

**NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting  
January 14, 2019  
OPLC/NH Board of Pharmacy**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Advisory Council Members Present:**

David Strang, MD, Chair, NH Medical Society (NHMS)  
Stephen Crawford, DVM, Board of Veterinary Medicine (BOVM)  
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)  
Gil Fanciullo, MD, NH Board of Medicine (BOM)  
Kate Frey, New Futures  
Sean Gill, NH Attorney General's Office, Dept. of Justice (DOJ)  
Dennis Hannon, DDS, NH Board of Dental Examiners  
Nicole Harrington, Public Member, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)  
Eric Hirschfeld, D.D.S, NH Dental Society  
Kitty Kidder, APRN Vice Chair, NH Board of Nursing (BON)  
Bradley Osgood, NH Police Chiefs' Association  
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)  
Michael Viggiano, NH State Pharmacy Associations

**Advisory Council Members Absent:**

Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

**Also Attending:**

Michelle Ricco Jonas, Manager, NH PDMP  
Mark Cioffi, Analyst, NH PDMP  
Joanie Foss, Administrative Assistant, NH PDMP  
Michael Bullek, Executive Director, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)  
Jim Giglio (TTAC) (via phone)  
Pat Knue (TTAC) (via phone)

The meeting began at 3:06 p.m.

• **Introductions**

Members of the Advisory Council introduced themselves. Those in the public gallery were also introduced.

• **Review & Approve Minutes**

October 15, 2018. Motion to accept by D. DePiero. Second by K. Kidder. All in favor.

- **New Business**

- 1. 2019 Financial Disclosure Forms**

These forms had already been emailed to the A.C. members and were collected for submission to the office of the N.H Secretary of State. They are due by January 19<sup>th</sup>.

- 2. Review & Approve 2019 Meeting Calendar (D. Strang)**

Members were reminded that the meetings in Jan. and Feb. occur on the second Monday of the month instead of the usual 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, due to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday in Jan. and Feb. being State holidays. Motion to accept the 2019 Advisory Council meeting schedule by E. Hirschfeld. Second by S. Crawford. All in favor.

- 3. Financial Update (M. Ricco Jonas)**

A)

Contract Renewal/Extension: The contract renewal will be going before Governor and Council (G&C) on January 23, 2019. The renewal will extend our current contract thru June 2020. The extension will allow for the following enhancements to the system: 1) Maintenance of the clinical alerts, 2) Launch and maintenance of “Prescriber Report Cards” and 3) Launch and maintenance of a “Mandatory Use Compliance Module.” This is an app. from Appriss that will allow us to track whether prescribers are querying the PDMP prior to writing an opiate prescription (as required by the Board of Medicine).

B) DHHS: Accept and Expend: This request will allow the PDMP to accept and expend the funds to be used in the contract extension for the aforementioned enhancements, as well as the hiring of two, part-time, audit/compliance staff that will work on a project examining the accuracy and compliance of the data being entered into the NH PDMP database. It was anticipated that this item would go before the Fiscal Cmte. (Fiscal) and G&C in January, however the second Fiscal meeting in January was cancelled. So, the date for this to go before Fiscal and G&C is now Feb 8<sup>th</sup> and Feb 20<sup>th</sup> respectively.

- 4. ASAP 4.2A (M. Ricco Jonas)**

ASAP (American Society for Automation in Pharmacy) 4.2A is the newest software version for the collection of PDMP data and per our contract with our vendor, we should be utilizing the most current version. This would allow the PDMP to collect additional data fields if it is valuable to our work and improves the data that we currently collect. A “*Summary of Enhancements to Version 4.2*” was handed out and each were discussed on their merits. The A.C. members gave input on whether various “segments” might be helpful. M. Ricco Jonas stated that the following data fields would be added and become *required* fields: DSP22 - Quantity Prescribed; DSP24 - Treatment Type; PRE09 - XDEA Number. The PDMP will work with Appriss to produce appropriate and timely communications to the dispensers for when these new fields will be required and work with Appriss to move the database over to this newest version of ASAP software.

## **5. Data – Sample Slides from 2018 Annual Report (M. Ricco Jonas)**

A handout entitled “Practitioner Registration & Utilization, The Hard Numbers” was reviewed. Between 2017 and 2018, the following observations have been made:

- Practitioner registration has increased
- Practitioner generated patient info requests have almost doubled
- Pharmacist generated patient info requests have nearly tripled
- Prescription count declined each and every quarter until a leveling off between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters of 2018
- Average quantity per Rx is down by 5.75% over 2 years.
- Although opioid prescription counts decreased during this 2-year period, non-opioid prescription counts have held steady
- D. Strang suggested comparing this data with Medical Examiner's data to see if these decreases were at all reflected in a decrease in deaths due to prescription opiates.

Discussion ensued around the interpretation of these slides in the handout.

### **• Legislation (M. Ricco Jonas)**

1. HB 369 – Submitted by Rep. William Marsh of Wolfeboro as the lead sponsor, adds those treating a “substance use disorder” to the mandated query requirement. This would require methadone and other “MAT” providers to use the PDMP.

*NOTE: MAT stands for Medication Assisted Treatment and is the use of medications in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies for the treatment of substance use disorders.*

The members of the A.C. voiced support of this bill as they felt that MAT providers had an obligation to make sure they were prescribing/administering controlled substances safely.

J. Giglio mentioned that querying the PDMP as an MAT provider may compromise patient confidentiality based on CFR42.

*NOTE: CFR42 stands for Code of Federal Regulations Part 2: or a federal law governing confidentiality for people seeking treatment for substance use disorders from federally assisted programs. It encourages people to seek treatment and reassures patient privacy.*

2. Other Legislation – Although there are other bills being proposed this legislative session that may have an impact on the PDMP, no other specific legislation was discussed.

### **• Old Business**

None brought forward

### **• Items of Interest**

There is proposed legislation (yet to be heard in Sub-Committee) that would change the makeup of the Advisory Council. The question was asked, “What would be the relationship of

the PDMP to this new, multi-disciplinary Advisory Council?" The answer is unknown at this time and it will likely not be known until the proposed legislation is published/heard.

- **Non-Public Session**

At the request of M. Ricco Jonas, G. Fanciullo motioned to move to a non-public session at 4:36 p.m. Second by J. Stewart. All in favor.

**Reason:**

**RSA 91-A:3, II(1)** *Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.*

Motion to leave non-public session by M. Viggiano at 5:17 p.m. Second by G. Fanciullo. All in favor.

Motion to seal the minutes of the non-public session by D. Strang. Second by G. Fanciullo at 5:17 p.m. All in favor.

- **Next Meeting:**

Date/Time: February 11, 2018; 3:00 p.m. (2nd Monday due to State holiday on Feb. 18th)

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

- **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 5:18 p.m. by E. Hirschfeld. Second by G. Fanciullo. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



David E. Strang, MD  
Chairman