



## 2010 HOUSE OF DELEGATES RECOMMENDATIONS

The following items were recommended during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 2010 House of Delegates:

1. To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Assisting Pharmacy Schools on Tailoring Pharmacy Education.” Recommended by Jennifer Cimoch, SDSHP.

### **BACKGROUND:**

- a. The California Society of Health-System Pharmacists shall seek an active role in assisting California schools of pharmacy and proposed schools of pharmacy to tailor pharmacy education in pharmacy schools, so that pharmacy students are better prepared to meet the needs of the profession. Examples may include identification or strengthening the educational content on pharmacy leadership, clinical specialties, or fields of pharmacy needed for the future of pharmacy practice (such as informatics).
- b. Both ASHP and AACP have reports stating the need to promote leadership development beginning at the schools (early in a pharmacist’s career) so that pharmacists may be better prepared to serve as healthcare leaders.
- c. No similar policy relating to this matter is evident in current CSHP policy.

### **TARGET:**

- a. To increase activities related to assessing pharmacy education.
- b. To collaborate with schools of pharmacy in California to align curriculum with the identified future needs and expectations of pharmacists.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. To adopt CSHP Professional Policy on “Assisting Pharmacy Schools on Tailoring Pharmacy Education” as follows:

The California Society of Health-System Pharmacists shall seek an active role in assisting California schools of pharmacy and proposed schools of pharmacy to tailor pharmacy education in pharmacy schools, so that pharmacy students are better prepared to meet the needs of the profession. Examples may include identification of strengthening the educational content on pharmacy leadership, clinical specialties, or fields of pharmacy needed for the future of pharmacy practice (such as informatics).

2. To utilize the new "It's a Pharmacist" design for Public Relation promotion of CSHP. Recommended by Frances Ng, QCSHP.

**BACKGROUND:**

- a. CSHP has a brand new colorful design "It's a Pharmacist" that was created by the public relations committee for promotional purposes.
- b. At QCSHP, ways to utilize this design for public relation promotion were discussed. It is quite expensive to advertise this logo/design on the local newspaper.

**TARGET:**

- a. It is suggested that CSHP utilize the new "It's a Pharmacist" design for items that last longer than one day or one week ad. Items such as mugs, plastic placemats for dining table, shopping bags, or even t-shirts if applicable.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- a. If approved by the Board of Directors or staff of CSHP, to have these items available for local chapters to purchase and use these items for public relation promotion at Health Fairs or other related activities.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

To be funded by CSHP originally and hopefully the cost will be spread out to all the chapters on a voluntary basis to promote our Society to the general public.

3. To Encourage CSHP Members to Become More Involved in Emergency Preparedness.  
Recommended by Pauline Chan, SVSHP and Heidemarie Windham MacMaster, GGSHP.

**BACKGROUND:**

- a. There is a high level of interest in emergency preparedness amongst CSHP members, and there is lacking information on how pharmacists, students, technicians, and interns can be involved.

**TARGET:**

- a. Every CSHP member becomes well-informed in emergency preparedness and is connected in a network that communicates within each of his/her community, city, county, state, and nation.
- b. Every CSHP member participates as a volunteer in emergency preparedness.

**PROPOSAL:**

- a. CSHP to invite Tom Ahrens, who is the pharmacist lead for California Emergency Preparedness Program, to talk to us about the California Emergency Preparedness plans and how we collaborate with national organization and CPhA.
- b. CSHP to provide education and information sessions to encourage CSHP members to actively participate in emergency preparedness.

4. To Support a Technician Serving on the State Board of Pharmacy. Recommended by Brian Kawahara, ISHP.

**BACKGROUND:**

- a. Pharmacy technicians do not sit on the State Board of Pharmacy, but comprise of 55,000 licentiates.

**TARGET:**

- a. Develop a professional policy on storage and use (or denied use) within the hospital setting

**PROPOSAL:**

- a. The TDEC would like CSHP support having a technician serve on the State Board of Pharmacy.

5. To Adopt CSHP Policy on Medical Marijuana in the Inpatient Setting. Recommended by Heidemarie Windham MacMaster, GGSHP.

**BACKGROUND:**

- a. Schedule I drug – medical marijuana – patients with a valid California prescription for marijuana who are admitted to hospital, bringing their “medication” with them – would like to continue this “therapy” and prescriber writes and order for patient to take own medication (not converting to marinol).
- b. There is no clear direction on how to store the substance nor clear direction on if it is okay to administer.

**TARGET:**

- a. Review developing ASHP’s position on use or denied use of medical marijuana in the inpatient setting and California’s pending ballot measure.

**PROPOSAL:**

- a. Develop a professional policy on the storage and use (or denied use) of medical marijuana within the hospital setting.

6. CSHP to support and promote the patient safety and clinical pharmacy initiative (PSCP). Recommended by Julianna Burton, SVSHP, Brian Kawahara, ISHP, Stacey Raff, GGSHP, and Scott Takahashi, SGVSHP.

**PROPOSAL:**

- a. CSHP support and promote the patient safety and clinical pharmacy initiative (PSCP) and work with other healthcare organizations in this effort.
- b. Further, CSHP should encourage and help members become involved in moving the practice of pharmacy forward through the establishment of PSCP in California by making tools, education, best practice site, templates, etc. available for use and collaboration.