

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

April 12, 2023

MINUTES

A meeting of the Louisiana Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, convened at 1:09 p.m. to consider the following:

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Amendments to Council Roster
3. Quorum Call
4. Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda
5. Consideration of Draft Minutes from Previous Meeting – January 11, 2023
6. Opportunity for Public Comment
7. Review of Program Operations
8. Review of Legislative and Regulatory Activity
9. New Agenda Items Added During Meeting
10. Calendar Notes
11. Adjourn

Advisory Council Representatives/Designees present: Marty McKay (LABP) chaired the meeting. Also present were Shelly Esnard (LAPA), Crystal Carter (LPA), Monique Calmes (LSBN), Jonathan Bowman (OAL), Lisa C. Bayhi (LANP), Jacqueline Sanchez (LDAA), Patricia Wilton (LSBME), Annette Droddy (LADA)

Others present: Joe Fontenot, Nerissa Montgomery, Reshmi Ravindranath, Christina Howland, and Carley Leach (all LABP). Matthew Cross (LIPA), Natasha Seals (LDH/Bureau of Community Preparedness), and Michelle Hams Turner (LDH/ Bureau of Community Preparedness)

Amendments to Council Roster

Mr. McKay reported the amendments to the Council Roster due to the change in leadership since the last Council meeting.

Quorum Call

Mr. McKay was unable to establish a quorum as only nine members were present. Eleven members are required by R.S. 40:1055(B) to constitute a quorum. Informational meeting continued but no business could be conducted without the required quorum.

Call for Additional Agenda Items & Adoption of Agenda

No additional agenda items introduced; adoption of agenda postponed to the July 12, 2023 meeting.

Consideration of Draft Minutes from January 11, 2023 Meeting

Approval of minutes was delayed until the July 12, 2023 meeting.

Opportunity for Public Comment

No public comments.

Review of Program Operation

Joe Fontenot, Executive Director, presented statistical information regarding the program to the council. (**Attachment 1**).

Mr. Fontenot explained how the reporting of new drugs of concern and therapeutic marijuana has contributed to the increase in the total number of prescriptions transactions reported to the PMP. He also detailed how there has been a consistent, downward trend in the number of controlled dangerous substance prescriptions and opioid prescriptions dispensed to Louisiana patients over time. Therapeutic marijuana recommendations dispensed have increased since the beginning of 2022. The distinct patient count of therapeutic marijuana recipients in 2023Q1 is less than one percent of Louisiana's total population. Mr. Fontenot reported that both the AWAxE© and Gateway© searches continue to increase with more searches being done via the PMP integration component, Gateway©.

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Mr. Fontenot reviewed the data provided to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee for Health and Welfare and the Louisiana State Board of Nursing (LSBN) pursuant to a request by LSBN comparing the total number of opioid and non-opioid prescriptions dispensed by the top five prescriber roles, as well as, the top ten opioid medications (schedules II-V) based on prescriptions dispensed to Louisiana residents as prescribed by Louisiana nurse practitioners and physicians. **(Attachment 2)**.

Mr. Fontenot introduced the new staff member, Christina Howland, to the Council.

Review of Legislative and Regulatory Activity

Mr. Fontenot discussed House Bill #133 (HB133) by Representative Chris Turner in this legislative session. The legislation would change the PMP Advisory Council meeting frequency from quarterly to at least once annually and add the exception for electronic meetings. **(Attachment 3)**.

New Agenda Items Added During Meeting

No new agenda items added.

Calendar Notes


The Chair, Mr. Marty McKay, stated in accordance with the council's current preference for meeting dates, we have identified meeting dates for the Calendar Year 2023: July 12, and October 11.

Adjournment

With no business conducted, the meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

