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Thanks

>>> Patty Smith 3/2/2005 1:36:36 PM >>>

The following are my notes from our 9:30am meeting on Monday 2/18/05. Present were David Vance, Vivienne Kamphaus and Patty Smith.

Vivienne presented both David and Patty with copies of the weekend news article containing information about Bill 1168 concerning the licensing of Canadian Pharmaceuticals, which is now being forwarded to the State Senate for a vote.

David immediately picked out and underlined a paragraph from this article. This paragraph was Republican Representative Barbara Bailey's comment, "the state might as well license pharmacies in Iran." David pointed out his underlined paragraph to Vivienne.

The discussion centered around Federico's interest in making prescription drugs from outside the country available to our residents.

Vivienne pointed out, as the news article stated, if the State DOH wishes to assume the major risk and/or liability for not following and staying within the boundaries of the FDA regulations, it would have a mitigating effect on our agency's liability with regard to this matter. Vivienne's recommendation is to dovetail onto and follow the avenue that the state is providing with the Bulk Purchasing Program. Vivienne said that we can provide a win-win solution towards meeting the needs of our community and at the same time satisfy Federico's strongly held desire.

David spoke of other states such as Illinois, where individuals have been allowed to make regular purchases of Canadian drugs over the internet. David then stated that President Bush has spoken with the Canadians and has successfully convinced the Canadian government that they needed to bring these across the border transactions to a halt.

David spoke of the possibility of our agency engaging with a third party to "set up" a website for direct drug purchases from outside the US. David stated that while he acknowledges that our agency can not operate a website for this purpose, David felt that the agency could possibly direct clients to this website to make their purchases on an individual basis. David referred to this party as a "front."

Vivienne, as the agency's Risk Manager, reiterated her position that she would strongly recommend that our agency follow the state plan, and that the plan as described by David would be creating a huge liability for our agency.