

2019 Proposed Resolutions



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****Fiscal Impact Statement** (should address the anticipated costs and benefits that will be derived should the resolution be passed)

\$ - Minimal to low Impact (Example: Publishing position statements)

\$\$ - Low to Moderate Impact (Example: FPA preparing letters and op-ed papers to policy makers)

\$\$\$ - Moderate to Considerable (Example: FPA having to support comprehensive legislative campaign)

\$\$\$\$ - Considerable to substantial (Example: FPA having to fund consultant assistance, support comprehensive legislative campaign)

\$\$\$\$\$ - Substantial Impact (Consist of FPA spending considerable resources on consultant assistance, funding comprehensive legislative campaigns, and invest in market outreach)

2019-1 - Update Policy for Nomination of House of Delegates Officers

FPA House of Delegates Board of Directors

Contact: David Mackarey, dmackarey@aol.com 561-358-8360

2019-2a - Nomination of Alex Pytlarz for FPA Speaker-Elect 2019-2020

Palm Beach County Pharmacist Association

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2019-2b - Nomination for Vice-Speaker, FPA House of Delegates

InterAmerican Pharmacy Association

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2019-2c - Nomination of Barbara Beadle for Director of the House of Delegates Board of Directors

Brevard County Pharmacy Association

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2019-3 - FPA Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Bylaw Reform

Central Florida Pharmacy Association

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2019-4 - Developing a Permanent Fund to support members of our profession affected by natural disasters in the state of Florida

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2019-5 - Membership Recruitment Plan

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2019-7 - FPA Media Relations

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2019-14 - Over Educated but Under Utilized

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2019-15 - State Board Registered Pharmacy Technician

Sunshine Pharmacy

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2019-16 - Restricted Network and unequal access to PBM Contracts by Pharmacist

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2019-17- The Florida Pharmacy Association Be Renamed the Florida Pharmacists Association

Cystic Fibrosis & Freedom Pharmacies

The Florida Independent Pharmacy Network (FIPN)

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2019-18-Collaborative Practice Agreements (CPAs)

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2019-19-Collaborative Practice Agreements Legislation

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2019-20-State Pharmacy Association Membership Requirement

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2019-21-Health Professions for Patient Centered Care

Dade County Pharmacy Association

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2019-22- Metrics used in pharmacy practice

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2019-23- Formation of Pharmacy Practice Academies

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RESOLUTION SUBMITTED AFTER TH DEADLINE-NEW BUSINESS

2019-24- Standing Committee Student Advocacy Outreach Team (subcommittee of or oversight by GAC)

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2019-25- Membership Bonus

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2019-26-Pharmacist Role in Physician Assisted Death

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2019-27-Consultant Pharmacist Reviews

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2019-28-Florida Pharmacists Dispense Oral Contraceptives Pills without a Prescription

Palm Beach County Pharmacist Association

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2019-1

Update Policy for Nomination of House of Delegates Officers

FPA House of Delegates Board of Directors

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WHEREAS, FPA policy (79-2a) states “Nominations of the officers for the House of Delegates shall be in the form of a resolution submitted in accordance with the requirements for all resolutions.”

WHEREAS, it has been pointed out that for a number of years the House of Delegates has not been following that policy.

WHEREAS, it is preferable that nominations be in the form of a resolution for proper vetting of the candidates and ballot preparation.

WHEREAS, the House of Delegates, if it only allowed nominations via the resolutions process; would be precluded from conducting an election in the absence of any such resolutions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that FPA policy (79-2a) is revised to read “Nominations of the officers of the House of Delegates should be in the form of a resolution submitted in accordance with the requirements for all resolutions and that nominations from the floor may also be accepted. “

PROBLEM: Following FPA policy (79-2a), as written, could result in the House of Delegates being unable to conduct an election.

INTENT: To encourage nominations via the resolution process but allow for nominations from the floor of the House of Delegates.

Fiscal Impact - \$

COMMENT:

2019-2a

Nomination of Alex Pytlarz for FPA Speaker-Elect 2019-2020

Palm Beach County Pharmacist Association

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WHEREAS, Alex Pytlarz is a current member of FPA in good standing and,

WHEREAS, Alex Pytlarz is a Florida resident, an active and current Florida registered pharmacist in good standing with the Florida Board of Pharmacy and,

WHEREAS, Alex Pytlarz has served the FPA as treasurer and other leadership positions over the years and,

WHEREAS, Alex Pytlarz has distinguished himself as a leader in National Pharmacy Associations roles,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Alex Pytlarz be submitted as a candidate for the position of FPA Speaker-Elect of the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA), for the 2019-2020 BOD term.

2019-2b

Nomination for Vice-Speaker, FPA House of Delegates

InterAmerican Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, Eric Larson has served the Florida Pharmacy Association as the Governmental Affairs Committee Chair; and

WHEREAS, Eric Larson has demonstrated service to the profession through active engagement in local and national pharmacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Eric Larson has demonstrated knowledge and capacity in leadership and advocating for members of the Association;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Eric Larson's name be placed in nomination for the position of Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates.

2019-2c

Nomination of Barbara Beadle for Director of the House of Delegates Board of Directors

Brevard County Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, Barbara Beadle has distinguished herself as a dynamic, proactive leader of the Brevard County Pharmacy Association; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Beadle has been a passionate leader in developing resolutions for the Florida Pharmacy Association House of Delegates; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Beadle has been the main coordinator for encouraging and guiding those new to the process of developing resolutions:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Brevard County Pharmacy Association has the honor and privilege of placing the name of Barbara Beadle in nomination for the position of Director for the Florida Pharmacy Association House of Delegates Board of Directors.

