

NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
April 18, 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
Sarah Blodgett, NH Board of Medicine (BOM) (3:50 pm)
Michael Dupuis, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP) (3:30 pm)
Kate Frey, New Futures
Tony Guerino, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Eric Hirschfeld, MS, MAGD, NH Dental Society (via 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
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Karin Eckel, NH Attorney General's Office
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)

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 3:14 PM

1. Review & Approve Minutes

- February 8, 2016: Motion by C. Albee. Second by M. Dupuis
- All in favor without change.

- March 21, 2016: Motion by C. Albee. Second by K. Frey
- All in favor without change.

2. Sub Committee Reports

- **Finance: (M. Ricco Jonas)**
 - a. PDMP budget has been separated from the OPLC budget with its own tracking numbers.
 - b. Not submitting a Category II solicitation grant application at this time – will submit next year. Will still work with UNH Policy on evaluation.

- c. Interviewing Committee for full time PDMP assistant will be K. Frey, M. Dupuis & M. Ricco Jonas.

- **Implementation:**

- a. Contract Amendment with HID (M. Ricco Jonas)
 - i. Still in discussions with HID. Next meeting set for 4/25 with State attorneys.
- b. Registration Update (M. Ricco Jonas)
 - i. We are unable to streamline registrations thru HID, as this would require an additional enhancement. OPLC staff is therefore assisting with getting additional registrations activated. There are a lot of inactive licensees with multiple registrations that have to be denied and/or inactivated. This will be a job for the new staff person to help maintain going forward.
 - ii. Question about when this new, full time staff person would start? Position is still being reviewed by Human Resources Dept.

- **Rules: (K. Frey)**

Awaiting input from Atty. Lambardi

- **Legislative: (K. Frey & M. Ricco Jonas)**

- a. SB 522 – In House Finance Sub-committee. House appears reluctant to find additional money for the enhancements they demand of the PDMP. Gathering information at this point.
- b. HB 1423 – A Senate hearing was held at the beginning of April where it was acknowledged a lot of work had been done. Veterinarians made a good case regarding patient/owner issues and had questions regarding whose PDMP profile to review, owner versus the presenter of pet. Working on language to sort this out.

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

- a. PBSS (Prescription Behavior Surveillance System): No further update. M. Ricco Jonas to pursue this.
- b. M. Ricco Jonas to check if report can be run for greater than 100 unit dose prescriptions (see Feb. meeting query by D. DePiero).

3. Old Business

- Drug Court: No news to report at this time.
- Concord RTC Teacher: No additional discussions to report (regarding web-based tutorials).
- Integration of EHR and PDMP: M. Ricco Jonas explained this was to be included in the Category II solicitation grant but has been put on hold as we are not applying for that grant this year.
- MOU Update: Have reached out to MA, VT and ME. S. Blodgett to discuss further with Atty. Broderick.

4. New Business

- **M. Ricco Jonas reported**

1. PDMP will be providing monthly reports to State licensing boards on “top prescribers/dispensers” (if available).
2. Will be issuing an X/Y report (126 practitioner letters) for the period of Jan.-Mar. 2016.
3. Plan to follow data trends on # of CS prescriptions, unit doses and daily supply

Questions to be answered: Are we seeing changes in prescribing practice? Is any change a result of rules changes by the licensing boards or because of increased PDMP usage? How can we start presenting de-identified data to partners and to help inform public policy?

We have usable data, however we need to partner with those groups that have the skills to better present this information. UNH Policy is willing to help put some canned reports together and work with Brandeis (thru the PBSS) to facilitate this analysis. TTAC (Brandeis) to follow up with M. Ricco Jonas to help formulate an MOU to move this process forward.

5. Items of Interest

None brought forward.

6. Next Meeting:

Date/Time: May 16, 2016; 3:00pm

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

Adjournment:

Motion at 4:16pm

All in favor.