

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

July 13, 2011

MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at the office of the Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, 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 – April 13, 2011
5. Opportunity for Public Comment
6. Election of Council Officers
7. Review of Program Operation
8. Calendar Notes
9. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Carl Aron (LABP) chaired the meeting, Col. Peter Tufaro (Sheriff's Association), Cindy York (Board of Nursing), Daryl Grush (DEA), Brenda Lands (DHH/Office of Behavioral Health), Simone Ginn (LPA), Peyton B. Burkhalter (Board of Dentistry), Major David Staton (State Police), Thania Elliott (Board of Medical Examiners), Mica Landry, DVM (Board of Veterinary Medicine), Fenton Lipscomb, DVM (LVMA), Lisa C. Bayhi (LA Assoc. of Nurse Practitioners), Bud Courson (NACDS), J. J. Williams (LDAA), J. Michael Burdine, MD. (LSMS), Ward Blackwell (LDA), Major Mittendorf (LAPA), and M.J. Terrebonne (DHH/Director of Pharmacy)

Others present: Malcolm J. Broussard (LABP), Joe Fontenot (LABP), Sarah Blakey (LABP), Bryan C. McCann, MD., Bland O'Connor (LVMA), Nancy Perron (LPA), Alan Clesi (DEA), and Erin Conner (Board of Dentistry)

Consideration of Minutes from April 13, 2011 Meeting

Minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Bryan C. McCann, MD. provided the Council with handouts and spoke of the ongoing problem of drug addiction. He stated that physicians must accept responsibility and drastically reduce the supply of opioids presently available. Dr. McCann acknowledged that the use of opioids is necessary and cannot be denied to patients in certain cases. He also gave examples of over prescribing and the impacts of drug addiction.

Dr. McCann stated he is impressed with the role that the PMP Advisory Council has demonstrated. Further saying he would like to implore the PMP Advisory Council to go further and request the LA State Medical Society with the LA State Board of Medical Examiners take an aggressive approach and direct all physicians to curb the volume of

addictive prescriptions. Dr. McCann also requested that the PMP Advisory Council ask the LA State Legislature to create a system with the LA State Board of Education, similar to their creation with the LA Board of Pharmacy. More specifically, an advisory board to create a comprehensive anti-addiction educational system for all grades (K - 12).

Ms. Brenda Lands, DHH/Office of Behavioral Health, agreed to look into what educational programs of this nature are already in place and report the findings to the Council at the next meeting.

Election of Council Officers

The only nomination for the office of Chair was Carl Aron, made by Bud Courson and seconded by Ward Blackwell. Mr. Aron was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

The only nomination for the office of Vice Chair was Peter Tufaro, made by J. J. Williams and seconded by Fenton Lipscomb. Col. Tufaro was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

Review of Program Operation

Joe Fontenot, PMP Manger, presented the following statistical information:
[Data is current through June 30, 2011]

Number of Eligible Transactions Reported to the PMP

- **Total - 35,593,068**
- 2008 - 6,309,025
- 2009 – 11,149,446
- 2010 – 12,116,408
- 2011 – 6,018,189

Practitioner Access

- Prescribers – Total Authorized Users 2,532
- Dispensers – Total Authorized Users 1,354

Prescriber's Access Rate

- LA has 13,301 practitioners that are prescribing CDS
- Of these 13,301 practitioners 17.38% are approved for access PMP information
- When analyzing access data it is found that practitioners prescribing more CDS have a higher rate of approved access

Practitioner Queries

- Overall Query total = 1,082,979

Law Enforcement Access and Requests

- Total amount of requests processed for law enforcement – 2,141
- 50 different duly constituted law enforcement agencies in Louisiana currently request PMP data
- Of these 50 agencies 100 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 = 3,089

Unsolicited Reporting

- The PMP has processed unsolicited reports in regards to 191 patients
- A total of 2,028 reports have been mailed to prescribers
- A total of 2,410 reports have been mailed to pharmacies

Enhancements – the following enhancements have been implemented:

- Reset Password
- Log Out Feature Practitioners
- Log Out Feature Law Enforcement
- Email Specific User Groups

Mr. Fontenot reported that the program is now issuing PMP Pharmacy Alerts through the PMP database when requested to do so by a prescriber whose information has been used to generate forged prescriptions. PMP staff has made it a policy to require approval from the prescriber and investigating law enforcement entity before sending an alert to pharmacies. The Council was provided with a copy of PMP Pharmacy alert No. 11-0001 for reference.

Calendar Notes

The remaining 2011 tentative meet date is: October 12, 2011.

Announcements

The Council adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

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