2019-3

FPA Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Bylaw Reform

Central Florida Pharmacy Association

Eric J Larson

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WHEREAS, Article VII Section 4 –Governmental Affairs Committee. A Governmental Affairs Committee shall be formed to consider any matters or issues pertaining to rules and regulations affecting the profession of pharmacy, or any other matters referred to it for consideration. This committee shall meet at least once a year or more often as the legislative environment mandates. The membership of the Governmental Affairs Committee should consist of the following:

1. Chair, appointed by the President
2. The elected officers of the Association
3. The Executive Vice President of the Association, as secretary
4. FPA's governmental Affairs Advisor/Lobbyist, as a non-voting member
5. At-large members (not to exceed 5), appointed by the President including at least one student.
6. Past Chair
7. Political Committee Chair
8. FSHP Liaison

Be considered for revision to read:

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1. Chair, appointed by the President (**Appointee shall hold term for 2 years to align with legislative terms, and reappointed in alignment with House election**)
2. The elected officers of the Association
3. The Executive Vice President of the Association, ~~as secretary~~
4. FPA's governmental Affairs Advisor/Lobbyist, as a non-voting member
5. At-large members (**not to exceed 4**), appointed by the President ~~including at least one student~~
- 6. Secretary, appointed by Chair**
7. Past Chair
8. Political Committee (**FPPC**) Chair
9. FSHP Liaison

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the FPA or subdivision of FPA Organizational Affairs and Government Affairs Committee (GAC)

INTENT: To provide legislative structure and continuity to improve legislative agenda execution and success

FPA Fiscal Impact – Unable to asses a fiscal impact statement.

COMMENT:

2019-4

Developing a Permanent Fund to support members of our profession affected by natural disasters in the state of Florida.

Alachua County Association of Pharmacists

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WHEREAS, natural disasters seem to be occurring regularly and affecting pharmacies, pharmacists, technicians and students in our state,

WHEREAS, in the past the Florida Foundation has had temporary funding for natural disasters but had nothing available to help with those affected by the hurricane in fall of 2018,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the FPA and Florida Foundation of Pharmacy develop a separate fund that people can donate to and make available to deserving individuals and pharmacies in the wake of a natural disaster.

PROBLEM: Natural disasters are possible and recently have occurred in our State, and we need to have a fund to help those pharmacies, pharmacists, technicians and students affected by them.

INTENT: To have a fund that people can donate to, administered by the Florida Pharmacy Foundation to quickly be able to provide aid any in the pharmacy family that are affected by natural disasters in our state.

FPA Fiscal Impact: \$

COMMENT:

2019-5

Membership Recruitment Plan

Alachua County Association of Pharmacists

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WHEREAS, the membership of FPA is currently under 4000 members and although many leaders have talked about increasing membership, the numbers seem to be declining in our association, even though the numbers of those practicing pharmacy due to increased graduation rates are increasing. Current levels of licensed pharmacists in Florida are 32,912 and registered pharmacy technicians are 39,180 (per Florida Department of Health website).

WHEREAS, the Association would be more effective in its legislative efforts representing more of our profession and would have the financial resources to support larger efforts, hiring more staff to support both local and state initiatives and expand our ability to provide higher level certifications, education, member services and funding for enhanced scope of practice,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the FPA hire a membership consultant to have a large membership drive as developed by the consultant in cooperation with the Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND: The goal of the membership drive should increase membership by a minimum of 1000 pharmacists per year over the next 5 years so that by 2025, the organization will have a minimum of 10,000 pharmacist members as well as increasing pharmacy technician and student memberships in addition. With 10,000 pharmacist members, the money from the dues will be able to replace the funds used to create the program to reach them. It would be encouraged to have in the contract rewards for the consultant based on the level of membership achieved each year besides a minimal stipend to make sure the consultant has ample encouragement to achieve success for the organization. This would ensure that the results could pay for the cost of this expenditure and the overall outlay would be minimal.

PROBLEM: FPA membership has been stagnant or declining for the recent past and no strong plan has been developed to reverse this.

INTENT: To encourage the use of a consultant and develop a new strategy to increase membership for sustaining funding and support the legislative efforts of the Association.

FPA Fiscal Impact – An RFP would need to be sent to evaluate several companies like Ewald Consulting, Membership Consultants and others to investigate cost.

COMMENT:

2019-6

Comprehensive Medication Management

Alachua County Association of Pharmacists

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WHEREAS, pharmacists have not seen any recent improvements to state insurance providers to pay for cognitive services,

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association has set up a training program, pharmacist provider network to provide and promote comprehensive medication management for the patient's of the state of Pennsylvania for any qualifying patient (on 1 or more chronic medications),

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA have the Professional Affairs Council investigate and report back to the membership, the possibility of developing a program for pharmacists in the State of Florida to be trained to provide and paid for the provision of comprehensive medication management services.

PROBLEM: There is no coordinated effort to communicate with insurance companies in the state of Florida to increase the coverage for pharmacist services. There is no effort to increase pharmacist provision of cognitive services that are paid at a rate that pharmacists can afford to provide those services.

INTENT: Develop a Pharmacist Network that will train pharmacists to provide services and promote coverage of those services by state insurance providers.

FPA Fiscal Impact – None at this time, and once set up would generate income for both pharmacies and the Association. Currently Pennsylvania Pharmacist Association pharmacists pay \$259 in annual dues and \$150 to enroll in the program, non-members pay \$250 for the training to become a provider in their network, plus the Association could set up contracts to get a small percent of the billed services.

COMMENT:

2019-7

FPA Media Relations

Alachua County Association of Pharmacists

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WHEREAS, the Association is rarely consulted when media providers in the state of Florida are reporting stories including the profession of pharmacy

WHEREAS, the FPA has a history of minimal response to those stories, which has left a gap and the pharmacy voice unheard and silent, causing media outlets to be ignorant that we are available and willing to respond on behalf of all pharmacists and technicians in the state of Florida

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA create an internal process for members from FPA to be able to respond in a timely manner to pharmacy related issues in the media.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the FPA investigate hiring a media consultant to train FPA members to be able to respond appropriately and in a timely manner to pharmacy related issues.

BACKGROUND: When a member identifies an article mentioning the profession of pharmacy or pharmacists, pharmacy technicians or students of pharmacy in the media, there should be an office contact person to whom to send it. The office contact will forward to the member(s) with experience and able to comment on the issue and prepare a press release for the Executive Director to publish after approval. FPA can start by sending letters to the editor for each story identified and providing regular press releases on targeted issues or legislative efforts. Volunteering for local PBS programs on healthcare would also be advised. Members from FPA that are trained in the media relations field for preparing these responses for the Executive Director, will also be required to provide regular content to the Florida Pharmacy Today journal. The team of media relations members will also coordinate the promotion of FPA Pharmacy Month in coordination with the Public Relations Council.

