

# Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

April 10, 2019

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, 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 & Adoption of Agenda**
4. **Consideration of Minutes from Prior Meeting – January 9, 2019**
5. **Opportunity for Public Comment**
6. **Review of Program Operation**
7. **Access to PMP Information by Chiropractors – Charles Herring, D.C., Baton Rouge**
8. **Calendar Notes**
9. **Adjourn**

**Advisory Council Representatives/Designees present:** Carl Aron (LABP) chaired the meeting. Also present were Malcolm Broussard (LABP), Chris Melancon (SH&W), Warren Rivera (LSBME), Erin Conner (LABD), Jennifer Wright (LSBN), Lauren Bailey (LSMS), Ward Blackwell (LDA), Dr. Jonathan Bowman (OAL), Dr. Julie Breithaupt (LPA), Christy Lenahan (LANP), Joel Dunn (DEA), Traci Perry (LDH), and Mary Staples (NACDS).

**Others present:** Joe Fontenot, Carlos Finalet, Lindsey Schultz, Danielle Hartzog, Nerissa Montgomery (all LABP), Crystal Carter (LPA), Lawrence Alexander (DEA), Charles Herring, D.C. (CAL), Jeff Gaude (NACDS), Erron Pujol (ULL), Kelly Nastasi (ULL), and Christy Poole (ULL).

### **Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda**

No additional agenda items introduced, agenda adopted.

### **Consideration of Minutes from the January 9, 2019 Meeting**

Minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

### **Opportunity for Public Comment**

No public comments.

### **Review of Program Operation**

Mr. Fontenot, Assistant Executive Director, presented statistical information regarding the program to the council. (**Attachment 1**) Furthermore, Mr. Fontenot provided an update on the statewide PMP integration project, letting the council know that the PMP has approved thirty one (31) licensees and has one hundred and twenty nine (129) entities pending approval.

Mr. Fontenot informed the Advisory Council that the Louisiana Department of Health is applying for a Centers for Disease Control (CDC) grant. The grant contains "special conditions" which mandates that the Louisiana PMP connect to the Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) designated PMP interstate data sharing system called RxCheck. Mr. Fontenot reminded the council that since 2014 the Louisiana PMP has been successfully sharing PMP information with other state PMPs through the PMP InterConnect (PMPi) which is completely funded by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) at no cost to states. As of January 2019, 47 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the US Department of Defense are all participating in the PMPi. In comparison, as of December 2018, BJA's RxCheck claimed to have four states sharing data through their system. Participating in the RxCheck would cost the Louisiana PMP \$60,000 in vendor cost for the initial connection and \$22,000 per year in vendor maintenance.

Mr. Fontenot expressed concerns, which are shared by several other state PMPs, that the language in the CDC grant may require the PMP to provide PMP data to the federal government in violation of our own state laws regarding privacy, security, and access. Mr. Aron explained that the special conditions are unacceptable due to privacy concerns and data

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security. Mr. Broussard added that congressional assistance is being sought with hopes of a waiver or a choice to opt-out.

**Access to PMP Information by Chiropractors – Charles R. Herring, D.C., Baton Rouge**

Dr. Charles Herring presented a request for PMP access by chiropractors for the use in patient care management.

**(Attachment 2)**

Dr. Julie Breithaupt motioned to, neither in favor of or opposed to, refer Dr. Herring's request to the Board for further review and requested that the Board report their findings to the council in a reasonable amount of time. Ms. Lauren Bailey seconded the motion.

**Calendar Notes**

The tentative meeting dates for 2019 were announced: July 10, and October 9.

**Adjournment**

With no business remaining, the Council adjourned at 2:20 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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