

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

October 29, 2008

MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Task Force scheduled to meet on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Suite 8-E, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, convened at 1:10 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 – July 9, 2008
5. Introduction of Program Staff
6. Review of Implementation
7. Demonstration of Database Management Program
8. Opportunity for Public Comment
9. Calendar Notes
10. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: James Sandefur, O.D. (Optometry Board & Optometry Assoc.), Louis LeJarza (DEA), M.J. Terrebonne (DHH), Brenda Lands (DHH), Carl W. Aron (LABP), Alfred L. Gaudet (LSBME), Ward Blackwell (LDA), MJ Terrebonne (DHH), Major Adam White (State Police), JJ Williams (DA's Assoc.), Rep. H. Bernard LeBas (LA House of Representatives), Peggy Griener (LABN), Dr. Edwin H. Adams (LPA), Major Mittendorf (Academy of Physician Assistants),

Others present: Malcolm J. Broussard (LABP), Kathleen Gaudet (LABP), Carlos M. Finalet, III (LABP), Sarah Blakey (LABP), Joe Fontenot (LABP), Ginger Adam (Walgreen Co.), Calder Lynch (DHH/Legal Affairs), Rochelle Head-Dunham (DHH), Lt. Colonel Genny May (LA State Police) Brad Cook (LA State Police), Kenny L. Van Buren (LA State Police), Randal Johnson (LIPA).

Consideration of Minutes from July 9, 2008 Meeting

Minutes were approved by consensus of the Council.

Introduction of Program Staff

Joe Fontenot is the Program Manager. Sarah Blakey is the Assistant to the Program Manager.

Review of Implementation

Mr. Fontenot reviewed some key issues that have arisen.

Several inquiries have been made regarding the identification number requirement for reporting to the Program. The regulations require either a state issued ID number, driver's license number, or social security number. However, Mr. Fontenot pointed out the identifier number is not considered primary source information for the Program's purposes but is instead a secondary source for cross referencing purposes. With regard to an animal's prescription, Mr. Fontenot suggests the use of the owner's identification number for reporting purposes.

Some practitioners have requested a waiver from the duty to report. But the laws do not currently allow for waivers from reporting, only waivers for reporting electronically (i.e., dispensers would still have report by paper).

Mr. Fontenot also stated that if a prescriber dispenses no more than a 48-hour supply associated with a procedure no duty to report exists.

Mr. Fontenot closed by conveying that the White House 'Drug Czar' via spokesperson Jennifer Devalence contacted him regarding their concern over the amount of stimulant use in Louisiana, especially as indicated by overweight clinics. Louisiana is currently number three in the nation for stimulant use. Mr. Fontenot described the Louisiana Board of Medical Examiners' recent regulatory prohibition on dispensing doctors. Ms. Devalence was pleased with this action and praised the Medical Board for its proactive stance.

Demonstration of Database Management Program

Mr. Fontenot gave a demonstration of the Program via internet.

Opportunity for Public Comment

State Police representative Lt. Col. Genny May presented Arkansas Legislation, Act 256 (2005) and Act 508 (2007), as examples of efforts to control certain ingredients used to make meth and mandatory real-time log books where relevant products are sold.

Calendar Notes

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 7, 2009, starting at 1:00 p.m. The remaining meeting dates for 2009 are: April 8th, July 8th and October 14th.

The Council adjourned at 3:00 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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