

2022 PSW Legislative Day Recap

by Sommer Gay, 2022 PharmD Candidate

The PSW 2022 Legislative Day was a great success. PSW brought together almost 400 pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians virtually for this event. Ellina Seckel, President of PSW, welcomed attendees and thanked members for their significant involvement in advocacy for the profession of pharmacy. Seckel highlighted her experience attending Governor Tony Evers's State of the State address on behalf of PSW. Governor Evers expressed sincere appreciation for what the pharmacy profession has accomplished throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, emphasizing that our voice is stronger than ever together while we are physically apart.

Throughout Legislative Day, PSW members highlighted the successful policies that were passed during the previous legislative session.

To kick off Legislative Day, a group of bipartisan legislators, who are deeply involved in healthcare policy in the state legislature, were welcomed for a panel discussion. Senator Patrick Testin, Representative Lisa Subeck, and Representative Robert Summerfield discussed the session and the current health policy issues being discussed in their chambers. To wrap up the discussion, panel members shared advice for how PSW members can become more involved, including establishing relationships with elected officials, educating elected officials about issues important to the pharmacy profession, and sharing the impact these issues have on patients and communities.

Following the panel discussion, Danielle Womack, Vice President of Public Affairs at PSW, provided an update on the 2021-2022 legislative session. Womack outlined policies that were signed into law this session, including PBM reform; provider status; pharmacy technician and student pharmacist immunization authority expansion; remote dispensing site allowances; technician registration; and penalties for criminal vaccine/drug destruction. Womack also highlighted

policies that are being considered as the session ends on March 10. Proposed legislation enabling pharmacist prescribing of contraceptives and proposed legislation prohibiting payor-mandated white-bagging were included in this update.

Next, Ellina Seckel and Melissa Theesfeld, Chairman of the Board for PSW, presented the PSW legislative awards. Recipients included three pharmacy students who are growing their skills in promoting the profession of pharmacy; 11 state legislators who have advocated for pro-pharmacy and pro-patient legislation; two past Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board members; and six pharmacists who served on the PSW Provider Status Core Team, acknowledging the significant contributions they made in shepherding provider status advocacy efforts forward for pharmacists in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board (PEB) members John Weitekamp and Tiffany O'Hagan gave an overview of administrative rule revisions that are underway, including updates to Chapter Phar 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 15. Board resources were also shared.

Lastly, Danielle Womack and Kari Trapskin, Vice President of Healthcare Quality Initiatives at PSW, presented on provider status, which requires Wisconsin Medicaid to pay pharmacists for any patient care service within a pharmacist's scope of practice or delegated to the pharmacist by a physician. Womack and Trapskin provided an in-depth overview of the timeline for implementation, which aims for pharmacists to be able to bill for these services at the beginning of 2023. PSW will provide implementation support to members. These resources will enable service billing on behalf of Medicaid patients. The PSW Ambulatory Care Advisory Committee (ACAC), PSW Community Pharmacy Advisory Committee (CPAC), and the Provider Status Core Team and Sounding Board work group will collaborate on the creation of a provider status implementation guide. This work will build upon prior work completed by the PSW Practice

Advancement Leadership Team. Some anticipated components of the guide include creating relationships and buy-in within organizations; Medicaid enrollment; back-end billing; coding; claims reconciliation; reimbursement models; legal considerations; internal credentialing; documentation; collaborative practice agreement (CPA) templates; and promotion.

Trapskin also detailed how PSW members can prepare for provider status while waiting for implementation. Some steps to take now include evaluating current services; considering CPAs and beginning conversations with partner physicians; obtaining or evaluating liability insurance; and holding internal conversations regarding credentialing/privileging departments within the health-system and billing/coding. As this work continues, PSW communicate progress and suggestions for next steps in FastFacts, through social media, and in The Journal. Following this presentation, attendees were split into virtual breakout rooms to discuss what provider status means to PSW members.

The 2021-2022 Legislative Session has been one of the most productive sessions in PSW history. Members participated in efforts to advocate for legislation that will benefit patients and practice in the years to come. This grassroots advocacy of PSW members was essential. If you are interested in continuing to advocate for the profession, PSW offers a number of opportunities to get involved at pswi.org/becomeinvolved.

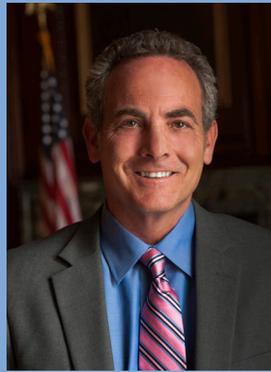
Sommer Gay is a 2022 Doctor of Pharmacy Candidate at the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Pharmacy in Madison, WI.

Friends of Pharmacy Award

For their Leadership in Authoring 2021 Wisconsin Act 9



Senator
Roger Roth



Senator
Jon Erpenbach



Senator
Mary Felzkowski

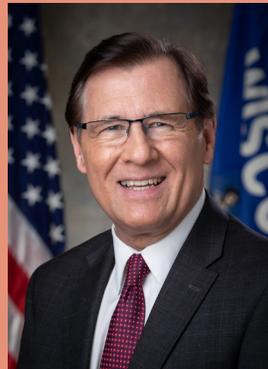


Representative
Michael Schraa

For their Leadership in Authoring
2021 Wisconsin Act 98



Senator
Julian Bradley



Representative
David Murphy

For their Leadership in Authoring
2021 Wisconsin Act 100



Senator
Kathy Bernier



Representative
Cody Horlacher

For their Leadership in Authoring
2021 Wisconsin Act 3



Senator
Dale Kooyenga



Representative
Joe Sanfelippo

Leadership in Authoring
Assembly Bill 36



Representative
Joel Kitchens

Service to the Pharmacy Examining Board



Franklin "Rockky" LaDien,
RPh



Phillip Trapskin,
PharmD, BCPS

Good Government Award

For their service on the Provider Status Core Team and work to pass
2021 Wisconsin Act 98 - Pharmacist Provider Status



Ellina Seckel,
PharmD, BCPS



Adam Gregg,
PharmD, BCPS



Nicholas Olson,
PharmD, BCACP,
AAHIVP



Julie Bartell, PharmD,
BCACP, CACP



Jordan Spillane,
PharmD



Dimmy Sokhal,
PharmD