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ROLL CALL

**STATEMENT CONCERNING THE
ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Scott will appoint a nominating committee for elections which will take place at the July meeting.

MINUTES

Approval of the May 14, 2014, 2013 Open Board
Minutes

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing Scheduled

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OLD BUSINESS

Unified Mental Health Privilege

Superior Court Rules of Evidence

The Board will recall that a Department of Law task force about two years ago provided comments at the request of a Supreme Court Committee considering a unified privilege. A draft proposal has now been released, with comments requested.

The Executive committee recommended that the proposal be clarified so that the privilege applies to all physicians licensed by the BME, e.g., pediatricians, as well as Midwives. While the CNMs may be included within the definition of nurse, the Committee wanted to make sure that Certified Midwives and Certified Professional Midwives who are permitted to practice well women care fall within the ambit of the privilege. Similarly, physician assistants need to be included.

IMMUNIZATIONS BY PHARMACISTS

Attached are documents regarding amendments to BME rules on immunizations by pharmacists based on the new law that allows pharmacists to give the flu vaccine to children. It appears that all the Board has to do is update its citation to pharmacy rules. Documents attached include: P.L. 2013, c. 254 which authorizes child flu vaccinations by pharmacists; Text of changes to 13:35-6.26, the Board's rule on pharmacist vaccinations; Text of the rule the Pharmacy Board

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is doing on this, N.J.A.C. 13:39-4.21A and the existing pharmacy rule on vaccinations, 13:39-4.21 are all attached.

The Executive Committee approved the drafts and suggested that the Board of Pharmacy included a requirement in the protocol that if adverse event needs to be reported to delegating physician that it be reported within 24 hours.

INFORMATIONAL

Attached is the posting from the BME website concerning the New Prescription Blank regulations. Also attached is the vendor list from May 23, 2014, which is also posted.

PUBLIC COMMENT