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## President's Message

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Happy (almost) Spring, KSHHP members!

I would venture to say that most of you find yourselves quite busy this time of year, the height of activity in the residency lifecycle. Rest assured, KSHHP has found itself quite busy as well, as it is also the height of activity within the legislative lifecycle.

Professional advocacy has long been a vital part of KSHHP's mission to serve our members and patients in Kentucky. However, public policy is a language that most pharmacists do not feel comfortable speaking; it involves topics that are not emphasized in school curriculum, and skills that cannot be tested with a multiple choice exam.

KSHHP leaders identified the need to strengthen our Society's knowledge of and activity related to professional advocacy efforts in 2017, when we added a goal to develop a legislative agenda to our strategic plan. I am extremely proud of the excellent work that is being done in committee and at the Board

level that speaks toward achieving this goal.

The Committee on Public Policy, led by chair Logan Roberts and Board liaison Scott Hayes, is dedicated to laying a strong foundation for this work. After much thought and discussion, they have proposed a workflow for KSHHP members and committees to propose public policy statements and recommendations; this workflow has been reviewed, discussed and ultimately approved by the Board, and is included later in this newsletter for your reference.

The Committee, which now consists of 12 members from across the state and with varying practice sites and professional backgrounds, has been meeting at least monthly to monitor healthcare-related legislation so that KSHHP can be prepared to take action on behalf of our members if necessary.

Rest assured, the Board does not take its public policy responsibilities lightly, and is committed to making sure that we represent our members' interests as best we can – and to always keeping the best interest of our patients at the heart of every decision we are asked to

make. We are also committed to transparency and to improving communication regarding professional advocacy issues to our membership, as evidenced by utilizing this edition of the newsletter to highlight public policy information and recent activity.

Along with keeping up with the current legislative session and strengthening our public policy backbone, KSHP leaders have also been busy planning several upcoming events. We hope to see as many health-systems as possible represented at our **Practice**

**Advancement Initiative (PAI)**

**Workshop** on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We also hope to see many of our members and colleagues in attendance at the **Kentucky Opioid Summit**, which will be held in collaboration with the Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA) and our colleges of pharmacy on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Details are being finalized for our annual **Spring Meeting**, held in partnership with the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We've also confirmed initial details for our annual **Fall Meeting** – keep reading to find our official “Save the Date”!

Despite the busyness that this season brings for most of us, I do hope that you continue reading this newsletter today – and that you also make time to become informed on the public policy issues that have a potential to impact your practice and your patients. As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any of our leaders directly should you have any questions about professional advocacy or any other past, present, or future KSHP endeavors. I hope to see you all at our upcoming events this spring!

## Board Actions January & February 2018

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The full KSHP Board met on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> & Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> via conference call and a meeting locations at Sullivan College of Pharmacy and Lexington. The following decisions were made at that time:

- The Board approved the Campbell House as the venue for the 2019 KSHP Fall meeting to be held on November 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Lexington, KY.
- The Public Policy Committee presented the workflow for public policy statements and recommendations as well as a formal policy to the Board. This policy and workflow were approved by the Board. The Committee also created a standardized member/committee recommendation submission form.

## Kentucky Opioid Summit

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### March 30

In collaboration with the Kentucky Pharmacists Association (KPhA), the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy, and Sullivan University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, we are pleased to invite you to attend the Kentucky Opioid Summit on Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Four Points Sheraton in Lexington.

Supported by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy Drug Abuse Awareness grant, this event aims to provide insight into the ongoing opioid crisis within our state and to offer potential strategies to fight it.

Registration is \$35; please refer to <https://www.kphanet.org/kentucky-opioid-summit> for registration and agenda details.



## Updates from the KSHHP Public Policy Committee

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### SPRING MEETING

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Join us for an exciting and robust collaborative learning experience with the Kentucky Hospital Association (KHA) and KSHHP on Friday May 10th, 2019 at the Lexington Convention Center in Lexington, KY. The meeting is expected to attract at least 600 attendees including pharmacists and hospital administrators.

The focus of this special spring meeting will be on the Opioid Epidemic- an issue that impacts Health-System pharmacists throughout Kentucky.