Joe Fontenot
Executive Director
Louisiana Board of Pharmacy

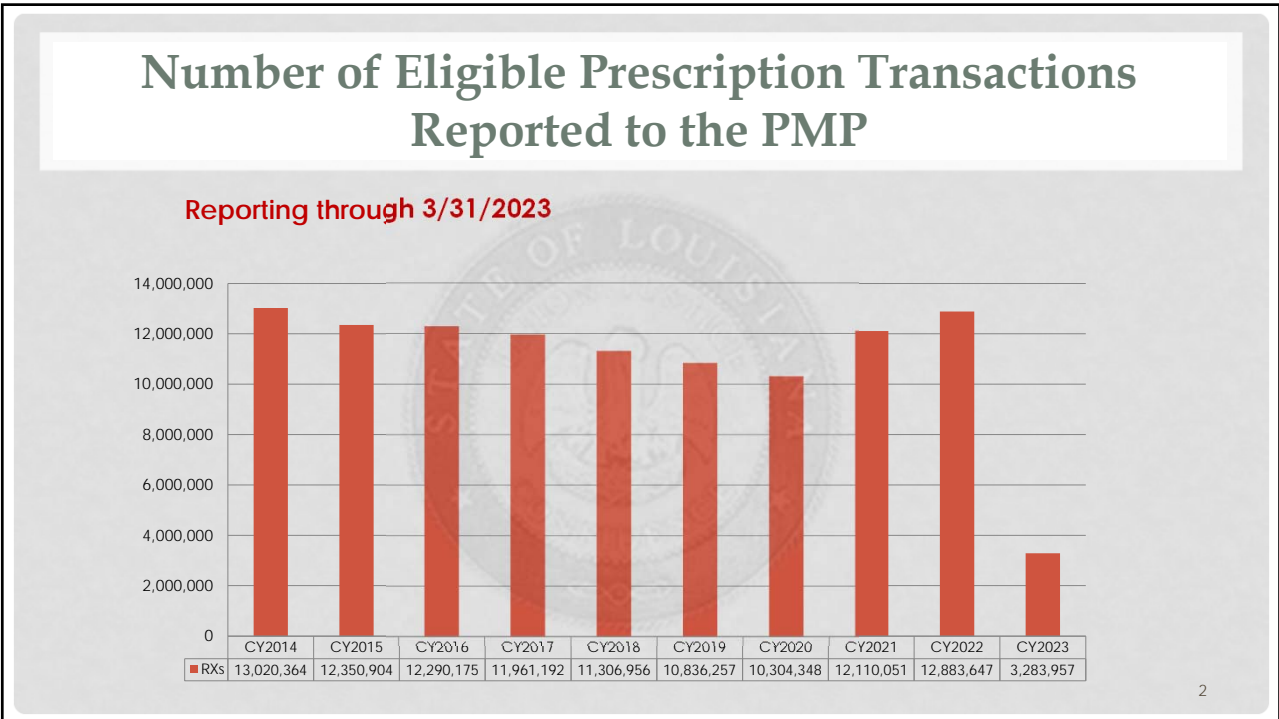


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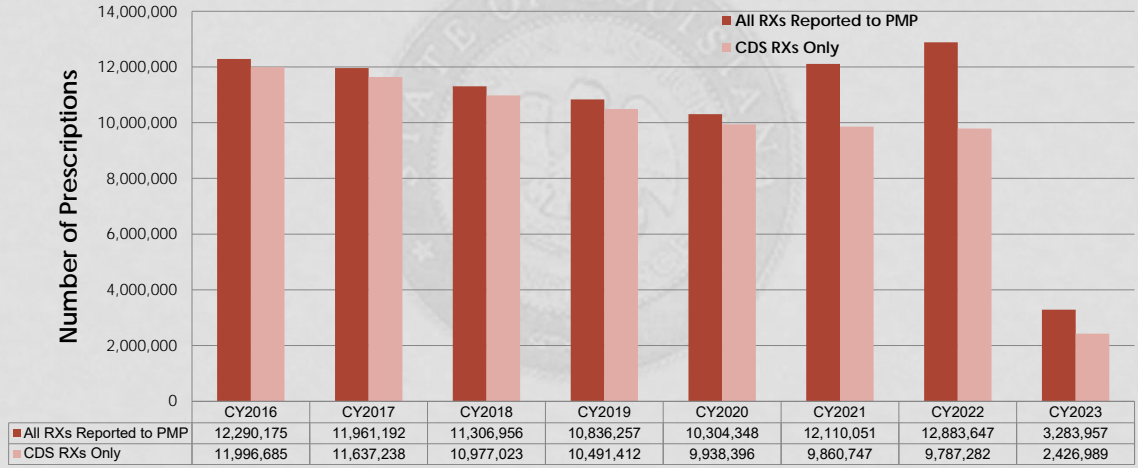
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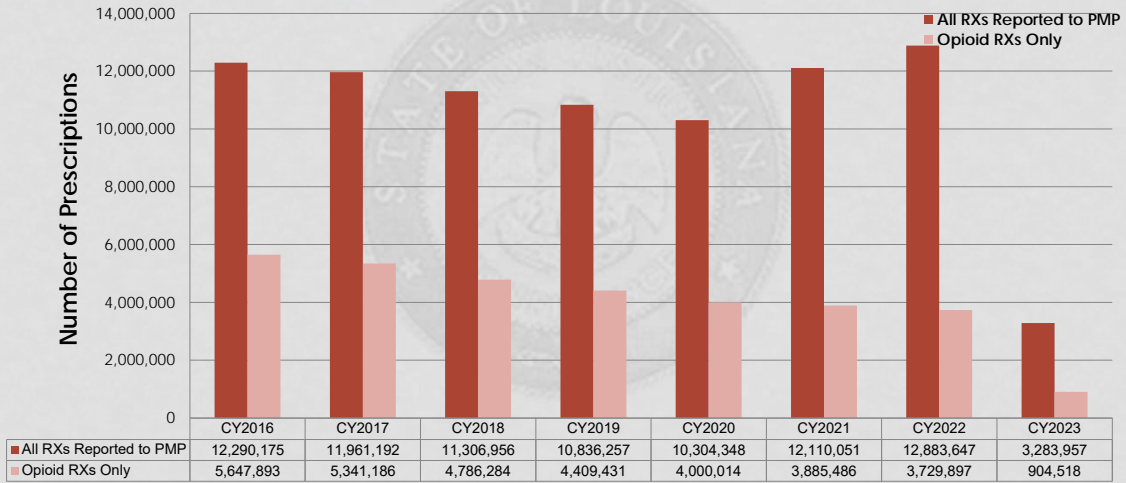
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PMP Reporting Comparisons - Opioids

