

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

October 16, 2019

MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, convened at 1:02 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 – July 10, 2019
5. Opportunity for Public Comment
6. Review of Program Operation
7. Calendar Notes
8. Adjourn

Advisory Council Representatives/Designees present: Carl Aron (LABP) chaired the meeting. Also present were Drew Murray (HH&W), Chris Melancon (SH&W), Dr. Vincent Culotta Jr. (LSBME), Jennifer Wright (LSBN), Lauren Bailey (LSMS), Ward Blackwell (LDA), Beverly Walker (LPA), Bud Courson (LAMP), Maj. Bob Brown (LSP), Valencia Landry (LDAA), Traci Perry (DHH), Sandra Guckian proxy for Mary Staples (NACDS), and Russell Caffery (LIPA).

Others present: Malcolm Broussard, Joe Fontenot, Carlos Finalet, Danielle Hartzog, Nerissa Montgomery, Reshmi Ravindranath, Robbi Lewis (all LABP), Warren Rivera (LSBME), Mark St. Cyr, and Crystal Carter (LPA).

Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda

No additional agenda items introduced, agenda adopted.

Consideration of Minutes from the July 10, 2019 Meeting

Minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments.

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 the PMP has approved 105 licensees for PMP integration, which represents approximately 1200 facilities in the state of Louisiana.

Mr. Fontenot introduced to the Advisory Council two additional PMP staff members, Reshmi Ravindranath and Robbi Lewis.

Mr. Fontenot updated the Advisory Council on the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grant for the Louisiana Department of Health – Office of Public Health (OPH). Mr. Fontenot informed the Council that he received a call from OPH and they informed him that OPH was awarded the grant contingent upon the Board of Pharmacy signing an MOU with the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) RX Check and subsequently connecting to the RX Check interstate data sharing hub. Mr. Fontenot reminded the Council that we are currently connected to the PMP InterConnect interstate data sharing hub and successfully sharing with 30 other PMPs. Mr. Fontenot also mentioned that our statewide PMP integration project is also utilizing the PMP InterConnect to connect to EHRs and Pharmacy Management Systems both in-state as well as out of state. Connecting to the RX Check hub would be redundant and of no value to the Louisiana PMP. Maj. Brown (LSP) inquired about the cost associated with connecting to RX Check. Mr. Fontenot replied by stating the initial cost is \$60,000 with a \$22,000 per year maintenance. Mr. Fontenot and Mr. Finalet will be carefully

reviewing the MOU before it is presented to the Board. Mr. Broussard stated the MOU will be fine-tuned to ensure no Louisiana laws will be violated. The MOU will be presented to the Board at the November Board meeting.

Interstate Data Sharing through PMP Interconnect

Mr. Fontenot updated the council that the Louisiana PMP is currently sharing PMP information with 29 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, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia)

Update on PMP Enhancements

Mr. Fontenot updated the Advisory Council of the current and upcoming PMP enhancements.

- *Auto-Registration* – Enabled for pharmacists and medical interns on October 8, 2019.
- *Prescriber Reports* – The first distribution of Prescriber Reports was on May 6, 2019 and will continue to be provided quarterly by email to eligible prescribers. The last report was delivered on July 30, 2019 and the next report is due November 2019. Mr. Fontenot answered questions pertaining to prescriber reports and their relevance to Regulatory Boards. He reiterated to the council that the prescriber report's purpose is to be used as an educational tool for the prescribers.
- *Clinical Alerts Module* – Mr. Fontenot discussed the three components that will prompt a clinical alert to the prescriber. The three components are Daily Active MME Threshold, Opioid & Benzodiazepine Threshold, and Prescriber & Dispenser Thresholds. This new feature is expected to be active by the end of October 2019.

Calendar Notes

The tentative meeting dates for 2020 were announced: January 8, April 8, July 8, and October 14.

Adjournment

With no business remaining, the Council adjourned at 1:47 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

Malcolm J. Broussard
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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