

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2014

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: Room EW20

MEMBERS: Chairman Wood(27), Vice Chairman Perry, Representatives Hancey, Henderson, Hixon, Malek, Morse, Romrell, Vander Woude, Rusche, Chew

**ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None

GUESTS: Mark Johnston, BOP; Kristyn Kirschenman, Risch-Pisca; Ken McClure, IMA; Ron Hodge, IMA/PRN; Elizabeth Criner, ISDA/Pfizer

Chairman Wood(27) called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

MOTION: **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 15, January 16, and January 17, 2014, meetings. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

H 348: **Mark Johnston**, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, presented **H 348**, legislation that allows distribution of an individual's Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) information to their designee. It is easy to include a signed designee authorization among the other contracts Physicians Recovery Network (PRN) enrollees complete. This will allow recovery of information that could help during recovery periods. Responding to a question, Mr. Johnston stated that they envision a simple notarized designee form.

Ken McClure, Attorney, Idaho Medical Association (IMA), testified **in support of H 348**, stating that this will be a useful tool to validate that a substance abuse impaired physician or nurse practitioner is, in fact, clean.

Ron Hodge, Attorney, Representing the IMA and its Physician Recovery Network (PRN), testified **in support of H 348**. He described the PRN as a peer assistance entity within the IMA that was formed in 1986 under Idaho Title 54, Chapter 44. Among the services they provide are advocating and monitoring those participating in the recovery program. Entrance to the program can be either at the direction of the Board of Medicine or voluntary. Upon return from a treatment facility, a five-year contract with the PRN is signed. At that point the individuals are monitored at their workplace, which means they must inform coworkers and the hospital of their situation. They must submit to drug screenings and attend Alcoholics Anonymous and group meetings. Previously participants have not been forthcoming reporting what prescription or over-the-counter drugs they are taking. This is part of their recovery program; however, when not in recovery, there is substantial opportunity to withhold this information. This provides third party objective resource access and will change lives in the future.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to send **H 348** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Chew** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 349: **Mark Johnston** presented **H 349**, that accomplishes their statutory requirement to update Idaho's schedule of controlled substances annually. Added to schedules are: Two designer steroids, Prostanazol and Methasterone listed in Schedule III; One depressant, Alfaxalone, listed in Schedule IV and used as an anesthetic in veterinary medicine; and, Lorcaserin, a substance listed for weight loss in Schedule IV.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to send **H 349** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Chew** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

H 350: **Mark Johnston** presented **H 350**. He explained the Board's expanding responsibilities, which include the Idaho Wholesale Drug Distribution Act that mandates distribution of drugs only to a person licensed by the Board of other appropriate licensing authority. This legislation requires a wholesale distributor only furnish controlled substances to those who possess a DEA AND an Idaho controlled substance registration. It also expands the definition of state licensure to include the US Territories.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to send **H 350** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Chew** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary