

## July 2017 Meeting Minutes

### Request for Reinstatement of Voluntary Surrendered Pharmacist License – Appearance:

Derek Sapone

Derek Sapone appeared and was sworn by President Basch prior to answering questions or offering testimony.

Mr. Kandt presented a timeline regarding Mr. Sapone's licensure and disciplinary actions in other states.

Mr. Sapone explained that in 2009 he became addicted to hydrocodone and was entered into a 3 month inpatient treatment program. He explained that he did not disclose this matter on an NABP application which lead to his discipline and voluntary surrender of his license in multiple states including Nevada.

Mr. Sapone answered questions to the Board's satisfaction regarding his current employment, perjury on an application and his recovery.

Board discussion ensued regarding having PRN-PRN in Nevada evaluate Mr. Sapone.

The Board offered Mr. Sapone the option of tabling his application until a future meeting to allow him time to be evaluated by PRN-PRN.

The Board tabled Mr. Sapone's Application at his request.



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July 24, 2017

Derek A. Sapone  
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*Re: Application for Reinstatement of Certificate of Registration as Pharmacist*

Dear Mr. Sapone:

This will confirm that the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy (Board) has deferred any action on your application for reinstatement of your certificate of registration as a pharmacist pending receipt of a positive report from Larry Espadero or another qualified person with the Pharmacists Recovery Network, (also known as PRN-PRN), indicating that you are in compliance with your PRN-PRN program and can safely practice in Nevada. Mr. Espadero's contact information is as follows:

Larry Espadero, LADC  
Director of Chemical Dependence  
Montevista Hospital  
5900 W. Rochelle Avenue  
Las Vegas, NV 89103  
Phone: 702-251-1377  
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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 775-850-1440 or [bkandt@pharmacy.nv.gov](mailto:bkandt@pharmacy.nv.gov).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Brett Kandt".

Brett Kandt  
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Nevada State Board of Pharmacy