

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

April 11, 2007

MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Task Force scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Suite 8-E, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, convened at 1:25 p.m. to consider the following:

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Call for Additional Agenda Items
3. Consideration of Minutes from January 10, 2007 Meeting
4. Review of Proposed Rule & Promulgation Process
5. Discussion Topics
 - a. Selection of Schedules to be Monitored
 - b. Identification of Drugs of Concern
6. Calendar Notes
7. Opportunity for Public Comment
8. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Louisiana Representative Ronnie Johns, Joni Nickens (LANP), J. Michael Burdine, M.D. (LSMS), Murphy Paul (LA State Police), Donald Hickman (DEA), Rachel Broussard (DHH), Mary Staples (NACDS), J.J. Williams (LA DA's Association), Carl W. Aron (LABP), Alfred L. Gaudet (LSBME). A quorum of 11 members was not present. Therefore, the Council was unable to take official action. However, those members present did informally discuss the issues presented.

Others present: Malcolm J. Broussard, Kathleen Gaudet & Carlos M. Finalet, III (LABP), Kerry Cooley.

Review of Proposed Rule & Promulgation Process

Mr. Broussard reviewed the Council's past actions. He explained some amendments were made to the draft language by the Board resulting in Draft #3 of proposed Ch. 29 to the Board's regulations. He also stated the Board directed promulgation at the direction of the Board President Aron.

April 20 through May 30 is the public comment period on the proposed rule.

The proposed rule will be printed in the April 20, 2007 Louisiana Register with the public hearing scheduled for May 30, 2007 at 9:00 a.m.

If no amendments are made or only minor, non-substantive amendments are made, the proposal goes to the Legislative Oversight for 30 days. If the Oversight Committee does nothing, the earliest we could have the PMP regulations is July 20, 2007.

Mr. Broussard also explained the funding and the separation of accounts to assure accountability.

Mary Staples asked if NACDS' request to change the language to include other alternative identifiers would affect the promulgation timeline. Mr. Broussard stated he believed that would be substantive change and would therefore extend the timeline explained above.

Rep. Johns suggested adding a field to allow for another alternate identifier to the social security number such as a driver's license number or state ID number.

Selection of Schedules to be Monitored

Mr. Broussard explained that due to the federal funding requirements, all schedules must be monitored.

Identification of Drugs of Concern

Rep. Johns wants Soma (Carisoprodol) included as a drug of concern. He explained he has a bill pending before the Louisiana Legislature at this session to make it a CIV.

Mr. Broussard also suggested Ultram (Tramadol), Butalbital/APAP + caffeine (Fioricet), and Promethazine with Codeine to be included.

Calendar Notes

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 13, 2007, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes. However a formal meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Advisory Council for the State of Louisiana was not held due to lack of a quorum.

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