PROBLEM: FPA has a minimal presence in the media and is not currently seen as the voice for pharmacy issues in the state of Florida.

INTENT: For FPA to develop a strong media presence to promote the Association, the profession and our members and to combat misconceptions seen in current media stories about the profession.

FPA Fiscal Impact – \$\$ for consultant to train and reimbursement of pharmacist volunteers but may bring in new members.

COMMENT:

2019-8

The reclassification of Gabapentin to a controlled substance in the state of Florida

Brevard County Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, Gabapentin is already scheduled as a controlled substance in several states (OH,KY,WV,MI,TN,AL)

WHEREAS: The abuse potential of Gabapentin is well documented; and

WHEREAS: The prescribing of Gabapentin has been rising in the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS: Gabapentin has yet to be listed as a controlled substance by the Federal Government, leaving each state to address this issue individually; and

WHEREAS: The state of Florida is significantly impacted by the opioid crisis

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The FPA work with the governing bodies necessary to change the classification of Gabapentin to a controlled substance in the state of Florida

PROBLEM: The use of Gabapentin with opioid medications has been increasing in this state and the risks to our communities are great. Using Gabapentin with opioid medications potentiates the respiratory depressive effects of opioid medications

INTENT STATEMENT: To align the state of Florida with other states in the union that are currently addressing the epidemic of opioid abuse by scheduling Gabapentin with other controlled substances due to its high risk of abuse.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$\$

COMMENT:
2019-9

Requiring a technician be present to assist a pharmacist during pharmacy operating hours (No Pharmacist Left Alone)

Brevard County Pharmacy Association and Miami Dade Pharmacy Association and Larkin University

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WHEREAS: there has been a trend recently in the community pharmacy setting of significant cuts to pharmacist hours and also support staff, and

WHEREAS: many pharmacists within these community pharmacy settings have found that they now have to run the pharmacy department alone, and

WHEREAS: this type of environment with only one employee completing all of the tasks including typing and filling prescriptions, attending to the drive through, answering telephones, assisting patients, and running the register significantly increases the possibility of prescription errors that might reach patients, and

WHEREAS: being left alone to complete all of the above mentioned tasks causes stress that can negatively affect the well-being of pharmacists, and

WHEREAS: this type of environment could also be considered a security concern that allows more opportunity for an armed robbery due to the distractions, lack of opportunity for vigilance, and

WHEREAS: according to a recent survey done by Brevard County Pharmacy Association of pharmacists and technicians within the state of Florida many pharmacists are greatly concerned about this reduction of staff and have seen an increase in errors in their pharmacy, and

WHEREAS: additionally, many of these same pharmacists are fearful of speaking up about this problem because they feel their job will be in jeopardy if they speak up, and

WHEREAS: a technician/intern is proven to lessen the stress of the day by being able to properly assist a pharmacist with much of the tasks and responsibilities needed to be completed, and

WHEREAS: technician/intern help for the duration of a pharmacy being open would reduce safety risks to the patients and pharmacists.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Florida Pharmacy Association adopt a policy that states that pharmacies are required to have at least one pharmacist and one technician present during operating hours in a pharmacy owned by a company that owns more than two locations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Florida Pharmacy Association will work to pursue legislative or regulatory changes that require pharmacies to have at least one pharmacist and one technician present during operating hours in a pharmacy owned by a company that owns more than two locations.

PROBLEM: To ensure the safety and well-being of pharmacists and patients by having a technician/intern with the pharmacist at all times the pharmacy is open. Many pharmacies have recently

had a dramatic reduction in labor hours for technician/intern help to comply with many metric-based evaluations on workflow. This has resulted in many pharmacists being left alone in the pharmacy to complete all of the tasks for the day without any help from a technician or intern. According to a study given by Brevard County Pharmacy Association with 120 participants, the following information was gathered:

- 1) 58% of participants work in a retail/chain setting
- 2) 81.5% of participants had seen a reduction in support staff
- 3) 78.8% felt that those reductions were affecting patient safety
- 4) 66.1% said they had seen an increase in errors in their pharmacy since the reduction in support staff.
- 5) 51.3% said they feared for their personal safety since the reduction in support staff

INTENT: To protect the wellbeing of the public and the pharmacists from an unsafe work environment.

FPA Fiscal Impact- \$\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-10

DEA/Law Enforcement Opioid Over Reach

Brevard County Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, Opioid prescription abuse is a national concern with great scrutiny placed upon the pharmaceutical supply chain including dispensing pharmacists and pharmacies.

WHEREAS, The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1306.04 specifies that the *Responsibility for the proper prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances rests upon the prescribing practitioner and a corresponding responsibility rests with the pharmacist who fills the prescription.*

WHEREAS, The Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States “Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain” have been endorsed by the DEA and have set forth that “pain is a nationally undertreated public health problem that is complicated by a myriad of social, economic, political, legal and educational factors including inconsistencies and restrictions in state pain policies.”

WHEREAS, The board of medicine will judge the validity of the physician treatment of the patient based on available documentation, rather than solely on the quantity and duration of medication administration.

WHEREAS, Pharmacists are uniquely positioned to augment the quantity of drugs being dispensed by exercising their professional judgment as set forth in rule [64B16-27.831](#).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that FPA petition the Florida Board of Pharmacy to adopt the board of medicine’s guideline on the “Use of controlled substances for the treatment of pain” to underscore the DEA’s position on how the documentation of pain is an acceptable standard of practice in medicine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Pharmaceutical suppliers may not restrict access to drugs without furnishing the pharmacy buyer written documentation as to which administrative rule, DEA quota, or state statute is being violated by the pharmacy buyer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Pharmacies shall have the ability to appeal wholesaler restrictions by providing documentation to the wholesaler as to the validity of the prescription and the necessity of the medication according to the providers treatment plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That FPA send a letter to the Drug Enforcement Administration in opposition to the use of unclear, uncodified “Red Flags of diversion” that are used to bully, harass, intimidate and cause hardship to pharmacists and pharmacies.

