Board Actions at July 24-25 Meeting

Two new members and one reappointed member of the California State Board of Pharmacy were sworn in during the board's July 24-25, 2018, meeting in Sacramento.

Shirley B. Kim of Los Angeles and Maria Serpa, PharmD, of Elk Grove formally joined the board as a public member and licensee member, respectively. In addition, public member Ricardo Sanchez of Hollister began his second term on the board.

Also during the meeting, Executive Officer Virginia Herold announced plans to retire in January 2019. Ms. Herold has served the board as executive officer since 2007 and previously was assistant executive officer and interim executive officer.

In other business, the board directed staff to pursue a statutory change to allow reverse distributors to take back some medications for a limited period after a license is canceled, surrendered or terminated. In addition, the board gave approval for staff to submit comments on proposed revisions to USP and agreed to award two hours of continuing education credit to pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who participate in a pharmacy technician occupational analysis survey.

In action on legislative matters, the board voted formal positions on the following key bills pending in the Legislature:

- AB 1751 (Low) Controlled Substances: CURES Database Change from Support to Oppose Unless Amended.
- AB 2859 (Caballero) Pharmacy: Safe Storage Products Change from Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.
- SB 1109 (Bates) Controlled Substances: Schedule II Drugs: Opioids Change from Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.
- AB 2037 (Bonta) Pharmacy: Automated Drug Delivery Systems Support.
- SB 1021 (Wiener) Prescription Drugs Support.
- SB 1254 (Stone) Hospital Pharmacies: Medication Profiles or Lists for High-Risk Patients Support.

Board positions on pending legislation and links to key bills can be found <u>here</u> on the board's website.

The board also approved readoption of California Code of Regulations, title 16, <u>section 1735.2</u>, an emergency regulation related to compounding beyond use dates. The <u>Notice of Approval</u> and other information about the compounding emergency regulation can be found <u>here</u> on the board's website.