

**NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
May 16, 2016
OPLC/NH Board of Pharmacy**

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

David Strang, MD, Chair, NH Medical Society
Charles Albee, DMD, NH Board of Dental Examiners
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Karin Eckel, NH Attorney General's Office
Kate Frey, New Futures
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Eric Hirschfeld, MS, MAGD, NH Dental Society (3:30 pm)
Denise Nies, RN, Executive Director, NH Board of Nursing (BON)

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Sarah Blodgett, NH Board of Medicine (BOM)
Richard Crate, NH Police Chiefs' Association
Michael Dupuis, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)
Tony Guerino, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)
Michael Viggiano, RPh, State Pharmacy Associations

Also Attending:

Michelle Ricco Jonas, Manager, NH PDMP
Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association
Jim Giglio, TTAC
Patrick Knue, TTAC
Elizabeth Sargent, Lobbyist for NH Chiefs of Police; NH Hospital Pharmacies & Pharmacists

The meeting began at 3:10pm

1. Review & Approve Minutes

- **April 18, 2016** (Minutes not available. This item deferred to the June meeting)

2. Sub Committee Reports

- **Finance: (M. Ricco Jonas):** On 5/3/16, SB 522 was voted on as "OTP" (ought to pass), unaltered from the Senate version. The House Finance Sub-committee took the bill on 5/4/16 at their Executive Session. SB 522 was then passed by the full House on 5/11/16, but the House amended it by adding in the entirety of HB 636 (Rep. McGuire's bill, that would take funds through drug forfeiture that used to go to police depts. but would now sweep to the General Fund). The bill's path forward will therefore likely be one of two scenarios:

(1) The Senate concurs with the House changes and the bill goes to the Governor's desk for signature.

(2) The Senate and House hold a committee of conference. If an agreement is reached, then the bill moves to the Governor's desk for signature.

B. Sargent mentioned that Sen. Bradley also added the promised \$130,000 (for PDMP enhancement) onto HB 1182 (fees from the sales of wine).

- **Implementation**

- **General Update: (M. Ricco Jonas)**

- HID System/Contract Amendment: Many system changes have been attempted, however they have caused more issues, rather than helped. The NH PDMP changed servers on 4/20/16 and as a result, there were some identified "glitches" that happened the next day that resulted in errors in activating accounts. HID was quickly made aware of these issues. HID was also working on putting prefixes in front of licensee numbers (because of similar numbers across different boards, e.g. MD vs. Nursing) to lessen the work of the PDMP staff, however the changes went out without any testing with the PDMP. Therefore, the changes made were not verified and prefixes for physicians and APRNs were removed without notifying us and any licensees with "R" (for reciprocal licenses) were also impacted. This also delayed the PDMP in clearing the registration queue. The staff is now manually putting in "NH" before license numbers while HID works this out.

The Amendment is still being worked on by the AG's office, as they are still acquiring and reviewing the information that was requested from HID at their meeting several weeks ago.

- Registration – The registration queue has been a large focus over the last several weeks and assistance has been provided by several staff members from OPLC. As of Friday, May 13, there are a total of 111 licensees that need to be activated and an additional 99 registrants from which we need information before they can be activated.
- Pharmacy Reporting Waiver – An email went out to all dispensers regarding the application for waiver and the waiver form has been posted to the BOP/PDMP page.
- Federal Practitioner – Calls have been initiated to see how we can begin to collect licensee information from federal practitioners, so they can begin to register with the NH PDMP. TTAC can provide us with a contact to assist in this process.
- Interstate Operability/MOU – The AGs office is currently working on an MOU with PMPI (PMP Interconnect, one of the data exchange hubs). M. Ricco Jo-

nas is finalizing the first draft of answers to the “PMPI Participant Worksheet” which will then go to the AG’s office for review. This is all being done concurrent with finalizing the amendment (see above), which will provide the funds for HID to connect to the HUBs. We will also need to provide a list of states with which we want to initially connect. Initial thoughts are: ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NY, and NJ. We will only need to do the MOU with PMPI. M. Ricco Jonas will also connect with law enforcement partners to see what other states in the PMPI network would make sense to connect with in the initial stages.

- Reports and Staffing - PDMP has provided “top prescriber” reports to the regulatory boards (BOM & BON), and “top dispensers” and dispenser compliance to the BOP. None of the “top prescribers” are from dental or veterinary medicine.
 - a. C Albee – What will BON do with the top prescriber list?
 - b. D. Nies – Not sure, will need to review. What is the thought of this advisory board?
 - c. D. Strang – A.C. is not in a position to advise the licensing boards on this, but these boards have committees that could review these lists to see if any oversight/action is needed.

PDMP staff has provided 3 patient reports to the NH Medical Examiner’s Office and have a list of an additional 89 on which to report (waiting for a new list to include date of death).

Full Time Assistant Position: M. Ricco Jonas interviewed 6 out of 12 applicants last week. Would like to bring 3 back for a second interview. Is anyone available to assist with this on Thursday, May 19?

Utilization of PDMP: Discussion occurred about whether it is possible to audit a practitioner’s profile to determine how often they used the PDMP prior to writing a CS prescription. BON is receiving lots of complaints from patients who are not obtaining the meds (primarily opiates) that they are used to getting.

Education to be in Place by Sept: Resources have to be available by 9/1/16 (this is the required CEU competency piece of SB 576). Boards to either support or endorse to take and certify. Federal gov’t is working on competencies that will be required for anyone with a DEA license. This could mean that NH could then ‘sunset’ its competency law for its licensees.

- PDMP Rules: (K. Frey)
 - a. Still an internal process with OPLC
- Evaluation: (J. Stewart)

- a. Contacted by UNH Policy to see if we would be interested in a research project on Rx drug utilization and prescribing, (a) prior to licensing board rules changes and then (b) post change. This partnership would also provide resources for the PDMP internal staff to work on future analysis and evaluation.

3. Old Business

(M. Ricco Jonas)

- Educational Webinars w/ HID: HID is now willing to record all of the contracted webinars, which will allow us to put them on our website for future viewing by NH's practitioners. M. Ricco Jonas will be doing her first live training on Friday, May 20 at the Dental Society conference and could use this format to work, along with the outline that Chairman Strang created, with HID to finalize this webinar format. The six webinars would be broken up to include: Physicians/PAs, podiatrists, DOs, APRNs, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists and delegates for any of these practitioners.

Will coordinate recorded webinars with AHEC (as planned) to post on various licensing websites and offer CEU credits.

- BON takes their new opiate prescribing rules to OLS on Friday, May 20, and since they closely follow those of the BOM, they hope there will not be any issues. If approved, they will be voted in at the June 8th BON meeting, with repeal of their emergency rules.
- Board of Dentistry hopes to complete their rules change process by the end of June.

4. New Business

None brought forward.

5. Items of Interest

None brought forward.

6. Next Meeting:

Date/Time: June 20, 2016; 3:00pm

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Adjournment:

Motion by C. Albee at 4:24 pm

Second by D. DePiero

All in favor