Intent: To create more transparency between the DEA and wholesalers and wholesalers and their customers regarding the process of purchasing controlled substance medications. The current procedures to “police” pharmacies seems to be subjective and is difficult to understand.

Problem: Some pharmacies in our state have had their controlled substance purchases greatly restricted or have even been cut off from purchasing controlled substance prescriptions and the reasons given seem very subjective. Additionally, the opportunity to appeal these decisions seems unavailable or unclear at best.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-11

Unfair Treatment of Independent Pharmacies

Sunshine Pharmacy

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WHEREAS, Community Independent Pharmacies, national chain pharmacies, and mail order pharmacies all meet State and Federal credentialing standards; and whereas pharmacists employed in these pharmacy settings provide similar services to patients. Prescription Benefit Managers or insurance companies UNDER PAY Independent Pharmacies

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, be it resolved that the Florida Pharmacy Association (herein referred to as FPA) calls on the Governor, Attorney General, the Florida legislature and the insurance commissioner to mandate and ensure that compensation for pharmacist and pharmacy services who meet network qualifications be consistent and equal among providers.

PROBLEM: The Florida Board of Pharmacy issues licenses to pharmacists and issues permits to pharmacies to provide health care services. These licenses and permits represent the state's endorsement that a pharmacy and a pharmacist can meet the qualifications of the provision of pharmacy services. Compensation to pharmacy providers who are delivering basic services should be consistent regardless of who is providing those services or the pharmacy that the patient selected. Also pharmacists and pharmacies providing specialized services requiring advanced credentials should be compensated equally if the pharmacist or the pharmacy agrees to the terms and conditions of the network contracts and the pharmacist or pharmacy possesses the required credential defined in the network agreement.

INTENT: Levelling the playing grade will allow fair competition among Independent chain and mail order pharmacies relative low reimbursement to independent pharmacies have resulted in the closure and lack of growth of independent pharmacies. Fair competition will offer consumers choice and lower prescription cost.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-12

Unregulated/Unqualified prescription drug companies

Sunshine Pharmacy

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WHEREAS, Whereas the Department of Medical Quality Assurance major purpose is patient safety and wellbeing and whereas the State, and communities across the US over the centuries have trusted and designated the pharmacist as the drug expert. Some clinics and health centers without the expertise / knowledge and training of a pharmacist are dispensing medications to patients

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA categorically opposes any entity or health professional not REGISTERED or LICENSED to dispense or perform the duties of a pharmacist.

PROBLEM: Florida laws under F.S. 465 allow licensed physicians that register under the pharmacy practice act to dispense prescription medications. Florida laws currently allow a prescriber licensed in Florida to delegate tasks to other personnel to do things so long as they are qualified by licensure or experience to do so. This may include the delegation to individuals not licensed as pharmacists to dispense prescription medications absent review by a pharmacist. This could also include the hiring of a registered pharmacist technician to take on dispensing responsibility in clinics and health centers which such dispensing is clearly defined as the practice of pharmacy.

INTENT: Since the vision of the Florida Department of Health is “To be the healthiest State in the Nation,” allowing unqualified persons to dispense prescription medications will jeopardize the health and wellbeing of Floridians. Statistics show that over 40 % of emergency room admissions are due to a prescription drug mishap. Having only pharmacists – the drug expert to dispense will significantly prevent or decrease the prescription drug mishaps and save lives.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$

COMMENT:

2019-13

Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

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WHEREAS, almost all medical marijuana patients have transitioned from traditional community pharmacies to medical marijuana treatment centers; and whereas medical marijuana patients continue to patronize the community pharmacies; and whereas pharmacists do not have a DEA permit, but pharmacies (the business) do, and whereas, pharmacists have the education and training in chemistry medicinal chemistry and are drug experts

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the FPA propose to the Governor, Secretary of Agriculture and the legislature to require all medical marijuana dispensaries to hire a licensed pharmacist to assist in screening prescription drugs and dispensed marijuana for interactions for better patient safety.

PROBLEM: There is a third class of health care in Florida now that medical marijuana is available through licensed dispensing organizations. There is no language in Florida laws that create a requirement for pharmacist engagement within dispensing organizations. This means that patients who are receiving medical marijuana will not have a pharmacist examination of the patient's health record prior to dispensing these substances by non-licensed medical marijuana personnel. In many cases this screening does not occur until the patient comes to a traditional pharmacy and discloses to the pharmacist that they are being treated with cannabis.

INTENT: With the plethora of new drugs coming on the market and the recent introduction of Medical Marijuana, the possible drug- marijuana interaction is unknown. However, data shows significant marijuana interaction with drugs like Warfarin. The drug expert – the pharmacist with extensive knowledge in drugs mechanism of action, pharma kinetics, pharmacodynamics etc. is best situated to for see and apprise patient about possible drugs untoward side effects and interactions. The presence of a license pharmacist in the medical dispensary will improve safety and quality patient care.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-14

Over Educated but Under Utilized

(REQUEST TO BE WITHDRAWN)

Sunshine Pharmacy

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WHEREAS, Board certified specialty pharmacists have undergone residency programs and training, yet they are not allowed to prescribe; and whereas pharmacists are more accessible to patients, patient could benefit greatly from other roles of pharmacists.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA work with Florida's colleges of pharmacy to advocate for changes to our state's statutes to give prescriptive authority for qualified pharmacists.

PROBLEM: During the 2019 legislative session the FPA presented information in the talking points of several advance practice bills that there will be a shortage of primary care providers. The training of today's pharmacists clearly give licensees under F.S. 465 extensive expertise in drug therapy selection and management. Pharmacists are strategically located in medically underserved areas and have the ability through their training and experience to initiate, modify and discontinue drug therapy. These changes in Florida laws can assist greatly with patients who do not have access to a primary care provider or are uninsured.

