

# Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

January 13, 2010

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 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 – October 14, 2009
5. Review of Program Operation
6. Consideration of Legislative Proposal re Advisory Council Membership
7. Opportunity for Public Comment
8. Calendar Notes
9. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Carl Aron, President of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, chaired the meeting; Louis Lejarza & Alan Clesi (DEA), Brenda Lands (DHH/OAD), Thania Elliott (LSBME), John J. Williams (District Attorneys Association), Col. Peter Tufaro (Sheriff's Association), Bud Courson (NACDS), Julie Wilkinson & Crystal Carter (LPA), Erin Conner (Board of Dentistry), Capt. Jim McGuane & Lt. Paul Edmondson (State Police), J. Michael Burdine (State Medical Society), Major M. Mittendorf (LAPA), Greg Waddell (LA Senate), and Rep. Bernard LeBas (LA House).

Others present: Malcolm J. Broussard (LABP), Sarah Blakey (LABP), Joe Fontenot (LABP), Carlos Finalet (LABP), Linda Spradley (Spradley & Spradley).

### **Consideration of Minutes from October 14, 2009 Meeting**

Minutes were approved by consensus of the Council.

### **Review of Program Operation**

Joe Fontenot presented the Quarterly Report:

	1st Quarter 2009	2nd Quarter 2009	3rd Quarter 2009	4th Quarter 2009	Totals
Dispensers Granted Access	398	205	125	65	793
Prescribers Granted Access	665	375	295	192	1,527
<b>2009 Yearly Total</b>					<b>2,320</b>
Dispenser Queries	11,927	19,848	20,593	21,909	74,277
Prescriber Queries	35,071	56,079	65,453	67,320	223,923
Board/Agency Queries		224	298	233	755
<b>2009 Yearly Total</b>					<b>298,955</b>
Administrative Request	186	179	197	193	755
<b>2009 Yearly Total</b>					<b>755</b>

Of the 755 administrative requests 459 are from Louisiana State Police. Of that number, 94 arrests have been made.

Law enforcement enhancement is now in effect. It allows indirect access whereby law enforcement requests go through the PMP Program office where Mr. Fontenot reviews the request. A response is usually provided within 24 hours.

Unsolicited reports will be the PMP Program's next phase. Mr. Fontenot will review the PMP monitored information for potential doctor shoppers and follow up with correspondence to practitioner notifying the practitioner of any questionable activity.

Dr. Burdine stated his frustration at his unsuccessful attempts with his complaints to various regulatory and law enforcement agencies regarding those doctors involved in suspected doctor shopping. Ms. Elliott and Mr. Lajarza asked for those letters to be copied to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners and DEA. Dr. Burdine concluded with expressed praise for the PMP Program.

Mr. Lajarza stated DEA has seen an increase in pharmacy burglaries recently which is probably due to a reduction in doctor shopping resulting from the PMP Program.

Mr. Fontenot concluded with a PMP report indicating the top 3 prescribed drugs by generic form 2009 to be: Hydrocodone, Alprazolam, and Ambien

### **Consideration of Legislative Proposal re Advisory Council Membership**

Mr. Broussard presented the recommendation of the deletion of medical psychologists from the Advisory Council as a result of the recent Legislative modification granting the

Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners regulatory authority over the prescribing practices of medical psychologists. The Board of Pharmacy will consider the proposal at its February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Greg Waddell with Senator Mount's staff proffered her authorship of the bill.

#### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

Mr. Lajarza asked for reconsideration of exempting veterinarians from the practitioners subject to PMP reporting. Alan Clesi stated that recent investigations show a trend of veterinarians prescribing to humans as well as increased self-abuse by veterinarians.

The Counsel voted in favor of including veterinarians in the reporting requirements. The recommendation will be referred to the Board of Pharmacy at its February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

#### **Calendar Notes**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 14, 2010, starting at 1:00 p.m.

#### **Announcements**

The Council adjourned at 2:10 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

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