

**NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
August 15, 2016
OPLC/NH Board of Pharmacy**

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

David Strang, MD, Chair, NH Medical Society (NHMS)
Charles Albee, DMD, NH Board of Dental Examiners
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Michael Dupuis, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)
Tony Guerino, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
Eric Hirschfeld, D.D.S, NH Dental Society
Bryan Townsend, NH Attorney General's Office
Michael Viggiano, RPh, State Pharmacy Associations

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Richard Crate, NH Police Chiefs' Association
Kate Frey, New Futures
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Denise Nies, RN, Executive Director, NH Board of Nursing (BON)
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)
Representative, NH Board of Medicine (BOM)

Also Attending:

Michelle Ricco Jonas, Manager, NH PDMP
Joanie Foss, Admin Assistant, NH PDMP
Thomas Broderick, NH Attorney General's Office
Molly Ennis, Pharmacy Student, MA College of Pharmacy
Jessica McKenna, Intern, NH Board of Pharmacy
James Potter, NH Medical Society (NHMS)
Beth Sargent, Lobbyist, NH Chiefs of Police, NH Hospital Pharmacies & Pharmacists
David Stowe, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine (incoming representative)
James Vara, NH Governor's Office

The meeting began at 3:05 p.m.

1. Introductions

2. Review & Approve Minutes

- July 18, 2016 - Motion to accept by C. Albee. Second by E. Hirschfeld.
- All in Favor

3. Sub Committee Reports

- **Finance: (M. Ricco Jonas)**

M. Ricco Jonas reported that \$130,000 has been newly appropriated by recent legislative action to fund the upgrades required by this legislation.

D. Strang asked when our available funds might run out. M. Ricco Jonas stated that the PDMP is in a two-year funding cycle slated to end in State FY19. The next funding cycle with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) will begin in May of 2018. We should be prepared to apply for additional grant funding thru BJA in the Spring of 2018.

- **Implementation**

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

- o **HID Training**

- Representatives from our vendor (HID) visited the PDMP last week to train new staff member J. Foss, as well as provide a refresher to M. Ricco Jonas on RxSentry.
- HID conducted two, live, RxSentry trainings while here. The first training was held on August 4th, focusing on medical providers. The second training was held on August 5th and focused on pharmacists. Both trainings were conducted live with a VTEL option for Dartmouth Hitchcock providers. Both trainings were also recorded and the NH DoIT is working on getting them posted to the PDMP website, as well as all of the regulatory board websites.
- The Board of Nursing will award 2 continuing education credits upon validation of a certificate of attendance. These credits will apply to the opioid competency. All other provider (MD's, PA's, etc.) can receive Category 2 CME credits by listing the PDMP training on their CME reporting form. These will not apply to the required opioid competency. J. Foss is working on the certificates of attendance.
- There is a plan in process to conduct lunch webinars, after the roll out of the September 1 mandate. M. Ricco Jonas is working with organizations that partner with Maine's PMP and are already conducting similar webinars in that State.

- **Interstate Operability/MOU; and Reports**

- The PDMP staff continue to work with the State of Maine on the RxCheck MOU, so we can get both of the interstate data sharing hub connections set up by the beginning of September.

- **Reports**

- M. Ricco Jonas received a request for a report on the number of opiates prescribed/dispensed in State FY16. She reported that from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016, there were 1.107 million opiate prescriptions filled in the State, with 266, 580, 513 doses dispensed. Several questioned the accuracy of the latter number as these figures implied an average of 240 doses per prescription. M. Ricco Jonas will double check these figures. Oxycodone alone accounted for 247,000 prescriptions filled with 19 million doses dispensed. These figures imply an average of 77 doses per prescription, more believable, but still a higher than expected number.
- M. Ricco Jonas continues to converse with the State's licensing Boards about what type of customized reports they want.

- **Implementation of Mandated Use of PDMP**

- M. Ricco Jonas questioned the role the PDMP has in auditing the mandated use of the PDMP, since funds to support the mandate were pulled.
- J. Potter stated he felt the State's licensing boards will not have their rules in place by the September 1 deadline, therefore there will be no way to enforce the mandate. He has found that many providers and hospitals are not prepared to start using the PDMP by this date and believes they do not have systems in place to incorporate this in an efficient way. His fear is that practitioners will consequently opt out of prescribing schedule II – IV drugs. He also questioned how we can get providers and hospitals to use the PDMP and feels there needs to be a consistent message placed on all licensing board websites on how the PDMP works, so providers do not stop prescribing to legitimate patients in need. M. Ricco Jonas explained that she has completed trainings at many facilities and feels that both providers and hospitals have had ample time to learn about the PDMP. She also stated the rules

changes required by HB1423 are mostly in place with the various licensing boards. She will set up a meeting between P. Danles from OPLC and the licensing board directors, to script a message that can be placed on all the Board websites.

- M. Ricco Jonas reviewed the timeline synopsis for mandated use of the PDMP. J. Potter asked how providers and hospitals are going to interpret these laws and how this will affect patients with chronic pain. He feels providers are not going to understand the laws and restated that the Advisory Council and licensing boards need to post a clear and consistent message on all board websites. M. Ricco Jonas explained that as of September 1 (per SB576), prescribers would be required to query the database before prescribing for chronic pain patients only. Then starting on January 1, 2017, HB1423 goes into effect, where prescribers will be required to additionally query on acute pain patients. M. Ricco Jonas asked J. Potter, with whom we need to connect at the State's hospitals, to better get the word out. He said it would be best to connect with CEO's and medical staff administrators.
 - J. Potter said that concerns from the licensing boards need to be addressed and asked how we were going to provide support to facilities. He asked if the AG's or Governor's office could send out a message allaying these fears/concerns. T. Broderick said he would look into this. M. Ricco Jonas said in the Governor's meeting held today, it was discussed that a letter would be going out to all licensees, with the timeframes and expectations.
 - D. Strang asked if the PDMP was technically prepared for the anticipated higher usage on the September 1 start date. M. Ricco Jonas replied that it was and that most of the troubleshooting would likely be in the form of assisting providers calling in for new passwords.
- **PDMP Rules: (K. Frey – not present)**

a. Review DRAFT Rules

- Discussion occurred regarding last month's request for clarification of the term "next business day," as required for the new pharmacy reporting requirements. This will be the next day of business, Monday through Friday, excepting holidays. The "next business day" would not fall on a Saturday or Sunday. The new draft rules will be presented to the BOP on Wed., Aug. 17th.

- **Evaluation: (M. Ricco Jonas)**

- a. Institute of Health Policy and Practice (IHPP) MOU going to the Board of Pharmacy for approval on Wed., Aug. 17th.

4. Old Business

None Brought Forward

5. New Business

- a. Lack of BOM representative (given S. Blodgett's resignation). M. Ricco Jonas to follow up w/Penny Taylor on BOM representation.
- b. T. Guerino announced that he will be taking a new position with VCA requiring him to move to the Mid-west. This will be his last meeting with the A.C. D. Strang thanked him for his outstanding attendance and input over his years of service. All members thanked T. Guerino for his dedication and service to the PDMP Advisory Council. Dr. David Stowe, DVM (in attendance) was introduced as the new representative from the NH Board of Veterinary Medicine.

6. Items of Interest

None brought forward

7. Next Meeting:

Date/Time: September 19, 2016; 3:00pm

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Adjournment:

Motion at 4:37 pm by C. Albee. Second by M. Viggiano.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



David E. Strang, MD
Chairman