

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

July 9, 2014

MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, convened at 1:05 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**
5. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
6. **Election of Council Officers**
7. **Review of Program Operation**
8. **Review of Legislation**
9. **Calendar Notes**
10. **Adjourn**

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Carl Aron (LABP) chaired the meeting, Thania Elliott (LSBME), Erin Conner (LSBD), Cindi York (LSBN), Michael Burdine, MD (LSMS), Ward Blackwell (LADA), Lisa Bayhi (LANP), Kenneth Wilson (LPA), Bud Courson (LAMP), Major Mittendorf (LAPA), Louis Lejarza (DEA), Maj. Layne Barnum (LSP), Peter Tufaro (LSA), J.J. Williams (LADAA), Nick Caharin (NACDS), Randal Johnson (LIPA)

Others present: Malcolm Broussard (LABP), Danielle Clausen Meadors (LABP), Bobby Gaston (LSA), Korey Patty (LIPA)

Call for Additional Agenda Items

No additional agenda items introduced

Consideration of Minutes from April 9, 2014 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 Colonel Pete Tufaro. Colonel Tufaro was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

Review of Program Operation

Malcolm Broussard, Executive Director for the Board of Pharmacy, updated the Advisory Council on the recent change in PMP vendor from Health Information Designs (HID) to Optimum Technology (Otech) and provided the following timeline:

- **February 6, 2014** (Thursday) – Notification to pharmacies of the transition from HID to Optimum Technology (Otech), with instructions for reporting to the program.
- **February 16, 2014** (Sunday) – HID's last day to accept uploads of prescription transactions
- **February 17, 2014** (Monday) – Otech began accepting uploads of prescription transactions
- **February 23, 2014** (Sunday) – HID's last day for an open portal to query patients
- **February 24, 2014** (Monday) – Otech's website open to queries
- **April 3, 2014** (Thursday) – New User Registration / tutorial process enabled

2014 – 1st Quarter Statistics:

Queries Performed by **Prescribers** from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 = **180,553**

Queries Performed by **Pharmacist** from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 = **43,238**

2014 – 2nd Quarter Statistics:

Queries Performed by **Prescribers** from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 = **222,431**

Queries Performed by **Pharmacist** from April 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014 = **90,264**

Mr. Broussard noted that the prescriber queries reached an all-time quarterly high in the 2nd quarter of 2014. Eligible transactions are still at an average of just over 1 million prescriptions per month.

New Direct Users

352 Prescribers approved from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

185 Pharmacists approved from January 1, 2014 through June 30, 2014

Interstate Data Sharing

On June 24, 2014, the Louisiana PMP began sharing with the Arkansas PMP. The Louisiana PMP will begin to phase in the other states with whom we shared data with before the transition. These states include South Carolina, South Dakota, and Virginia.

Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (PBSS)

The Louisiana PMP has become a participant in the **Prescription Behavior Surveillance System (PBSS)** which is supported by a cooperative agreement with the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Unintentional Injury Center and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Safe Use Initiative.

The purpose of the PBSS is to create an early warning surveillance and evaluation tool based on de-identified, longitudinal data from state prescription drug monitoring programs.

Benefits of participation:

- Detailed periodic epidemiological reports on prescribing behavior within a state and based upon multi-state analysis that can be timelier than health outcome data.
- Additional state-specific reports tailored to state needs.
- Expected to detect changes in prescribing patterns before they result in changes in health outcomes, thereby enabling preparation for and possibly prevention of negative changes in health outcomes or providing opportunities to promote positive changes.
- The project will generate an evidence-based national inventory of initiatives aimed at influencing prescriber behavior.

Reporting Changes

On May 29, 2014, the Louisiana PMP notified all uploaders and dispensers that effective July 1, 2014, the Louisiana PMP will begin accepting files in **ASAP 2011 version 4.2 format**. The program will accept either the previous format (ASAP 95) or the new format (ASAP v4.2) until December 31, 2014, but effective January 1, 2015 only ASAP v4.2 files will be accepted.

On June 27, 2014 we notified all Louisiana PMP uploaders and dispensers that effective August 1, 2014 the law regarding the reporting frequency to the PMP has changed from reporting within 7 days of dispensing to the **“next business day”** after dispensing.

Delegates

Mr. Broussard informed the Advisory Council that our vendor, Otech, anticipates that the portion of the software which will enable a prescriber or dispenser to enable and also disable a delegate to be ready around the first half of September.

Review of Legislation

Mr. Broussard updated the Advisory Council on recent legislation in regards to delegates and Carisoprodol and Tramadol products.

Calendar Notes

The final remaining meeting date for 2014: October 8.

The Council adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

Malcolm J. Broussard
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Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

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