#### Meeting highlights:

- 3 hours of KHA/KSHHP joint morning programming including keynote speaker Sam Quinones, Author of "Dreamland"
- KSHHP Poster presentations
- An afternoon of KSHHP-Specific programming including topics such as opioid stewardship and systems quality

For more information and to register for this special event, please click [here](#).

We hope to see you there!

Necessary changes or policies are being continually developed and prior to the 2019 Kentucky legislative session, it was noted that KSHHP has no formalized process to provide statements and recommendations. Since that time, the KSHHP public policy committee has been busy creating a workflow for the approval of KSHHP policy statements and recommendations along with the help of the executive committee and board of directors. The policy committee's procedure gained approval by the KSHHP Board in February 2019. The full procedure will be posted on the KSHHP website in the near future and an overview of this procedure may be seen below.

The Kentucky legislative session began in January and legislators will only spend a total of 30 days in session. The 2019 legislative session will end on March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. During the legislative session, the public policy committee has spent much of their time watching for new statutes and regulations that may require KSHHP action and have added these to a list of other topics to monitor to create list of legislative topics of interest. The KSHHP policy committee has then taken these legislative topics of interest and drafted KSHHP position statements based on ASHP position statements along with additional data. If necessary, the public policy committee will utilize the new procedure (see overview shown below) to develop these position statements concerning pertinent legislation.

Members may have noted the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy (KYBOP) Hazardous Drug Compounding (HDC) Committee posted recommendations for the implementation of USP <800> and currently has an open comment period for the two options. In response to this post, the KSHHP Public Policy Committee distributed a survey

to KSHHP members back in January to assess what members thought about the two options. After compiling the results of the survey, the KSHHP Public Policy Committee drafted a formal response to send to the KYBOP HDC Committee based on survey results. The formal response will be sent out by the end of this month to ensure comments are received before the March 31, 2019 deadline.

To further ensure better access to policy materials, members may look forward to seeing an updated website page specifically for public policy in the near future! The KSHHP Public Policy Committee hopes to include summaries of current legislation for KSHHP members, KSHHP recommendations, and other helpful links to guide members on educated advocacy. Through formal KSHHP policy statements, recommendations, and education, such as the recommendation to the KYBOP HDC Committee, KSHHP hopes to ensure the voices of our members are heard and that KSHHP can help members to easily navigate the complicated waters of public policy and advocacy.

#### Legislation Lookout

- [House Bill 218](#): AN ACT relating to dialysate solutions and devices ("Baxter Bill")

Member Take-Away: This bill will allow out-of-state manufacturers to directly dispense dialysate solutions to patients/patient designees, hospitals, and health care providers in Kentucky upon receipt of a physician's prescription by a Kentucky licensed pharmacy and the transmittal of an order from the Kentucky licensed pharmacy to the manufacturer.

- [Senate Bill 69](#): AN ACT relating to syringe exchange

Member Take-Away: This bill will require syringes and needles to be exchanged on a 1 to 1 basis at syringe exchange locations.

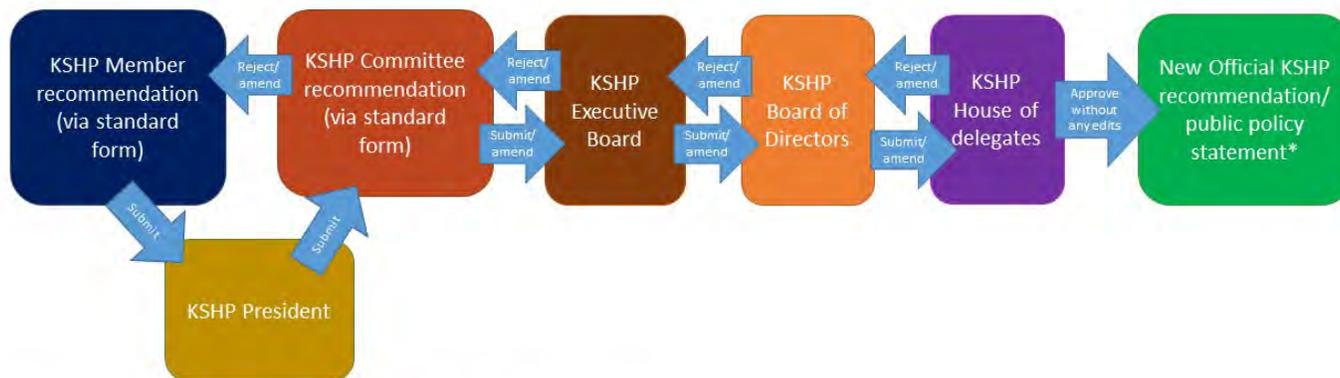
- [House Bill 93](#): AN ACT relating to physician assistants

