

Texas State Board of Pharmacy
Committee on Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination
January 28, 2009
Wm. Hobby Building, Tower II-500

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Jeanne Waggener, R.Ph., at 9:40 a.m. Committee Members present included Rosemary Combs and Alice Mendoza, R.Ph. Staff members present included Gay Dodson, R.Ph., Executive Director/Secretary; Kerstin Arnold, General Counsel; Allison Benz, Director of Professional Services; Cathy Stella, Director of Administrative Services & Licensing; and Carol Willess, Licensing Program Specialist.

Audience members included Rebecca M. Rabbitt, CEO, of the Institute for the Certification of Pharmacy Technicians (ICPT); Melissa Muir Corrigan, R.Ph., Executive Director/CEO of the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB); and Kathy Barber, representing the Texas Federation of Drug Stores.

Ms. Dodson read an opening statement that stated the purpose of the meeting, which was to consider and discuss approval of entities providing examination and certification of pharmacy technicians and possibly reach a decision regarding a recommendation to the full Board.

The Committee Members reviewed and discussed the following options for recommendation to the board:

- Option 1:** No change - continue with current vendor
- Option 2:** Allow both exams with no evaluation of content equivalency or bid process
- Option 3:** Allow both exams with evaluation of content equivalency; no bid process
- Option 4:** Require bid process that may result in one or both exams; evaluation of content may be decided at later date.

After discussion, Ms. Combs made the motion to recommend Option #4 to the full Board at the February 10, 2009, Board Business Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mendoza and passed unanimously.

The Committee Members directed staff to develop cost estimates for the February Board Business Meeting, including fees for an independent psychometrician to assist staff in conducting the following exercises:

- 1) Develop bid specifications for the bid proposal that will provide enough information to the psychometrician to perform each evaluation;
- 2) Evaluation of the responses to the bid proposal;
- 3) Perform an independent evaluation of both exams to determine validity; and
- 4) Perform an evaluation of the content of both exams. This exercise assumes that the evaluator will have access to the blueprint and/or test questions. Representatives from both PTCB and ICPT were agreeable to this access, provided that the security and confidentiality of these exams were maintained.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

APPROVED:

W. Benjamin Fry, R.Ph.
President

Gay Dodson, R.Ph.
Executive Director/Secretary

February 10, 2009