

**NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
January 11, 2016
NH Board of Pharmacy**

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

David Strang, MD, Chair, NH Medical Society (via phone)
Charles Albee, DMD, NH Board of Dental Examiners
Sarah Blodgett, NH Board of Medicine (BOM)
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association
Michael Dupuis, NH Board of Pharmacy
Karin Eckel, NH Attorney General's Office
Tony Guerino, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services
Eric Hirschfeld, DDS, NH Dental Society (by phone)
Denise Nies, RN, Executive Director, NH Board of Nursing (BON)
Michael Viggiano, RPh, State Pharmacy Associations

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Richard Crate, NH Police Chiefs Association
Kate Frey, New Futures
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute

Also Attending:

Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association
Jim Giglio, TTAC
Patrick Knue, TTAC

The meeting began at 3:15PM. A quorum was present

Note: The new call in system does not allow us to dial an out of state phone number. Only participants with in-state numbers can be connected.

1. Review & Approve Minutes

- November 16, 2015
- December 14, 2015

Motion to accept by C. Albee. Second by D. DePiero. All in favor without change except J. Harding abstaining.

2. Sub Committee Reports

- Finance: (D. Strang)
 - ❖ Letter requesting an extension of the current Federal grant funding through March 31, 2016 was accepted by Fiscal Cmte. on 12/18/15 and Governor & Council on 12/16/15.
- Implementation
 - a. Interstate Operability/Hubs (S. Blodgett)

- ❖ M. Ricco Jonas and S. Blodgett both met with Atty. Tom Broderick at the AGs office regarding MOUs with other states for data sharing. Discussion ensued regarding “blanket” MOUs that could be used with all states, vs. state-specific MOUs. It was noted that as there are differences between states regarding data access (e.g., some states allow law enforcement access, some do not), we may have no choice but to craft state-specific MOUs.

Many legislators are asking when interstate data sharing will begin. Mr. Knue was asked what the biggest hurdles were to accomplishing this task. He stated the “technical piece” was pretty easy and can be completed in less than a month, however the MOUs can take from 6-12 months. Therefore, S. Blodgett was asked to contact Atty. Broderick to start drafting a “stock” MOU that can then be modified for each specific state, depending on differences in PMP law between NH and that state.

S. Blodgett reminded all that there are currently two hubs used for interstate data sharing. There is no cost to use either hub at this time, so the NH PMP intends to work with HID to connect to both, to better allow the state to share data with all the states that we desire.

b. Registration Update (M. Ricco Jonas)

- ❖ In the absence of M. Ricco Jonas, this item was tabled to the Feb. 8th meeting.

c. Education & Training (D. Strang)

- ❖ M. Ricco Jonas has connected with a vocational teacher at Concord High School who stated that several of their students may be interested in assisting the A.C. in creating the proposed website-based tutorial about the PMP and how to interpret patient data. D. Strang to follow up with Paula Smith at Southern NH AHEC about this project.

d. Drug Court Pilot (D. Strang)

- ❖ In the absence of M. Ricco Jonas, this item was tabled to the Feb. 8th meeting.

- Rules: (D. Strang)

- ❖ Still a work in progress. Atty Robert Lombardi is the counsel hired by the State for the consolidated boards. T. Guerino stated that the Vet. Board has not passed any new rules and is not part of the consolidated boards. K. Frey will report more on this item at the Feb. 8th meeting.

- Evaluation: (D. Strang)

- ❖ J. Stewart is preparing a “User Satisfaction Survey.” In his absence, this item was tabled to the Feb. 8th meeting.

3. Old Business

- Legislative Activity

PMP-related bills that are currently being considered by the legislature were discussed. D. Strang mentioned that many (? all) of these bills will have a financial impact on the PMP and may require support from the State’s General Funds at some point.

4. New Business

- Staffing

Because of the delay in hiring an assistant for M. Ricco Jonas, we will likely have a surplus (specifically in salaries) that may be used to hire a part-time data analyst. Discussion has taken place with OPLC and the AGs office to consider this. If approved, we would need to develop a job description and re-class this position. Discussion then ensued about performing data analysis “in-house” vs. thru HID. As Maine also uses HID, it was suggested that M. Ricco Jonas ask J. Lipovsky (Maine’s PMP Director) if they have had any push back from HID over “in-house” analysis.

With the new enhancement grant funding, the plan is to move ahead with an assistant for M. Ricco Jonas, but to make this a full-time position, instead of part-time, in order to increase the potential pool of available candidates. This proposal will be considered by the Fiscal Cmte. on 2/19/16 and then Governor and Council on 3/19/16. If approved, a candidate may then be hired.

- Waiver for Pharmacies Not Dispensing Controlled Substances

M. Ricco Jonas has asked the Council to consider a recommendation to the Board of Pharmacy, that they grant a waiver for pharmacies that conduct business within the State and possess a DEA license, yet do not dispense controlled substances. It is felt that the “zero report” requirement will become more burdensome to these pharmacies when we move from weekly to daily mandated reporting. This proposal is for an annual waiver, but it was unclear how many pharmacies would be involved. Given this uncertainty and the absence of M. Ricco Jonas, this item will be discussed further at the Feb. 8th meeting.

C. Albee asked how daily vs. weekly reporting impacts the battle against diversion. It was reported that weekly reporting is in Sen. Bradley’s amendment, but many “north country” physicians have requested daily reporting. D. Strang stated that doctor shopping can be recognized even with weekly reporting and data that is potentially 1 week “stale.” Whereas daily reporting may be desirable, it is not imperative to recognize those patients engaged in the activity. S. Blodgett stated that there was much support submitted to the legislature for daily reporting.

C. Albee asked if patients should assume their PMP records will be queried when obtaining a CS Rx. Are providers informing their patients up front? Even veterinarians?

- 2016 Meeting Calendar

A schedule of the proposed Advisory Council meetings for 2016 was emailed to the members prior to the meeting. This was done to avoid conflicts with State holidays, often recognized at the last minute. There were no concerns and all were in favor of this proposed schedule. It was suggested to post this meeting schedule on the PMP website.

5. Items of Interest

D. DePiero expressed concern about SB435 sponsored by Sen. Carson. This bill would ***require*** prescribers of controlled substances to report “suspected or attempted drug diversion activities” to law enforcement authorities. This bill is to be heard on Tues., Jan. 19th in the Senate Judiciary Cmte.

6. Next Meeting:

Date/Time: Feb. 8th, 2016; 3:00pm

(This next meeting is also one week early as Feb. 15th is a NH State holiday)

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by C. Albee

All in favor, 4:46pm