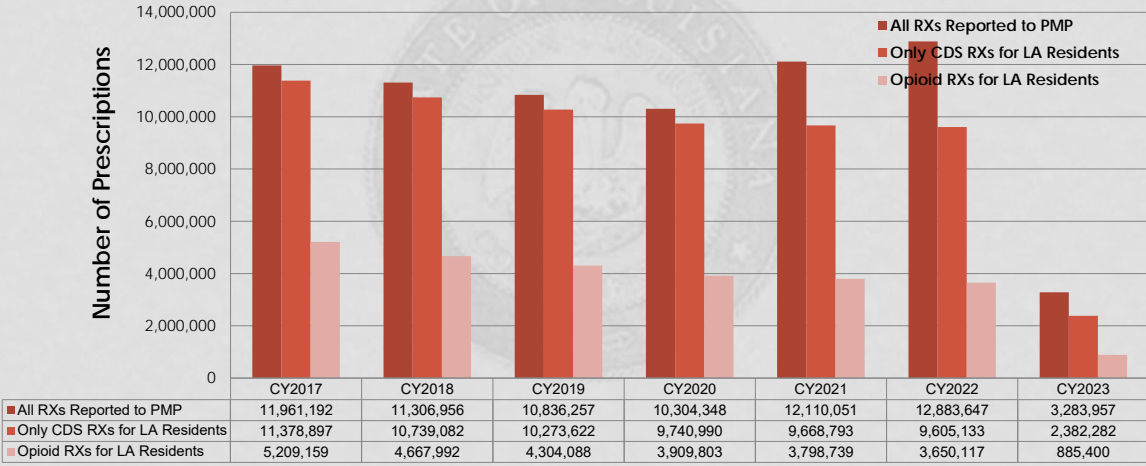
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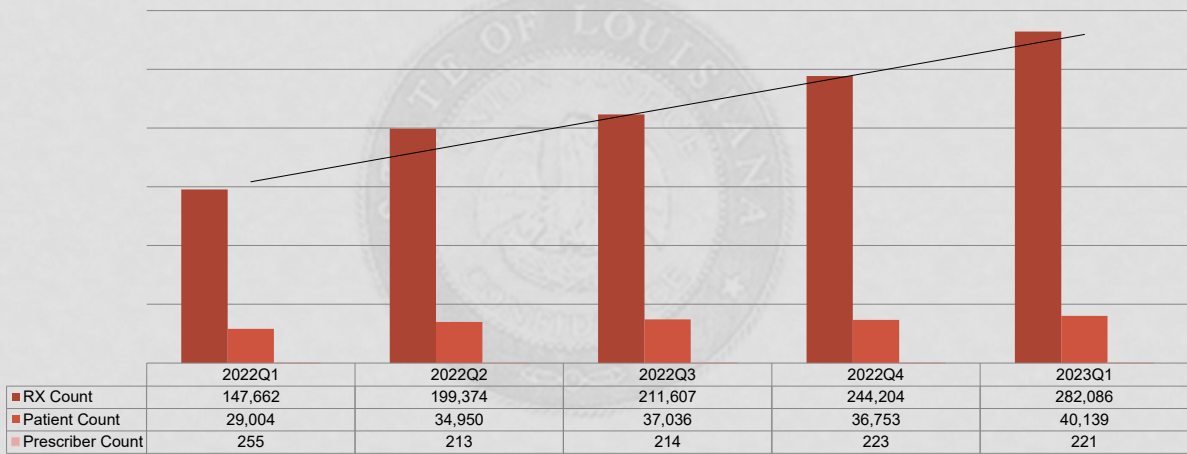
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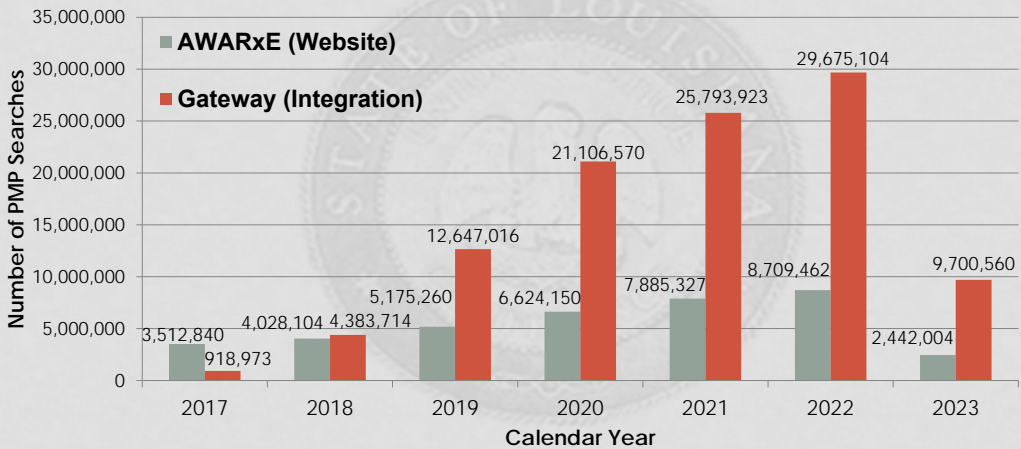