INTENT: Vaccine related disease and deaths have significantly reduced within the last 15 years thanks to the role of pharmacists as immunizers! With the PEW Commission recommendation to introduce the Doctor of Pharmacy program in all pharmacy schools, pharmacist clinical knowledge has increased but their scope of practice is still limited. Clinical pharmacist should be able to initiate, and monitor drug treatment. Emergency room and primary care physicians' visits by insured and visit will be tremendously reduced if consultant pharmacists are allowed collaborative practice.

FPA Fiscal Impact -

COMMENT:

2019-15

State Board Registered Pharmacy Technician

Sunshine Pharmacy

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WHEREAS, most states have mandated pharmacy technicians to be registered before they can work in a pharmacy and whereas pharmacy technician training programs in schools and the military are accredited. Whereas pharmacy technicians with extensive training are not allowed to transfer prescriptions in and out of their pharmacies.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA should seek changes to Florida regulations that would provide for the opportunity of registered pharmacy techs the ability to receive and transfer out prescriptions.

PROBLEM: The work load and tasks that pharmacists must perform in pharmacies today have increased significantly with an increase in pharmacist immunization services, medication therapy management programs and other patient care services. When there is a call into a pharmacy to transfer a prescription, this is a task that today must be performed by a Florida licensed pharmacist or registered pharmacy intern under the supervision of a registered pharmacist. This also includes a requirement for a pharmacist or a registered pharmacy intern under the supervision of a pharmacist to receive new prescriptions that are being called into a pharmacy from the prescriber's office. This change could free up time for pharmacists to provide higher patient care services.

INTENT: Allowing registered licensed pharmacy technician to receive verbal prescriptions from physician's office and transfer in and out of pharmacies. If so allowed, this will free up time for pharmacist to concentrate on more clinical duties and improve efficiency.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$

COMMENT:

2019-16

Restricted Network and unequal access to PBM Contracts by Pharmacist

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WHEREAS, State Medicaid and Medicare programs are open to all eligible pharmacies, and whereas the claim of "cost containment" by PBMs for using restrictive network providers is unfounded

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA should oppose all prescription benefit programs that restrict participation by pharmacies willing to accept the terms and conditions of network contracts.

Therefore be it also resolved, that the FPA advocate before the Florida Legislature, Governor, Attorney General and the insurance commissioner that it should be unlawful for PBMs to deny contracts to new pharmacies who have not been operating for one year.

PROBLEM: In Florida certain areas are considered designated as HEAT areas by the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services. HEAT stands for Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team. PBMs have adopted a network policy to require a new pharmacy business to be operational for at least 12 months before being allowed to bill and get paid for network services. This creates a serious financial penalty on the development and growth of emerging pharmacy businesses and suppresses healthy competition and actually prevents existing pharmacy businesses from adding new units.

INTENT: Equal access for patients will ensure healthy competition and better patient care by pharmacies. Patients will have the liberty to patronize the facility that give them the most satisfaction. Denying new pharmacies the ability to service patients disincentivizes prospective entrepreneurs to go into business. Newly graduated pharmacist and seasoned pharmacist who have been working for the chains will be discouraged to open their own pharmacies. Unrestricted Access will ensure consumer sovereignty and allow pharmacists unlimited career pathways.

FPA Fiscal Impact -\$\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-17

The Florida Pharmacy Association Be Renamed the Florida Pharmacists Association

Cystic Fibrosis & Freedom Pharmacies

The Florida Independent Pharmacy Network (FIPN)

The Central Florida Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, pharmacists need to “take back” their profession; leading the charge on the best advocacy outcomes regarding key present and future daily issues (legislative, regulatory, etc.) directly impacting their livelihoods, their patients, quality of care, drug costs, pharmacy reimbursements and the profession as a whole, this name change will help in accomplishing this very goal

AND WHEREAS, this resolution would serve to also recognize the pharmacists across Florida as the MEDICAL PROVIDERS that they are and always have been; finally, rightfully elevating their status within the medical community and uplifting their integral role as a core part of the healthcare team.

WHEREAS, the current name of the association is too broad in scope, this name change would serve to more fully support the efforts of the pharmacists; a backbone of the pharmacy industry and highlight & reward their major industry contributions and

WHEREAS, a pharmacist is the one healthcare professional that the patient usually SEES THE MOST, this name change would focus on their major role in the healthcare of every patient and

WHEREAS, the valuable knowledge & skills of pharmacists, too long overlooked, have not been fully recognized. Pharmacists’ intensive college medical training, advanced graduate study & fellowships can exceed 7 years, plus continuing education and

WHEREAS, pharmacists have not have they been paid for the breath of their valuable services (which continue to expand in scope), the new name would assist in both recognition & advancement of the profession, along with more comprehensive payment for all the services pharmacists & their pharmacies provide.

FURTHERMORE, WHEREAS, pharmacists are the experts in drug and pharmaceutical therapy and management, professional medication & supplement counseling & licensed in performing vaccinations, ordering lab tests and assisting patients in a vast multitude of other services, this name change would also serve to advance the profession itself, as well as the medical & patient communities’ respect for all the services they provide.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Florida Pharmacy Association be renamed to the Florida Pharmacists Association.

PROBLEM: The problem is that the current name of the association does not focus on the very healthcare professionals on the front line in this profession; the true engines of the industry. It is too broad.

INTENT: The intent of this resolution in renaming the association is to encourage the Florida Pharmacy Association to **refocus** its energies on uplifting/elevating, supporting and engaging these professional healthcare providers; the Florida pharmacists themselves & their pharmacies.

