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MONTANA PHARMACY ASSOCIATION NEW CHAIR - LOGAN TINSEN



The Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) officially selected pharmacist Logan Tinsen as the association's new Chair during their Annual Business Meeting on May 29th. Logan is originally from Centerville, Montana and is currently the Clinical Coordinator and PGY1 Residency Program Director at Benefis Hospitals in

Great Falls. not working, you can find him spending time with his wife and two daughters enjoying all Montana has to offer.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At this year's annual MPA meeting the membership also announced the selection and seating of three new board members. They include Shawn Patrick, Director of Pharmacy for Community Health Partners of Livingston, MT, Eric Ward, Pharmacy Manager/Owner at the Gary & Leo's HealthMart Pharmacy in Havre, MT, and Daniel Stockton, our new MPA Student Representative. Congratulations and welcome to the team. ■

Great Falls.

Logan is a 2013 graduate of The University of Montana with a diverse professional background. While attending school he gained retail experience as an intern at Shopko pharmacy. Upon graduation Logan completed a PGY1 residency with Benefis Hospitals in Great Falls. As part of his residency project he campaigned for the expansion of critical care pharmacy to the Emergency Department (ED) and, shortly after being hired full-time at Benefis, saw his project come to fruition. Logan recently transitioned to his current position at Benefis.

Logan is an active member on MPA's Health-Systems Academy and has worked diligently with other executive committee members to organize the Spring seminar. He has also given various presentations at MPA meetings. In 2017 he was recognized as MPA's Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year for his contributions in advancing the field of pharmacy. When Logan is



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PHARMACY EDUCATION UPDATE

Marketa Marvanova, Dean, UM Skaggs School of Pharmacy



I would like to thank to the Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA) for this opportunity to introduce myself and to speak briefly about the Skaggs School of Pharmacy priorities and my vision for the future of pharmacy education in our state.

I'm excited to be part of the University of Montana and have

shortly learned that there is exceeding talent and dedication in the School. I'm also very grateful to have been entrusted by the University, College, School and the state to provide leadership for this most worthy of endeavors.

I was born and raised in the Czech Republic; and am the only "black (or brave) sheep" to move first to Finland for graduate school and later in 2004 across the Atlantic. I'm trained as both a pharmacologist/neuropharmacologist and a clinical pharmacist with specialty in psychiatry, neurology and geriatrics, a Board-Certified Psychiatric and Geriatric Pharmacist and Fellow of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. I completed graduate education in the Czech Republic and Finland, and additional research, clinical and postgraduate training from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville and Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago. I have been practicing in a variety of inpatient and outpatient pharmacy practice settings over the past 20 years. Prior to coming to the University of Montana on February 24, 2020, I served as Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice at North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo. Previously, I have served as a faculty member in Departments of both Pharmacy Practice and Pharmaceutical Sciences, developed and taught variety of science and clinical courses, practiced as a clinical faculty and precepted students, developed ambulatory and inpatient clinical services, and was involved in bench lab research, clinical studies, and community-based outcome research.

In my free time, I love to spend my time with my husband Paul and

our two dogs, Kimi and Pinkman. We are truly enjoying Missoula and its surroundings, taking advantage of the beautiful nature, the outstanding hiking opportunities, and the friendly, hard-working forward-thinking residents.

My professional goals for the Skaggs School of Pharmacy are to continue the legacy of outstanding leadership and accomplishment of the PharmD and graduate programs and to foster innovative and locally-relevant scholarship including health outreach and services in the community. Thinking long term, it is important for us to engage in grounded strategic planning, innovative thinking, and diligent fundraising activity, collaborations among faculty, staff, students, and with alumni, donors and external partners to build and enhance the School's infrastructure, functions, resources, and value to the Montana pharmacy community of professions and consumers to ensure: 1) continued provision of high-quality student experiences and education, 2) successful program accreditation, and 3) the ability of the School to expand and refine educational offerings to meet current needs of pharmacy profession as well as biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. This will require scholarship, outreach and interprofessional experiences and collaboration, not only among faculty, staff and students of the School of Pharmacy, but also faculty from different departments within the College and across the University.

