

**NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
October 17, 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)
Kate Frey, New Futures
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Denise Nies, Executive Director, NH Board of Nursing (BON)
Eric Hirschfeld, D.D.S, NH Dental Society
Melissa St.Cyr, Attorney General's Office
Michael Viggiano, RPh, State Pharmacy Associations

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Richard Crate, NH Police Chiefs' Association
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)
David Stowe, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
John Wheeler, MD, Board of Medicine (BOM)

Also Attending:

Joanie Foss, Admin Assistant, NH PDMP
Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
James Potter, NH Medical Society (NHMS)
Beth Sargent, lobbyist, NH Chiefs of Police, NH Hospital Pharmacies & Pharmacists
Joseph Shoemaker, Medical Board Director (OPLC)

The meeting began at 3:05 pm

1. Introductions

2. Review & Approve Minutes

- August 15, 2016 – Motion to accept by C. Albee. Second by E. Hirschfeld. All in favor
- Sept. 19, 2016 (on hold until October Meeting)

3. Sub Committee Reports

• **Implementation**

a. General Update (J. Foss)

Interstate Operability: Multi-state data sharing went live on Friday, Oct 7, 2016. This took a lot of staff time to coordinate with our vendor (HID), to have conversations with the PDMP staff of other states, to set up agreements with these other states, to have training with Apriss on the administrative site, to update the training manuals and notify practitioners that this was operational. There were a few glitches that needed to be worked out: The date range that normally defaults to one year on the NH recipient query as well as multi-state query, was

not defaulting to one year but to one day. HID quickly fixed this. Some NP's were not able to query the multi-state system but others were. Even with those few problems that surfaced over the first week, many emails have come in thanking the program for the interstate access.

As a reminder, NH is currently connected to MA, RI, CT, VT and NY. We will be working on connecting to NJ in November and then Maine (once they get connected to the data hub). Two suggestions have been made to also connect with Florida and Arizona.

Registration: Registration remains a focus. The Program staff has been concentrating on identifying those NH licensees that are practicing out of state, but not prescribing controlled substances in NH. We will need to determine if their DEA # is associated with their NH license or their other state license. If the latter, then staff will deactivate those accounts as they would not qualify for access to the NH PDMP.

Physician Assistants are now going through license renewals. A number have been dis-enrolled from the PDMP due to shared license numbers, so the PDMP staff is working to get them registered correctly with a unique username.

Institute of Health Policy and Practice MOU: The MOU was signed by the Board of Pharmacy at their last meeting. Abbott Willard from IHPP will be working with PDMP staff on analysis and evaluation efforts. Right now we are working on getting his credentials into the system to allow limited data access for research purposes. One of the first things he will assist with is the Annual Report to be shared with the DHHS Legislative Oversight Committee on November 18, 2016.

K. Bizzaro-Thunberg pointed out that many pharmacies were unaware that as of Sept. 1st, they were required to upload data by the next business day (instead of weekly). M. Dupuis stated no formal notice went out from the BOP but it was mentioned in a newsletter. He thought a formal notification to the State's pharmacists would have been made by the PDMP itself. D. Strang stated it would not be the role of the PDMP to communicate with BOP licensees on required changes to their rules. He will address this with M. Ricco Jonas.

- **PDMP Rules: (D. Strang)**

M. Ricco Jonas met with the BOP to review the updated rules that were approved by the Advisory Council. There is still an area they are concerned with (dis-enrolling those providers that are licensed in

NH but have their DEA registered to another state). She will update the AC on any progress at the Nov. 14th meeting (which may have to be a non-public session).

- **Evaluation: (D. Strang for J. Stewart)**

As the provider survey is now complete, the next step will be to conduct a similar survey with dispensers. Now that the IHPP MOU has been signed, we plan to work with them to develop population-based reports (e.g. prescribing trends by practice discipline and geographical patterns within NH).

4. Old Business

None brought forward

5. New Business

- D. Strang reminded all present that yesterday (Oct. 16th) was the two-year anniversary of the PDMP going “live” with data reporting.

6. Items of Interest

- M. Dupuis announced that he is leaving the BOP (and therefore the AC) to take a new position at Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester. This will be his last meeting. D. Strang thanked him for his service to the Council and all wished him well in his new position at Frisbie.
- K. Bizzaro-Thunberg announced the new licensing rules for the various boards go before JLCAR this Thursday (Oct. 20th). She urged collaboration between the PDMP and the State’s licensing boards re: education of their licensees about these new rules and required use of the PDMP.

7. Next Meeting:

Date/Time: November 14, 2016; 3:00pm

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Adjournment:

Motion at 3:47 pm by C. Albee. Second by M. Viggiano.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



David E. Strang, MD
Chairman