Background Information: According to the book, *A History of Pharmacy in Florida*, written by Dr. L.G. Gramling, PhD, RPh, former Professor and Chairman of Pharmaceutical Chemistry at the University of Florida, the FPA was originally named the Florida Pharmaceutical Association by its founders in 1887. In 1979 the Association changed its name to Florida Pharmacy Association.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-18

Collaborative Practice Agreements (CPAs)

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WHEREAS, Florida pharmacists are and have been seeking to become more fully integrated into the interdisciplinary healthcare team and

WHEREAS, interprofessional education (didactic and practice) among the health professions is now a requisite of health professions curricula, including medicine and pharmacy and

WHEREAS, Collaborative Practice legislation has resulted in integrating the profession of pharmacy into patient-centered, interdisciplinary care teams in other states and

WHEREAS, the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA) represents pharmacists from all practice environments/disciplines/specialties and

WHEREAS, hospital pharmacists and skilled nursing home pharmacists currently practice CPAs and

WHEREAS, the Florida Medical Association is open to negotiation on expanding pharmacists opportunities to practice collaboratively in physician's offices and ambulatory care clinics

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA support legislation that allows the use of CPAs to be expanded in any, including more defined areas of pharmacy practice such as physicians' offices and ambulatory care clinics

PROBLEM:

INTENT: Allowing CPA in any expanded venue, for example in physicians' offices, is better than not expanding collaborative practice at all. Additionally, job creation in any pharmacy venue will help Florida Pharmacy Association members. The creation of new opportunities and jobs would be of value/benefit to FPA members.

FPA Fiscal Impact -\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-19

Collaborative Practice Agreements Legislation

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WHEREAS, Florida Pharmacists need an expanded job market, whereas CPA (Collaborative Practice Agreement) legislation has resulted in increased full time pharmacists' jobs in other states, whereas FPA represents pharmacists from all venues, whereas hospital pharmacists and skilled nursing home pharmacists currently practice CPA, whereas the Florida Medical Association is open to negotiation on expanding pharmacists jobs in Physician's office and ambulatory care clinics, whereas obtaining Florida CPA legislation is becoming harder to obtain because it involves an expanded scope of practice and pharmacists are essentially competing with Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and psychologists who are all seeking expanded scope of practice (ARNP and PA are seeking independence from physicians and psychologists are seeking to prescribe)

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, the FPA supports legislation that allows CPA to be expanded in any area that can be obtained through legislation.

PROBLEM:

INTENT: Allowing CPA in any expanded venue is better than not expanding collaborative practice at all. Additionally, job creation in any pharmacy venue will help Florida Pharmacy Association members. New and more jobs result in more opportunities for FPA members.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$

COMMENT:

2019-20

State Pharmacy Association Membership Requirement

Brevard County Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, The majority of registered Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians are not a member of an accredited Pharmacy Association.

WHEREAS, A successful membership requirement model can be seen in the Florida Bar Association, as it is a requirement to licensure as an attorney.

WHEREAS, A significant portion of a state pharmacy association's time is dedicated to advocating for the profession of pharmacy.

WHEREAS, Significant resources and members are needed to effectively advocate for the profession of pharmacy in today's litigatory environment.

WHEREAS, Approximately 34,000 pharmacists and 45,000 pharmacy technicians are licensed in the state of Florida and pay license renewal fees to the State Department of Health.

WHEREAS, Membership by the licensed pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in any of the accredited pharmacy associations active in the state of Florida would increase the effectiveness of the state pharmacy associations and provide a clearer voice to the pharmacy related issues that arise.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, That the Florida Pharmacy Association support a change to the Board of Pharmacy licensure requirements so that pharmacists and pharmacy technicians seeking licensure and license renewal must show proof of membership prior to licensure being authorized.

PROBLEM: A minority of Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians in Florida are members of any professional state wide organization advocating for the rights of the pharmacy profession.

INTENT: To arm the professional pharmacy associations advocating for the practice of pharmacy with additional members and corresponding membership dues so that these organizations may have the ability to effectively lobby on behalf of the profession.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$

COMMENT:

2019-21

Health Professions for Patient Centered Care

Dade County Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, State Health Profession Associations do not currently meet on a regular basis, and

WHEREAS, not having a structured conference or meeting inclusive of all state health profession associations hinders communication efforts on healthcare issues and ultimately delays the advancement of healthcare; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that all healthcare providers work towards serving the same patients in the provision of patient centered care, regular meetings and/or conferences should be initiated to begin dialog on healthcare concerns. Increasing communication and dialog between and among health care professions will enhance efficiency in healthcare, identify key areas of concern for patient outcomes, and attempt to provide a unified health care front to the state legislature;

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that to advance and recognize all healthcare profession issues, concerns, and to optimize patient outcomes the FPA shall convene a semi-annual conference with all state multidisciplinary health profession associations. These conferences will increase communication between and among all professions with underlying initiatives on gaining perspective from every profession resulting in increased patient centered care and outcome solutions.

PROBLEM:

INTENT: The provision of health care in Florida is a multidisciplinary undertaking. Too often, each discipline takes its own profession's interest as a priority and the outcomes are disjointed and uncoordinated health care policies and laws. A coordinated and regularly repeating meeting of multidisciplinary professional association representatives that would discuss, plan and prioritize health care issues would ultimately enhance the overall provision of health care to the citizens of Florida.

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-22

Metrics used in pharmacy practice

Dade County Pharmacy Association

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WHEREAS, practice metrics are being used to set work-output for pharmacists and technicians, and

WHEREAS, metrics are set as a minimum standard of performance, and

WHEREAS, increasing the number of units/hour/individual performed increases the likelihood of error which pose grave patient safety concerns,

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Florida Pharmacy Association assess and establish maximum limits on workload metrics.

PROBLEM: Use of metrics in setting pharmacist and technician output and productivity without regard to potential effects on patients.

Technologies have been added to aid in the daily activities in pharmacy resulting in measurable data points that can be assessed. In addition to the number of prescriptions filled per hour other tasks are now measurable. Management and efficiency experts are using the data collected to set minimum standards of performance based on quantity per unit of time. How many prescriptions filled/checked and processed per hour is safe? How many individually compounded IV solutions per hour is allowable per individual? Raising the stakes, how many chemotherapy infusions can be prepared per hour before error and burnout take over? How many immunizations can be administered safely and correctly? The list of questions goes on and on.

