

# Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

July 08, 2020

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, convened at 1:00 p.m. to consider the following:

### **A G E N D A**

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum Call
3. Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda
4. Consideration of Minutes from Prior Meeting – January 8, 2020
5. Opportunity for Public Comment
6. Annual Election of Council Officers
7. Review of Program Operation
8. Regulatory Update
9. Calendar Notes
10. Adjourn

**Advisory Council Representatives/Designees present:** Carl Aron (LABP) chaired the meeting. Also present were Roger Hamilton (LaSenPres), Mary Peyton (LSBME), Lauren Bailey (LSMS), Beverly Walker (LPA), Bud Courson (LAMP), Lawrence Alexander, Jr. (DEA), Lt. Brit Forbes (LSP), Charles Cravins (LDAA), Mary Staples (NACDS), Bryanna Clark (PhRMA), and Russell Caffery (LIPA).

**Others present:** Malcolm Broussard, Joe Fontenot, Carlos Finalet, Danielle Hartzog, Nerissa Montgomery, Reshmi Ravindranath, and Kelly Villeneuve (all LABP).

### **Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda**

No additional agenda items introduced, agenda adopted.

### **Consideration of Minutes from the January 08, 2020 Meeting**

Minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments.

### **Election of Council Officers**

The only nomination for the office of Chair was Carl Aron (LABP). Mr. Aron was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

The only nomination for the office of Vice Chair was Hon. Charles T. Cravins. Hon. Charles T. Cravins was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

### **Review of Program Operation**

Joe Fontenot, Assistant Executive Director, presented statistical information regarding the program to the council. (**Attachment 1**). Furthermore, Mr. Fontenot provided an update on the statewide PMP integration project, letting the council know that as of July 1, 2020 the PMP is interoperable with one hundred and seventy six (176) licensees across the state.

### **Interstate Data Sharing through PMP Interconnect**

Mr. Fontenot updated the council that the Louisiana PMP is currently sharing PMP information with 26 other state PMPs and the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) through the NABP PMP InterConnect (PMPi). (Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia)

#### RxCheck Interstate Data Sharing Hub

Mr. Fontenot reminded the PMP Advisory Council of the previous conversations regarding the RxCheck Interstate Data Sharing Hub. He informed the council the connection was complete on April 17, 2020 and the connection will be maintained until such time as the requirements of the grant no longer necessitate a connection.

#### Pharmacy Audits

Mr. Fontenot discussed with the council that PMP reporting requirements is a priority of the PMP staff. In order to monitor compliance, PMP staff focus on ensuring each pharmacy reports eligible prescription transactions for each business day they are open and reports all of their eligible prescription transactions for each business day. He stated two audit processes was established, one for resident pharmacies, and one for non-resident.

Violations – From time to time, PMP staff encounters pharmacy permits who choose not to comply with the reporting requirements of the PMP and I've reported the disciplinary actions taken by the Board against those pharmacies to the Advisory Council. In March of this year, the Violations Committee of the Board was schedule to address 2 pharmacy permits and their pharmacists-in charge (PICs) for failure to correct or amend erroneous data in the PMP. In both cases, the pharmacy's reported PMP data but the data contained errors which prevented the information from being entered into the database. After numerous attempts by PMP staff to address the issue, the pharmacies were referred to the committee. Unfortunately the March meeting had to be postponed due to COVID-19 but has been reschedule for July 14-15, 2020. As soon as these 2 matters are concluded, I will update you on the outcomes.

#### Regulatory Update

Mr. Malcolm Broussard reviewed Regulatory Project 2020-1 ~ Prescription Monitoring Program and noted the proposed revisions to the original proposed rule. (**Attachment 2**)

#### Calendar Notes

The remaining meeting date in 2020 is: October 8.

#### Adjournment

With no business remaining, the Council adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

*I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.*

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Malcolm J. Broussard  
Executive Director  
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy