

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

January 16, 2008

MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Task Force scheduled to meet on Wednesday, January 16, 2008 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 5615 Corporate Blvd., Suite 8-E, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, convened at 1:15 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 Prior Meetings: January 10, 2007 and April 11, 2007
4. Progress Report
5. Opportunity for Public Comment
6. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Joni Nickens, APRN (LANP), J. Michael Burdine, MD (LSMS), James Sandefur, OD (Optometry Board), Mark J. Roy, III, OD (Optometry Assoc.), Louis Lejarza (DEA), Rachel Broussard (DHH), Carl W. Aron (LABP), Alfred L. Gaudet (LSBME), Ward Blackwell (LDA), MJ Terrebonne (DHH), Ken Betzing, PA-C (LAPA), Jim Quillin, PhD, MP (LAMP), and Ricky Guidry (LIPA).

Others present: Malcolm J. Broussard (LABP), Kathleen Gaudet (LABP), Carlos M. Finalet, III (LABP), Jim Nickel, Brenda Lands (DHH/OAD), Randall Johnson (LIPA).

Consideration of Minutes from January 10, 2007 Meeting and April 11, 2007

Minutes approved by consensus.

Progress Report

Mr. Broussard gave an overview of the program's progress. Currently, he is in the process of writing the specifications for the software vendor to implement the program. The cost of the software varies depending on the system's expectations. For example, in order to receive federal grants for operate the program, the federal government now requires interoperability between the states' PMP programs.

Also pending is approval for staffing by Civil Service. However, because Governor Jindal has issued a hiring freeze for all state employees, Mr. Broussard is unsure how that will affect the program's staffing.

The Board has begun collecting the applicable fees for the PMP Program from the practitioners authorized to prescribe for humans and all pharmacies licensed by the Board.

Orientation of the users of the program is the next phase after the system is implemented.

Calendar Notes

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 16, 2008, starting at 1:00 p.m.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments were made.

The Council adjourned at 2:15 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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