My tenure as Dean has begun with a trial by fire: existing fiscal challenges, accreditation, and COVID-19 impact on higher education and populations served. It is critical we ensure sound, strategic, fiscally-responsible use of resources to ensure needs of the faculty, staff and students are met in our quest to maintain a top-flight School of Pharmacy. It is also critical that we build long-term strategies for marketing of our programs to students who are looking to complete a high-quality health professional education to make a difference in their communities. This will require diligence and commitment of all those involved, but I am confident that we, as a School, can continue to ensure excellence in education, discovery and advancement of evidence-based use of medicines and other interventions to enhance the vitality and quality of life for Montanans.

I sincerely look forward to meeting MPA leadership and members and to collaborate on advocacy and education for pharmacy professionals in hopes that together we can increase quality of and support for the pharmacy profession in my new home, Montana. ■



LEGAL ACTION FILED IN MISSOULA DISTRICT COURT TO ALLOW PHYSICIAN DISPENSING

On June 12th the Institute For Justice, located in Arlington, Virginia filed a lawsuit along with three Montana physicians, to overturn Montana's current restrictions prohibiting doctors from dispensing directly to their patients. Similar legal efforts are evidently being pursued by the Institute For Justice in Texas and other states that prohibit physician dispensing.

Specifically, the case in Montana was filed as a Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief in Missoula's Fourth District Court.

MPA OPPOSITION PLANNING UNDERWAY:

Shortly after this case was filed, MPA policy leaders met to discuss and share concerns about this unfortunate legal action that is opposed by your state association. MPA reasons for opposing this concept are summarized in the Resolution 8, "Support for Current Dispensing Laws," that was passed by the MPA Board on May 28th. We should add ASHP and other national affiliates have reached out to MPA to offer assistance in responding.

It has been agreed to seek additional information that will allow us to appropriately respond, and to find out more from our affiliates on how they can collaborate with us moving forward to oppose this effort. ■

MPA PASSES NINE POLICY RESOLUTIONS AT ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

At the 2020 Annual MPA Business Meeting members heard a report on the nine policy resolutions that had been adopted by the full MPA Board. These resolutions will now serve as a guide in helping the MPA board and legislative committee as they prepare for the upcoming Montana Legislative Session that begins in January of 2021 and for future sessions.

THE NINE MPA POLICY RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED COVER THE FOLLOWING:

1. Support for System Enhancement to Expand Use of Prescription Drug Registry;
2. Support for Pharmacy Technicians & Policy Collaboration;
3. Provider Status and Payment for Pharmacists Clinical Services;
4. Medicaid Reimbursements Expanded to Reimburse for Additional Services;
5. Support for Pharmacy Integrity Legislation-License PBMs for regulation;
6. Support for Including Pharmacist in Disaster Preparedness;
7. Support for Changes to Address Drug Supply Shortages;
8. Support for Current Dispensing Law;
9. Support for Workplace Reform. ■





APhA WELL-BEING SURVEY

MONTANA TIES FOR 20TH HIGHEST

Over the past few months APhA has been conducting a Pharmacist Well-being Index Survey of all states and Washington DC. With the increased stress facing pharmacists during the pandemic, APhA thought pharmacists would benefit from seeing how the distress percent ranking for each state. Below is the data slide from the report for Montana. ■



PHARMACISTS WELL-BEING INDEX State Distress Percent *

July 2020



As of July 6, 2020, the Montana distress percent was 37.04% (tied for 20th highest) with 23 assessors. On this same date, the CDC reported 1,249 COVID-19 cases in your state (3rd lowest in the US).

June 2020



As of June 6, 2020, the Montana distress percent was 36.00% (25th highest) with 22 assessors. On this same date, the CDC reported 540 COVID-19 cases in your state (2nd lowest in the US).