INTENT: Evaluate and identify maximum limits on workload metrics

FPA Fiscal Impact -\$\$\$

COMMENT:

2019-23

Formation of Pharmacy Practice Academies

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WHEREAS, some of the members within the Association have expressed interest in creating a mechanism wherein they can share ideas and information of specific interest to that subgroup and

WHEREAS, the formation of Academies (or special interest groups) would serve as a platform to allow these members of said subgroups to share and express ideas amongst the specific academies and

WHEREAS, other national and state associations have mechanisms that allow special interest groups or academies to co-exist within the Association and

WHEREAS, an Ad-Hoc Committee on Academies was convened to ascertain where our members' self-reported interests lie and the committee determined that three subgroups comprise the special interests of most of the membership

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the FPA establish three Academies to help meet the specific needs of each of these special interest groups and that these academies be: Independent, Chain and Institutional practitioners. Furthermore that the number of academies may change over time to meet the needs of the membership

PROBLEM:

INTENT: A method to help improve membership numbers in general and to help improve member satisfaction and involvement in the Association

FPA Fiscal Impact - \$\$\$

COMMENT:

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NEW BUSINESS

2019-24

Standing Committee Student Advocacy Outreach Team (subcommittee of or oversight by the Governmental Affairs Committee)

University of South Florida College of Pharmacy, American Pharmacists Association – Academy of Student Pharmacists (USF APhA-ASP)

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WHEREAS, the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA) currently has student pharmacists recognized as members eligible to participate in Councils and Committees, and

WHEREAS, the Councils and Committees support the staff and facilitate the operations of the FPA to meet the Strategic Plan goals and objectives, and

WHEREAS, the need for grassroots advocacy is critical to the profession and recognized as one of the essential components for successful legislation to move forward,

WHEREAS, one student seat on the Governmental Affairs Council (GAC) does not permit a student to maintain the necessary level of engagement across all seven schools of pharmacy in the state while simultaneously maintaining high academic performance,

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA) formally recognize the Student Advocacy Outreach Team as a Standing Committee, under the oversight of the Governmental Affairs Council (GAC) and in coordination with the Health Fair Committee, to provide the diversity of student engagement and opportunities for students to transition into leadership through legislative advocacy opportunities

PROBLEM: single student seats on the FPA Board of Directors and Governmental Affairs Council (GAC) are limiting when it comes to the engagement of students in higher leadership. The intent of the Resolutions 14-07a and 14-07b are greatly appreciated to include students in the FPA leadership. However, it is widely recognized by the students that single seat positions limit opportunity and exposure while adding an unrealistic burden to students that must maintain a focus on their academic performance. It is imperative to have a designated and consistently recognized affiliation and process for student advocacy and legislative outreach in order for students to grow and prioritize these issues in professional practice. A diverse group incorporating specific positions and organizational structure have been developed, piloted, and implemented fully through the Legislative Days and Health Fair and this process is available to be incorporated in the FPA Policies and Procedures. The recognition of the Student Advocacy Outreach Team as a standing sub-committee of the Governmental Affairs Council (GAC) will continue to provide strong leadership for the Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA) in the future as a pipeline.

INTENT: During the Student Advocacy Outreach Team's initial phase of advocating on the USF campus they were able to foster a sense of accountability among students regarding this

transition of becoming a proponent for their own profession. In one short year of working with FPA's Governmental Affairs Committee, the Student Advocacy Outreach Team was able to disseminate the views and ideals of FPA to over 400 students from all 7 schools of pharmacy in Florida. Student Advocacy Outreach Team also fortified the call-to-action from FPA in the student population, where it was previously lacking. In doing so, Student Advocacy Outreach Team increased the awareness of pharmacy related bills in the Florida House and Senate which bolstered our stance and strengthened our arguments. In all, our goals are to maximize the quantity of student pharmacists being informed and to increase motivation to act on FPA's viewpoints of legislation, which pertain to the profession of pharmacy and the capacity of the pharmacist in healthcare. We united the schools in a way that has not been as visible or as effective and we are convinced this is a much better opportunity for leadership and building a pipeline of students that will remain engaged in advocacy efforts into professional practice. We plan to connect with local unit affiliation near our campuses to further enhance the calls to action that are imperative to changing and protecting our profession.

Background

Last year (2018), students from the University of South Florida College of Pharmacy attended the Florida Legislative Days and Health Fair, along with students from all over the state. A few students from USF COP developed a passion for advocacy and began tracking the FPA target Bills, such as 'Test and Treat' and 'Remote Dispensing'. This group developed resources (scripts and excel sheets) that tracked voting, calls to action, emails, and issues through the entire legislative session. These students called themselves the Student Advocacy Outreach Team (SAOT). When a target bill was going before a committee, the Team would reach out to the other students at USF for action to broaden the influx of pharmacy messaging to legislators. The students would send emails and call the committee members either in support or in opposition of the proposed bill/language. Due to the previous lack of consistent student involvement outside of the legislative days event, and the impact that this Team has provided, the Student Advocacy Outreach Team was recognized as an Ad-Hoc subcommittee by the current President of the FPA, under the oversight of the Governmental Affairs Committee (GAC) of Florida Pharmacy Association (FPA).

This year (2019), Student Advocacy Outreach Team was able to expand with the influence of FPA President and support of the leadership, from a local chapter to a statewide force across all seven schools of pharmacy. Student Advocacy Outreach Team quickly realized that by incorporating active members from each school of pharmacy to act as representatives (from FPA members out of the top student organizations: APhA, NCPA, SNPhA and SSHP) that the dissemination of information became increasingly rapid and more reliable. Together, the Team scheduled and organized all of the student legislative visits this for the most recent Legislative Days and drastically increased in the visibility in a much more organized fashion than previously reported and experienced. This restructuring aligned with the Strategic Plan and vision of the President, along with the priorities and process of the Governmental Affairs Committee Chair. The Student Advocacy Outreach Team worked directly with the Chair of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Dr. Eric Larson, and leadership from FSHP, to get updates from the lobbyists, listen to Governmental Affairs Committee calls, and implement statewide calls for action. The

schools remained engaged the entire 10 weeks of the legislative session and have already begin discussing processes for improvement for the January session 2020. The Team continued to track bills as they went through committees, including how each committee member voted to evaluate for needed education and outreach of legislators at the local levels.