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PMP User Stats for 2023Q1 (01/01/2023 - 03/31/2023)				
PMP Healthcare Provider Role	Number of Providers Eligible for PMP Access (as of 03/31/2023)	Number of Providers with Active PMP Access Privileges (as of 03/31/2023)	Number of PMP Requests by Providers through AWA ^R x ^E ® During 2023Q1	Number of PMP Requests by Providers through Gateway® During 2023Q1
Physician (MD, DO)	13,607	9,445	538,773	6,603,086
Nurse Practitioner (APRN)	4,970	3,948	241,921	634,013
Dentist (DDS)	2,226	1,481	6,229	5,579
Physician Assistant (PA)	1,283	1,019	41,582	73,464
Optometrist (OD)	365	150	2	0
Podiatrist (DPM)	170	122	2,077	0
Medical Psychologist (MP)	97	95	9,913	11,581
Medical Intern/Resident	1,603	1,171	9,835	167,754
Prescriber's Delegate	N/A	3,899	194,394	N/A
Pharmacist (PST)	9,523	5,277	1,246,305	2,205,083
Pharmacist's Delegate	N/A	1,729	150,973	N/A
Totals	33,844	28,336	2,442,004	9,700,560

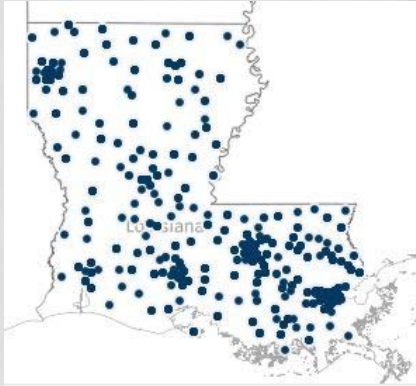
Louisiana Prescriber & Pharmacist Searches through AWA^Rx^E® and Gateway®

(Ending 3/31/2022)



PMP Statewide Integration Project through Gateway®

As of April 1, 2023, the Louisiana PMP is interoperable with 506 licensees (EHRs and pharmacy management systems) across the state. The 506 licensees represent more than 2,972 facilities in Louisiana and are responsible for 3,566,920 PMP requests in the month of March. There are an additional 271 licensee applicants pending.



