

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

April 13, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Suite 8-E, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, 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
4. Consideration of Minutes from Prior Meeting – January 12, 2011
5. Review of Program Operation
6. Special Presentation: A Proposal for Interstate Sharing of PMP Data
PMP Interconnect
Mr. Joshua M. Bolin
Director of Government Affairs
National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
Mount Prospect, IL
7. Calendar Notes
8. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Carl Aron (LBP) chaired the meeting, Col. Peter Tufaro (Sheriff's Association), Cindy York (Board of Nursing), Joseph W. Shepard (DEA), Brenda Lands (DHH/Office of Behavioral Health), Simone Ginn (LPA), Erin Conner (Board of Dentistry), Major David Staton (State Police), Thania Elliott (Board of Medical Examiners), Fenton Lipscomb, DVM (La. Veterinary Medical Association), Lisa C. Bayhi (LA Assoc. of Nurse Practitioners), Randall Johnson (LIPA), Mary Staples (NACDS), J. J. Williams (LDAA), and J. Quillin (LAMP).

Others present: Malcolm J. Broussard (LABP), Joe Fontenot (LABP), Sarah Blakey (LABP), Louis Lajarza (DEA), Wayne Bajon, Bryan C. McCann, MD., Louis Blanda (LSHP), Josh Bolin (NABP), Linda Spradley (Spradley & Spradley), Melvin Bourguois, MD., Ceciliamarie White (QVL), Manuel Anzaldua (QVL), Susan Kemp (QVL), Lesley Vinson (QVL), Crystal Carter (LPA), Bud Courson (NACDS), and Dan Snyder.

Consideration of Minutes from January 12, 2011 Meeting

The minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

Review of Program Operation

Mr. Joe Fontenot presented the quarterly statistics from March 31, 2011.

Number of Eligible Transactions Reported to the PMP

- **Total - 32, 450,427**
 - 2008 - 6,018,182
 - 2009 - 11,143,746
 - 2010 - 12,102,617

2011 - 3,185,882

When reviewing the data, he indicated there were some significant dates to remember:

September 1, 2008 – Reporting of Schedules II-V retroactive to June 1, 2008

August 15, 2009 – Carisoprodol products became Schedule IV

August 15, 2009 – Ephedrine, PSE, and PPA became Schedule V

September 1, 2010 – Reporting of Drugs of Concern began

Practitioner Access

- Prescribers – Total Authorized Users 2,412
- Dispensers – Total Authorized Users 1,314

Mr. Fontenot stated that it would be very difficult to calculate an accurate percentage of practitioners accessing the database. However, when comparing the LA PMP to other state programs we have determined access rate is above average for a relatively new program.

Practitioner Queries

- Overall Query total = 923,889

Law Enforcement Access and Requests

- Total amount of request processed for law enforcement - 1,834
- 38 different duly constituted law enforcement agencies in Louisiana currently request PMP data
- Of these 33 agencies 87 individuals are authorized to submit administrative requests directly through HID
- 5 out of state law enforcement agency requests data from the LA PMP
- Requesting agencies include police, sheriff, drug task forces, DEA, and State Police

Board and Regulatory Agencies

- Profile Views by Boards & Regulatory Agencies Total = 2,666

Mr. Fontenot reported that the PMP will implement the following enhancements to the PMP database:

- New User Passwords
- Practitioner Contact Update
- Practitioner Contact List
- Patient Reports Selection
- User Name and Password Retrieval
- Email Specific User Groups
- Log Out Feature for Boards/Agencies, Practitioners, and Law Enforcement
- Reset Password
- Veterinary Reporting
- ASAP 4.1 Standards

Ms. Staples asked if the PMP intended to include optional fields when updating to ASAP 4.1. Mr. Fontenot told the Council that some optional fields will be required in order for veterinarians to report and use the database such as the differentiation between human and non-human patients. Other optional fields will be used to improve the program but have not been defined by Board rule. Ms. Staples then advised of her opposition to optional fields.

Ms. Staples suggested applying for federal grants since the PMP will move to the updated ASAP 4.1.

Ms. Elliott stated that she cannot determine what ingredients are actually in compounded drugs when viewing a PMP profile and asked if any of the future enhancements would address that issue. Mr. Fontenot indicated his understanding the ASAP 4.1 standard would identify the primary ingredient within a compounded preparations reported to the database. Currently, the solicited report reflects “compounded drug” when reported by the dispenser, due to the use of a standardized drug code used to identify such products.

Special Presentation: A Proposal for Interstate Sharing of PMP Data

Mr. Joshua Bolin, Government Affairs Director, NABP opened his presentation by explaining that NABP is a non-profit association which assists regulators with developing, implementing, and enforcing uniform standards for the purpose of public health.

The PMP Interconnect (PMPi) is a secure exchange broker that PMPs can use to facilitate national data sharing, while maintaining state autonomy in a low cost and HIPAA compliant manner, enhancing the ability of PMPs to fight prescription drug abuse.

The PMPi has an Administrative Console web-browser based application where user accounts will be maintained and the business rules for requests and responses will be controlled by PMP Administrators. The Administrative Console will include a screen with statistics and a PMP configurations area. The configurations area will allow PMP Administrators to alter business rules determining which information users are privileged to, create new accounts, and modify contact information for their own PMP.

NABP will cover the annual participation fees for all participating states for at least five years, and it is the Association’s goal that states will never have to pay annual participation fees to participate in PMPi. In addition, NABP will cover all costs associated with the development and ongoing operation of PMP Interconnect.

Ms. Lisa Bayhi inquired as to where the funding for the PMPi will come from if not from the state PMPs. Mr. Bolin stated that the project funding will come from NABP grants and fees charged to licensees for nonrelated services.

PMPs will enter into an agreement, the MOU, directly with NABP to participate thus avoiding multiple state-to-state contracts. The MOU fully states the responsibility of both the state PMP and NABP.

Col. Peter Tufaro made a motion that the Advisory Council recommend that the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy should move forward with participating in the NABP PMP Interconnect. The motion was seconded by Lisa Bayhi. The Council approved the motion by unanimous vote.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Dan Snyder, R.Ph. spoke of his five year goal to have the state implement a mandatory class on drug abuse and violence in a students ninth grade year of high school.

Louis Lajarza (DEA) explained that on April 30, 2011 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM the DEA regional office is partnering with local law enforcement officials to host drug take back collection programs in communities throughout the state. Council members wishing to promote the drug take back were provided with the materials to do so.

Calendar Notes

The remaining 2011 tentative meeting dates are: July 13, 2011, and October 12, 2011.

Announcements

The Council adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

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