



IPRN Welcomes Amanda Latta as Monitor

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 18, 2015 - The Iowa Pharmacy Recovery Network (IPRN) has hired Amanda Latta, PharmD, as the organization's monitor. She will oversee the day-to-day operations of the state's monitoring and advocacy peer-review program that assists impaired pharmacy professionals in Iowa.

Latta is a 2002 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy and worked as a staff pharmacist at Walgreens from 2002 to 2011. During that time, she also served as adjunct faculty at the Drake University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and was a preceptor at the Patient Care Center in Des Moines, Iowa. In June 2015, she attended the American Pharmacists Association (APhA) Institute on Alcoholism and Drug Dependencies (formerly the Utah School) and began serving as an IPRN advocate for two clients earlier in 2015.

"Amanda brings compassion, enthusiasm, a wealth of ideas, and joy to this position," said Kate Gainer, CEO of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, the organization that administers the program.

Among her duties as monitor, Latta will develop treatment plans for clients and track their progress, assist IPRN advocates with client reporting, provide reports to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, and monitor IPRN's 24-hour hotline. She will also work to increase the program's exposure and educate pharmacists, students, pharmacy technicians and employers about the services provided by IPRN to help pharmacy professionals suffering from the disease of addiction.

About the Iowa Pharmacy Recovery Network

The Iowa Pharmacy Recovery Network is a monitoring and advocacy peer-review program administered by the Iowa Pharmacy Association for the purpose of assisting impaired pharmacists, pharmacy students, and pharmacy technicians, whose dependency and or disability is potentially threatening to professional performance and public safety. If you suspect impairment, contact IPRN at 1-877-890-IPRN (4776) or iprn@iarx.org.

About the Iowa Pharmacy Association

The Iowa Pharmacy Association is the state society representing the profession of pharmacy in Iowa, united for the purpose of promoting safe and effective medication use to improve the health of patients. Since 1880, the Iowa Pharmacy Association is organized to preserve and advance the interests of the profession and to serve the professional needs of all pharmacists, student pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians.

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