

# REPORT FROM THE PHARMACEUTICAL TECHNICIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## Meeting held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 in Reno, Nevada

- 1) National certification
  - a. The Committee recommends waiting for the results and recommendations of NABP's task force on this issue.
- 2) Technician reciprocity
  - a. There exists at least one pharmacy tech ON LINE training course which may result in a nationally certified pharmaceutical technician who has never worked in a pharmacy (i.e.: zero practical experience because it is not required for completion of this course).
  - b. A resident of another state can (and has) completed this course, then reciprocated to Nevada (we recently had to license a resident of Idaho who took an online course, became nationally certified, and licensed in Idaho, then moved to Nevada; She became licensed in Nevada as a "full" technician and had never set foot in a pharmacy!)
  - c. Our law for residents requires 1500 hours of supervised training or 500 hours with school and/or passing the PTCB.
  - d. The Advisory Committee recommends closing this "loop".
- 3) VA Technicians
  - a. Currently, VA pharmacy technicians cannot become registered in Nevada if they receive their training at the VA. The VA training program is modeled after the military training program (which the Board does recognize) and is certainly comparable, if not superior, to many training programs.
  - b. The Advisory Committee recommends that the Board recognize the VA Pharmaceutical Technician training program so that those PT's can become registered with the Board.
- 4) Tech school issues
  - a. The Board remains troubled by the number of PTT's who have completed, or are in the midst of their schooling in one of the PT programs, and must appear before the Board due to past criminal or drug related issues.
  - b. The Advisory Committee is recommending that an applicant to a PT Training school make application for his or her PTT license upon entering the training program or no later than 30 days after beginning that program.
  - c. This would afford the student the knowledge that he or she is "licensable" prior to spending the money and effort to complete the program.