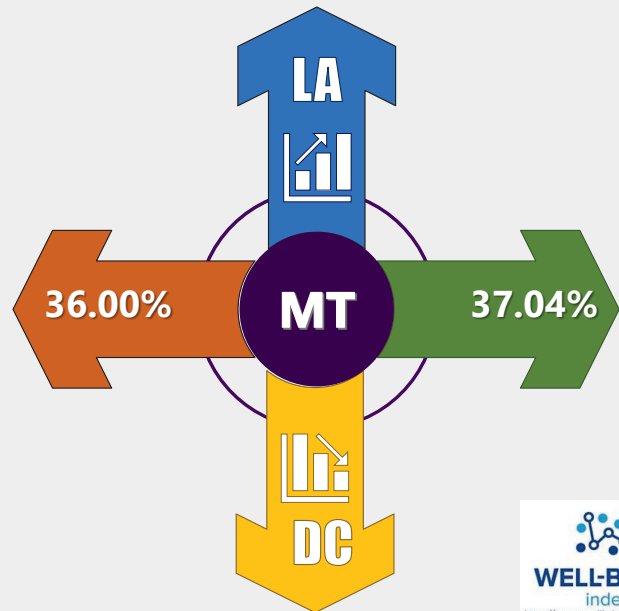
State Comparison

As of July 6, 2020



Louisiana ranks with the highest distress percent of 55.74% (n=46).

Washington, DC has the lowest 19.05% (n=17)



*Distress Percent is the percentage of individuals with a Pharmacist Well-Being Index (WBI) score ≥ 5 . It measures the percent of individuals that are at a high level of distress.

NOTE: MPA IS CURRENTLY DOING A MEMBERSHIP (CONFIDENTIAL) SURVEY THAT INCLUDES WELL-BEING QUESTIONS. IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO YET, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO LOOK FOR OUR E-MAILS AND THE CHANCE TO RESPOND.

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PHARMACY TECHNICIAN SPOTLIGHT

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WHERE DO YOU WORK AND WHAT IS YOUR POSITION?

I work as the Lead Compounding Technician at Alpine Apothecary in Whitefish.

WHAT MOTIVATED YOU TO BECOME A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN? WHY DID YOU BECOME CERTIFIED?

I started working as a Pharmacy Technician back in 1993 in Washington state. Honestly, I didn't realize I wanted this career path until the opportunity fell into my lap. Over

the past 27 years, I've enjoyed working in both retail and hospital settings. I've also enjoyed being a part of the Pyxis Implementation Committee at Multicare-Good Samaritan Hospital. I became certified upon moving to Montana in 2017.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT BEING AN MPA MEMBER?

I appreciate the advocacy of the association for the professional interests of pharmacists and technicians.

WHAT IS YOUR LATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

Since joining Alpine Apothecary a year ago, I've not only learned and expanded my knowledge of non-sterile compounding, but have become the Lead Compounding Technician.

WHAT ARE YOUR PASSIONS OUTSIDE OF WORK?

I love spending time with family. I'm married with three children and two grandchildren. I love to travel, enjoy the water, kayaking, hiking and lots of sunshine!

WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR OTHER PHARMACY TECHNICIANS?

My advice to other Pharmacy Technicians is to continue learning all you can and find your niche. The Pharmacy world is constantly changing and bringing new opportunities for you to explore. ■



BOARD OF PHARMACY FAQ – INTERNS/PRECEPTORS/TECHNICIAN IN TRAINING

HOW LONG DOES AN INTERN HAVE TO COMPLETE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PHARMACIST LICENSE?

The Intern license shall expire not later than 12 months after the date of graduation or at the time of professional licensure, whichever comes first.

HOW LONG DOES A PHARMACIST HAVE TO PRACTICE TO BE APPROVED AS A PRECEPTOR?

A pharmacist has to be actively engaged in the practice of

pharmacy for one year, unless approved by the Board. A form is provided on the website. Proof of completion of a training course is required.

DOES AN APPLICATION FOR A TECHNICIAN-IN-TRAINING NEED TO INCLUDE THE THREE PERSONAL CHARACTER REFERENCES?

