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To: Board Members

Subject: Agenda Item VI: Discussion and Consideration of Request from American University of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy, for Board Recognition Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1719

Attachment 1

Relevant Law

Business and Professions Code Section 4208 provides the authority for the board to issue intern licenses under specified conditions, including to a person who is currently enrolled in a school of pharmacy recognized by the board.

Title 16, CCR 1719 states that a “recognized school of pharmacy” means a school accredited or granted candidate status by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), or otherwise recognized by the board.

Background

There are three levels to full ACPE accreditation status for new schools of pharmacy: pre-candidate status, candidate status and full accreditation. ACPE does not award pre-candidate status to new schools that are not adequately progressing towards full accreditation. Further, a school may only be granted candidate status once the school has produced its first class of graduates.

Until candidate status can be achieved, the board must recognize a school of pharmacy to allow students to apply for and be issued intern licenses. The American University of Health Sciences (AUSH), School of Pharmacy, was granted pre-candidate status by ACPE on July 1. For students enrolled in AUHS to secure the necessary experience, the students must possess intern licenses.

On September 3, 2019, the board received an updated request from Dr. Arjun Dutta, Dean for AUSH, seeking recognition by the board under the provisions of CCR 1719. Staff has confirmed ACPE’s granting of pre-candidate status to the school.

For Discussion and Consideration

During the meeting members will have the opportunity to review the request. Should the board determine it appropriate, the following motion could be used to formally recognize AUSH for purposes of issuing intern licenses.

Possible Motion: Grant board recognition to American University of Health Sciences, School of Pharmacy, for purposes of issuing intern licenses.

Attachment 1 includes a copy of the relevant law and the request from AUHS.

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A copy of these documents will be made available for public inspection at the meeting and are available upon request. Requests may be emailed to debbie.damoth@dca.ca.gov