PMP Interstate Data Sharing through PMP InterConnect®

As of March 31, 2023, the Louisiana PMP is sharing with 35 PMPs (1 federal district, 1 territory, 1 federal jurisdiction, and 32 states).

Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas
Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	D.C.
MHS-DOD	Florida	Georgia	Idaho
Indiana	Iowa	Kansas	Maine
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi
Montana	Nevada	New Mexico	North Carolina
North Dakota	Oklahoma	Pennsylvania	Puerto Rico
Rhode Island	South Carolina	South Dakota	Tennessee
Texas	Virginia	West Virginia.	

Law Enforcement, Prosecutorial Officials, and Specialty Court PMP Requests



Calendar Year	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total # - Opioid & Non-Opioid CS RXs	10,108,141	9,599,782	9,527,895	9,467,667
>Number of Opioid RXs	4,231,125	3,856,074	3,744,119	3,598,116
>Number of Non-Opioid CS RXs	5,877,016	5,743,708	5,783,776	5,869,551
Opioid RXs - # of RXs by Top 5 Roles	2019	2020	2021	2022
Physician (MD, DO)	3,226,406	2,947,403	2,805,210	2,659,965
APRN	302,442	282,977	300,454	305,675
Dentist	259,468	234,624	239,820	213,529
Unspecified	245,350	214,243	222,513	239,658
Physician Assistant	148,889	131,401	128,830	134,656
Non-Opioid RXs - # of RXs by Top 5 Roles	2019	2020	2021	2022
Physician (MD, DO)	4,171,358	3,994,120	3,894,523	3,802,924
APRN	1,090,439	1,159,683	1,281,923	1,414,034
Dentist	35,630	30,886	35,857	34,210
Unspecified	342,252	319,544	320,826	349,208
Physician Assistant	116,533	114,803	115,906	124,866

**Based on Louisiana Residents, Louisiana Licensed Practitioners, and Federal Controlled Substance Schedules 2-5. (as of April 8, 2023)*

**CY 2022 - Top 10 Opioid Prescriptions -
by Physicians**

Generic Name	# of Prescriptions	# of Doses	Days Supply
hydrocodone bitartrate/acetaminophen	1,067,924	66,598,947	20,957,076
tramadol HCl	472,854	28,255,198	9,145,425
oxycodone HCl/acetaminophen	455,690	30,946,583	9,419,776
oxycodone HCl	152,098	11,983,490	3,207,125
buprenorphine HCl/naloxone HCl	132,726	6,647,859	3,139,970
morphine sulfate	95,848	4,651,502	1,910,851
acetaminophen with codeine phosphate	52,810	2,670,150	774,559
buprenorphine HCl	44,500	2,663,775	1,163,527
codeine phosphate/guaifenesin	32,417	5,196,552	220,202
fentanyl	30,004	264,611	726,816

**CY 2022 - Top 10 Opioid Prescriptions by
APRNs**

Generic Name	# of Prescriptions	# of Doses	Days Supply
hydrocodone bitartrate/acetaminophen	88,598	2,385,112	540,879
buprenorphine HCl/naloxone HCl	57,674	2,878,550	1,271,565
tramadol HCl	57,581	1,534,576	479,905
oxycodone HCl/acetaminophen	20,553	709,466	172,701
buprenorphine HCl	16,748	992,041	406,386
codeine phosphate/guaifenesin	14,375	2,051,678	85,798
acetaminophen with codeine phosphate	13,889	387,446	80,818
oxycodone HCl	8,672	496,667	101,478
promethazine HCl/codeine	8,325	1,212,504	63,026
buprenorphine	5,015	6,064	144,172

