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**PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
**PUBLIC MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2022 MEETING**

The January 18, 2022, meeting of the PDMP Advisory Council (the “AC” or “Council”) convened at 3:09 p.m. at the Department of Health and Human Services, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, New Hampshire as well as via ZOOM. As this was an informational only meeting where no voting was anticipated, the Council members attended by Zoom. No physical quorum was therefore needed and the meeting was held with the following members present:

**Council Members in Attendance:**

Chairman David Strang, MD, NH Medical Society  
Tonya Carlton, RPH, Wentworth Douglas Hospital  
Sarah Garland, DVM, NH Veterinary Medical Association  
Joseph Guthrie, NH House of Representatives  
Joseph Harding, NH Department of Health and Human Services  
Gene Harkless, APRN, NH Board of Nursing (BON)  
Bradley Osgood, NH Police Chiefs’ Association  
Michael Viggiano, RPH, NH State Pharmacy Associations

**Council Members Absent:**

Stephen Crawford, DVM, NH Dept. of Veterinary Medicine  
Robert Giuda, NH Senate  
Nicole Harrington, RPH, Commissioner, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)  
Jay Patel, DDS, NH Board of Dental Examiners  
Annika Stanley-Smith, Governor’s Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs  
Thomas Worboys, NH Attorney General’s Office  
VACANT, NH APRN Society  
VACANT, NH Dental Society  
VACANT, Governor’s Commission on Alcohol & Other Drugs (public)  
VACANT, NH Board of Medicine (BOM)  
VACANT, NH House of Representatives

**Staff in Attendance:**

Michael Holt, DPHS Administrator  
Joanie Foss, Administrative Assistant, NH PDMP  
Mark Cioffi, Program Analyst, NH PDMP  
Leslie Pond, Auditor, NH PDMP

**Others in Attendance:**

Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association

**I. PDMP 2021 Annual Report (DHHS Staff Presentation/Advisory Council Review-Discussion)**

- M. Cioffi presented the 2021 annual report to the Council which is projected to be presented at the February DHHS Oversight Committee meeting based on comments received from the Council members today.

Slide 1 – No suggested edits

Slide 2 – Suggested edit:

- M. Cioffi will add a bullet stating sedative prescriptions have gone down.

Slide 3 – No suggested edits

Slide 4 – No suggested edits

Slide 5 – No suggested edits

Slide 6 – Suggested edits:

- M. Cioffi will list the actual dates for each quarter and change SFY (State Fiscal Year) to CY (Calendar Year).
- M. Cioffi will add total number of milligrams for opioids, stimulants, and sedatives being dispensed per quarter.
- Will add two additional slides emulating slide 7 only using days' supply for stimulants and days' supply for sedatives.

Slide 7 – No suggested edits

Slide 8 – No suggested edits

Slide 9 – Suggested edits:

- M. Cioffi will add a separate table showing rate/actual number for each county.
- M. Cioffi to move “All of NH” to the front.

Slide 10 – Suggested edits:

- M. Cioffi to put a block on “All of NH” and move it to the front.
- M. Cioffi to put data in descending order.

Slide 11 – Suggested edits:

- M. Cioffi to put data in descending order.

Slide 12 – No suggested edits

Slide 13 – No suggested edits

Slide 14 – Suggested edits:

- M. Cioffi to remove extra \*’s.
- M. Cioffi to add the disclaimer “these numbers do not include methadone dispensed for treatment at methadone treatment centers.”

Slide 15 – Suggested edits:

- M. Cioffi to possibly combine tables in slide 15 and slide 16.

Slide 16 - Suggested edits:

- See suggested edits for slide 15.

Slide 17 – No suggested edits

Slide 18 – No suggested edits

Slide 19 – No suggested edits

Overall comments:

- J. Guthrie suggested remembering the audience this report is being presented to and to make sure the information is clear and concise. J. Guthrie recommended a summary and a presentation to outline where we are going and how we are going to use this information.
- J. Harding suggested some kind of summary of findings and recommendations be added to the report.
- G. Harkless suggested editorializing the slides by putting in notation boxes with bullet points on what the audience needs to focus on.
- D. Strang stated he recently spoke at a NH BOM meeting and reported that they would like to have some regular reports similar to what they used to receive. In the absence of a Program Manager, D. Strang offered to fulfill this request. J. Foss will look into what used to be provided to that Board. It was the consensus of the AC members to ask the BOM what info they had been receiving and what they feel they might benefit from the most in the future.
- K. Bizzaro-Thunberg stated that the NH BON and NH BOP would like regular reports as well and suggested starting with this Annual Report.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 p.m.