FPA Fiscal Impact -

COMMENT:

2019-25

Membership Bonus

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WHEREAS, this resolution is to show appreciation to current members of the Florida Pharmacy Association and to show all pharmacist and technicians here in Florida the benefit of being an active member of this association.

Whereas, the financial obligation of association membership and C.E. costs for pharmacists and technicians are becoming challenging.

WHEREAS, having to choose which associations to become a member or members of is difficult.

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the FPA or subdivision of the FPA allow active members only of the FPA to obtain the mandatory continuing education credits of "Validation of Prescriptions for Controlled Substances" and "Reducing Medication Errors" at no charge if the active member has registered and attends an FPA sponsored C.E. conference or convention.

PROBLEM: The advantage of being part of the Florida Pharmacy Association should have outstanding benefits for its members. Obtaining the mandatory C.E. credits that are required by our State at no charge is an opportunity to reward those who have decided to become active members. It would also show those pharmacists and technicians who are not members the profit of becoming a member of the Florida Pharmacy Association.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Validation of Prescriptions for Controlled Substances" and "Reducing Medication Errors" is required for licensing renewal of pharmacists in the State of Florida. Active members of the FPA should not be required to pay the additional charges for these two C.E. classes as opposed to non-members who are attending the C.E. conference and/or convention and who should be required to pay for these two C.E. classes.

INTENT: To give a profound benefit to active members and to ultimately increase the total membership of the Florida Pharmacy Association for financial and legislative lawmaking strength.

2019-26

Pharmacist Role in Physician Assisted Death

Alachua County Association of Pharmacists

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WHEREAS, Many regions in North America are passing laws regarding physician assisted death with various roles and responsibilities for the pharmacist, if they are even mentioned.

WHEREAS, Some of these laws do not include a team approach, including roles for willing pharmacists or exemptions for pharmacists who conscientiously object

AND WHEREAS, this resolution was passed in the house July 2018:

“Therefore, be it resolved that the FPA or Subdivision of FPA: convene a working group including pharmacists in various areas of practice, specialties and views on this topic to draft a position paper that supports both an active role for pharmacists that want to participate but also affirm a pharmacist’s right to decline participation in filling; or educating on the use of medications for the purpose of inducing death and participating with no professional repercussions. The position paper will be presented for approval by the House of Delegates summer 2019.

And be it resolved further, therefore, that if legislation is introduced at the state level, FPA will be proactive in getting legislators to include language supported by the position paper into the proposed law.”

THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that since the Professional Affairs committee did not complete the position paper by summer 2019, that they be given a deadline extension to continue the work that was started.

PROBLEM: The resolution passed last year was not completed and since the President has indicated that he supports conscience clauses, this may not be urgent but may surface again in a future legislative time and we must be ready. Also, it could lead to expanded roles for pharmacists in this area for those who wish to participate.

INTENT: APhA does not have a position paper on this and ASHP has a position of neutrality. However in some laws the role of the pharmacist is not mentioned while in others it is considered professional misconduct if the pharmacist refuses to fill the prescription, and can put licensure in jeopardy. Florida currently prohibits this practice in statute 782.08, however it is becoming popular and could be overturned. Florida pharmacists need to be protected no matter how they stand on this issue as well as our scope of practice be upheld or enhanced with these types of services.

2019-27

Consultant Pharmacist Reviews

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WHEREAS, the provision of health care is evolving and changing; it is imperative that the Florida Pharmacy Association continue its historically proactive role in supporting roles for pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the only state to have a formal licensure of pharmacists as Consultant Pharmacists; and

WHEREAS, the protection of Florida citizens is best achieved by verifying and monitoring medication storage, expiration dating, purchase records, appropriate use, potential adverse drug events, destruction and waste, accountability and handling of both controlled and non-controlled medications, etc.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florida Pharmacy Association pursue and support legislation that would require consultant pharmacist services at Adult Congregate Living Facilities; Urgent Care Centers; Endoscopy Centers; walk in clinics, urgent diagnostic care and treatment facilities as well as medical centers for plastic surgery, gastrointestinal care or any other facility developed for the delivery of health care that is staffed by physicians and/or other licensed or unlicensed practitioners where prescription drugs are stored, used and/or administered.

Intent: To ensure correctness of storage, use, administration of medications in any health facility or medications administered by licensed or unlicensed practitioners to citizens of the State of Florida are monitored/reviewed by Florida Consultant Pharmacists

2019-28

Florida Pharmacists Dispense Oral Contraceptives Pills without a Prescription

Palm Beach County Pharmacist Association

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WHEREAS, the Florida laws currently require a prescription for dispensing oral contraceptives to women, and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 10 U.S. jurisdictions with statutes or regulations that allow pharmacists to prescribe contraceptives (without a CPA): California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and West Virginia, and many other states near passing such laws, permitting pharmacists to dispense hormone-based oral contraceptive pills after completing a training program developed by their State Boards of Pharmacy, and

WHEREAS, customers must first complete and submit to the pharmacist a self-screening tool developed by the Federal Centers for Disease Control & Prevention that identifies risk factors for the use of hormonal contraceptives, and

WHEREAS, that a pharmacist could turn down a request for birth control if the information in the form suggests hormone-based contraceptives could pose a health risk,

WHEREAS, the FPA HOD reviewed, supported, & adopted resolution 2016-7, identical to this, but was unable to successfully complete any further activity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the FPA shall support the legislation to permit Florida licensed Pharmacists to initiate hormone-based oral contraceptive medications after completing a Florida Board of Pharmacy approved training program.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA advocate changes to public policies to allow pharmacists to provide oral contraceptive services.

Problem: As forms of contraceptives have advanced and modernized, the way women access most forms of birth control pills has not, as well as the high volume of sales of O.T.C. medications such as RU486, "morning after pill", & similar chemicals. Also, considering the new current changes to abortion laws in many states.

Intent: To make family planning easier and less expensive for people who lack insurance, have trouble getting a medical appointment or can't take time off of work to see the doctor, and pharmacist being so highly accessible, thus helping the public's health, wellness and safety.