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

BY REPRESENTATIVE TURNER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PRESCRIPTION: Provides relative to the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 40:1005(B) and to enact R.S. 40:1005(D) and R.S. 42:17.4,
3 relative to meetings of the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council; to
4 provide for a change in the frequency of meetings; to provide for meetings by
5 electronic means; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 40:1005(B) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 40:1005(D)
8 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

9 §1005. Prescription ~~monitoring program advisory council~~ Monitoring Program
10 Advisory Council

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12 B. The members of the advisory council shall serve at the pleasure of their
13 respective appointing authorities, eleven of whom shall constitute a quorum for the
14 transaction of all business. The members shall elect a chairman and vice chairman
15 whose duties shall be established by the advisory council. The board shall fix a time
16 and place for regular meetings of the advisory council, which shall meet at least
17 ~~quarterly~~ once annually. The advisory council shall establish policies and procedures
18 necessary to carry out its duties.

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1 D. The advisory council may conduct and its members may attend and
2 participate in a meeting via electronic means in accordance with the provisions of
3 R.S. 42:17.4.

4 Section 2. R.S. 42:17.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

5 §17.4. Exception for meetings of the prescription monitoring program advisory
6 council

7 A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the
8 Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council (R.S. 40:1005), may conduct and
9 its members may attend and participate in a meeting via electronic means if the
10 Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, the advisory council, and its presiding officer comply
11 with all of the requirements of this Section.

12 B. No later than twenty-four hours prior to a meeting conducted pursuant to
13 the provisions of this Section, the advisory council shall provide for all of the
14 following:

15 (1) The notice and agenda for the meeting, which shall be posted on the
16 website of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, emailed to any member of the public
17 or the news media who requests notice of meetings of the public body, and widely
18 distributed to every known news media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news
19 within the geographic area within the jurisdiction of the Louisiana Board of
20 Pharmacy.

21 (2) Detailed information regarding how members of the public may
22 participate in the meeting and submit comments regarding matters on the agenda,
23 which information shall be posted on the website of the Louisiana Board of
24 Pharmacy, emailed to any member of the public or the news media who requests
25 notice of meetings of the public body, and widely distributed to every known news
26 media outlet that broadcasts or publishes news within the geographic area within the
27 jurisdiction of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy.

28 C. For each meeting conducted pursuant to this Section, all of the following
29 requirements shall apply:

1 (1) The advisory council shall provide a mechanism to receive public
2 comment electronically both prior to and during the meeting.

3 (2) The advisory council shall properly identify and acknowledge all public
4 comments during the meeting and shall maintain those comments in its record of the
5 meeting.

6 (3) The presiding officer of the advisory council shall ensure that each
7 person participating in the meeting is properly identified.

8 (4) The presiding officer shall ensure that all parts of the meeting, excluding
9 any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants in
10 the meeting including the public.

11 D. For the purposes of this Section, the following words and phrases have
12 the following meanings:

13 (1) "Meeting via electronic means" means a meeting occurring via
14 teleconference or video conference.

15 (2) "Teleconference" means a method of communication which enables
16 persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and to hear and otherwise
17 communicate with each other.

18 (3) "Video conference" means a method of communication which enables
19 persons in different locations to participate in a meeting and to see, hear, and
20 otherwise communicate with each other.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 133 Original

2023 Regular Session

Turner

Abstract: Permits the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council to conduct meetings electronically and allows members to attend and participate in meeting remotely.

Present law provides for an advisory council comprised of healthcare professional boards, law enforcement, and lawmakers to oversee the implementation of the electronic prescription tracking program known as the Prescription Monitoring Program.

Proposed law provides that the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council (advisory council) may conduct and its members may attend and participate in a meeting remotely if the La. Board of Pharmacy and the advisory council and its presiding officer comply with all requirements of proposed law.

Proposed law provides that no later than 24 hours prior to a meeting, public notice must be given and participation requirements met in order to conduct a meeting remotely using electronic means. Proposed law further specifies information regarding public participation and commentary through electronic means.

Proposed law provides that the presiding officer of the advisory council shall ensure that each person participating in the meeting is properly identified and all parts of the meeting, excluding any matter discussed in executive session, are clear and audible to all participants and the public.

Proposed law defines "meeting via electronic means", "teleconference", and "video conference".

(Amends R.S. 40:1005(B); Adds R.S. 40:1005(D) and R.S. 42:17.4)