

North Carolina Board of Pharmacy
Durable Medical Equipment Subcommittee Minutes

April 23, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by Chairman William Griffin. Present for the meeting were William Griffin, Lazelle Marks, Mel Elliott, David Keesee, and Clint Pinyan, Board Attorney (all via telephone). Also present for the meeting were Karen Matthew, Cindy Parham, and Wendy Watson. Absent was Joey McLaughlin.

The Ethics Statement was read by Bill Griffin. Recognition was made of all attending the meeting.

The minutes for October 30, 2012, meeting was approved by all following a motion by Mr. Marks, which was seconded by Mr. Elliott.

Old Business:

There was no old business to be presented to the subcommittee.

New Business:

Ms. Watson, Permitting Specialist with the Board, provided the following statistics. As of April 15, 2013, there were 848 active DME permits, 11 permits renewed late, and 9 permits notified the Board they were not renewing. She also stated 49 DME permits were closed out for non-renewal, and these permit had not sent any notification to the Board about their renewing. Letters were sent to them in mid-March notifying them that their permits were closed, and they had to cease any business. Closing letters were also sent out to the non-renewed permits.

Mr. Griffin asked about whether saline solution (sodium chloride) could be dispensed by DME providers. Mr. Pinyan stated is it was a legend drug, it could only be dispensed through a prescription and by a pharmacy.

There was also a brief discussion about oxygen supplies and Mr. Pinyan was to research the statutes that list the oxygen suppliers.

Ms. Matthew advised she would send out a draft of the minutes prior to the next meeting for review.

As there was no other business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am after being approved by all, following a motion by Mr. Marks which was seconded by Mr. Keesee.

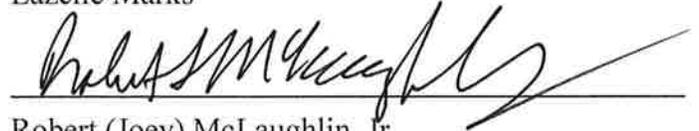
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