The three personal character references are required to be submitted before a technician-in-training becomes certified as a technician. ■

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MPA HEALTH-SYSTEMS ACADEMY UPDATES

Logan Tinsen, Chair

SPRING SEMINAR:

This is where I usually update the members on the great success of the Spring Seminar. However, this year COVID-19 had other plans for our Spring Seminar. After careful thought and consideration, the Health-Systems academy decided to cancel this year for the safety of our members. Unfortunately, this did not allow pharmacy residents from across the state to present the results of their year-long projects in preparation for the Mountain States and Northwest Residency Conferences held in Salt Lake City and Portland. However, these conferences were held virtually.

The Spring Seminar planning committee is already meeting and planning on providing a great meeting for next year. We will be considering a virtual option if COVID-19 is a problem again next year. Stay tuned for more information to follow.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the 7th annual Spring Seminar scheduled for April 23rd and 24th, 2020.

MONTANA REPRESENTATIVES ATTEND THE ASHP HOUSE OF DELEGATES:

Jason Nickisch and Hugh Easley represented their Montana constituents in the ASHP House of Delegates in a live virtual format on June 7th – 9th due to COVID-19. The House of Delegates serves as the ultimate authority on ASHP policies which reflect the organization's professional stance on topics that effect pharmacy and safe medication use.

The MPA Health-Systems Academy will hold the next election for one alternate delegate this fall. The newly elected delegate will serve a three-year term starting in the alternate position, transitioning into the junior delegate role the second year and the senior delegate role the third year. Any pharmacist licensed in Montana with an active ASHP membership is eligible for this election. If you are interested, please look for the call for nominations in November.

HEALTH-SYSTEMS ACADEMY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Jacqueline Bone, PharmD, PGY-1 resident at Benefis Hospitals, will complete her term as resident member on the Executive Committee in July. We would like to thank her for all of your work

and participation on the Executive Committee and wish her well on her next professional endeavor!

The Executive Committee will be reaching out to the Montana residency program directors to help identify the next resident representative.

The Executive Committee in acceptance from the MPA Board of Directors decided to combine the at-large and ad hoc member positions into a total of six, at-large member positions. A minimum of two positions must be filled. This was done to help diversify the committee. If you are interested in filling one of these positions, let Logan or Stuart know.

PLEASE WELCOME SHAWN PATRICK AS THE NEW CHAIR-ELECT TO THE ACADEMY. SHAWN'S BIO:

Shawn has lived in Montana his whole life, attending elementary and high school in south west Montana. He continued his education at the University of Montana where he attended pharmacy school graduating in 2008. The Montana Pharmacy Association recognized him with the Distinguished Young Pharmacist Award in 2014. In 2018 he became a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist through the Board of Pharmacy Specialties, and Clinical Pharmacist Practitioner in 2019.

He has worked the last 5 years for the Southwest Montana Community Health Center, serving as the assistant pharmacy director at Mac's CHC pharmacy in Sheridan, MT. He also serves as a clinical pharmacist in the Dillon SWMTCHC clinic. He has 5 years of experience working for Barrett Memorial Hospital in Dillon, MT; working as a staff pharmacist and as a clinical pharmacist in their ambulatory clinic. As of April, he became the Director of Pharmacy for Community Health Partners of Livingston, MT and will be opening a new pharmacy at their Bozeman location

Questions, comments or concerns about the MPA Health-Systems Academy? Please contact:

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Calendar of Events

July 13: Nominations open for MPA Annual Awards:
Form available at www.rxmt.org/annual-awards

September 19: Montana Board of Pharmacy Full
Board Meeting, Helena

September 23: Student/MPA Meet & Greet, Missoula

September 24: MPA Board of Directors Meeting,
Missoula

October 9: Nominations close for MPA Annual Awards

November 13: MPA Patient Care Alliance Virtual
Meeting

December 11: Montana Board of Pharmacy Full
Board Meeting, Helena

January 8, 2021: MPA Annual Awards at the MPA
Banquet, Big Sky

2021 Continuing Education Offerings

MPA Winter CE & Ski Meeting

January 8-10, 2021 • Big Sky Resort

Health-Systems Academy Spring Seminar

April 23-24, 2021 • TBD

Northwest Pharmacy Convention

June 3-6, 2021 • Coeur d'Alene, ID