Member Take-Away: This bill will allow physician assistant similar controlled substance prescribing rights as nurse practitioners with a limit to prescribing hydrocodone products for no more than 72 hours.

- [House Bill 64](#): AN act relating to pharmacists



## KSHP Recommendations and Public Policy Statements and Workflow



\*Recommendations and Public Policy Statements with “critical” urgency may bypass the KSHP House of Delegates with a majority vote by the KSHP Board of Directors

**Member Take-Away:** This bill will allow pharmacists to dispense greater than a 72 hour supply of maintenance medications for insulin or medications used to treat chronic respiratory diseases if the standard unit of dispensing for the drug exceeds a 72 hour supply.

For further information on current legislation, you can select this [link](#) to visit the Kentucky general assembly website. You can also track bills through the [Kentucky Bill Watch](#) program by simply creating an account.

### How Can I Help?

If you have any suggestions in regards to policies you believe KSHP needs to take a stand on or policies KSHP should look out for, you can submit a standardized form located on the KSHP website to [president@kshp.org](mailto:president@kshp.org). One of the best ways to help advocate for your profession is by contacting your representatives and senators! If you don't know who your legislator is, you can quickly find out through this [link](#). In addition, to contacting your legislator, you can click on this [link](#) to send your legislator an e-mail. If you're not keen on contacting your legislator, another great way to advocate for your profession is to exercise your right to vote!

## Meet Your Members

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*This article features a pharmacy student who has generated professional and personal questions to help both students and pharmacists get to know KSHP members from across the Commonwealth!*

Chasity is a fourth year student at the University of Kentucky College

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Joshua Pruitt, Pharm.D., is a 2014 graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Pharmacy. He completed at PGY1 at St. Thomas West in Nashville, Tennessee. Currently, he is the PGY1 Pharmacy Residency Program Director and Pharmacy Clinical Coordinator at Baptist Health Madisonville.

*What is the most challenging aspect of pharmacy in a couple words?*

**Josh:** Patience, it takes time to build relationships and make a meaningful impact.

**Chasity:** Expanding other's perception of a pharmacist

*One piece of advice for a future pharmacist?*

**Josh:** Don't be afraid of change, be flexible as you will experience lots of change, and sometimes you will need to be the agent of change.

**Chasity:** Complete a variety of different rotations so you know what you're looking for when it comes to your career.

*What is a common misconception about what work you do?*

**Josh:** Count pills and fill bottles all day. Lots of people are surprised when they find out I don't count any pills.

**Chasity:** I get a lot of people asking if I just count to five or stay on hold on the phone all day.

*What hobby would you do if time or money weren't an option?*

**Josh:** Get my pilot's license and travel the world. I have so much that I want to see!

**Chasity:** Golf at different courses across the nation, so that I could do something I enjoy while seeing new places.

*What fictional place would you like to go to?*

**Josh:** A galaxy far, far away – post-rebel victory of course.

**Chasity:** Gotham City - Batman is my favorite!

*What would be your ideal way to spend a weekend?*

**Josh:** Something outdoors, probably on the water like fishing with my family, or taking a hike.

**Chasity:** My ideal weekend would either include a country concert, a trip to the lake, or a trip to a different city with some friends!

*What is the most impressive thing you know how to do?*

**Josh:** I can change a diaper on a moving toddler, a life changing accomplishment.

**Chasity:** I used to be a softball pitcher up until high school, which I think is pretty impressive because I don't know if I could even pitch a strike now.

