board may repeal MN Rule 6800.1600 and disband the CEATF.

2. Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members.

Members of the CEATF are not currently and have never been compensated in any way.

CEATF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND AFFILIATIONS

<u>MphA*</u>	<u>MSHP</u> Ray Vellenga Wanda Conley Bernard Lee	<u>College</u> Amy Pittenger	<u>Board</u> Laura Schwartzwald Kay Hanson
<u>Ex-Officio</u> Julie Johnson	<u>Ex-Officio</u> Marcy Peterson	<u>Ex-Officio</u> Charles Taylor	<u>Ex-Officio</u> Cody Wiberg

- Minnesota Pharmacists Association – note that MphA has not recommended any members for several years
- ** Minnesota Society of Health-System Pharmacists

3. Budget.

The CEATF has no budget. As noted above, the members are not compensated in any way. A very minimal amount of staff time has been devoted to the activities of the CEATF.

4. The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates.

The schedule for CEATF meetings for 2013:

FULL CONTINUING EDUCATION ADVISORY TASK FORCE

Conference Room C – 3rd Floor

Meeting Dates and Times 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

January 15, 2013
April 16, 2013
July 16, 2013
September 24, 2013

Note that the CEATF did not actually meet because, as mentioned above, the Board delegated the task of reviewing submitted CE programs to staff.

5. A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor.

The CEATF used to issue recommendations to the Board approximately eight times per year concerning which CE programs submitted by licenses and registrants should be approved for credit. The CEATF did that for many years until the task was recently delegated to Board staff.

6. A link to the advisory group's Web site, if available.

The CEATF has no Web site.

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Committee (PMPAC)

1. Mission

Per Minnesota Statutes §152.126, subd. 3:

"The advisory committee shall advise the board on the development and operation of the electronic reporting system, including, but not limited to:

- (1) technical standards for electronic prescription drug reporting;
- (2) proper analysis and interpretation of prescription monitoring data; and
- (3) an evaluation process for the program."

Since the PMPAC includes representation from several other state agencies, several professional associations and the public, the Board has sought its input on proposed legislative initiatives.

2. Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members.

A list of PMPAC members is enclosed. The members do not receive any compensation, other than minimal refreshments served at meetings (cookies and coffee).

3. Budget.

The expenses for the PMPAC vary depending on the number of meetings per year but do not exceed \$1,000 per year. (Including staff salary and benefits would add an additional \$500 per meeting – for prep time and running the meeting).

4. The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates.

The three most recent meetings were held on July 29, 2013, August, 27, 2013 and September 23, 2013. Another meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2013.

5. A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor.

The PMPAC not issued one formal report to the Board: "Diversion of Controlled Substances Dispensed by Veterinary Practice". It has provided a considerable amount of

other input since its inception. That input is documented by Board staff members that attend the meetings and is passed along to the full Board. The input has concerned potential legislative initiatives, the selection of the vendor that administers the database and software used by the program, and the evaluation of the program.

6. A link to the advisory group's Web site, if available.

The PMPAC does not have its own Web site. The Web site for the Prescription Monitoring Program is: www.pmp.pharmacy.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cody Wiberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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