

Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council State of Louisiana

July 10, 2013

MINUTES

A meeting of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Advisory Council scheduled to meet on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at the office of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, 3388 Brentwood Drive in Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, 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
5. Opportunity for Public Comment
6. Election of Council Officers
7. Review of Legislation
8. Review of Program Operation
9. Strategic Discussions
 - A. Consideration of Mandatory Use of Program Data by Prescribers and Dispensers
 - B. Rulemaking Considerations for Delegates of Prescribers and Dispensers
 - C. Louisiana Health Information Exchange
10. Calendar Notes
11. Adjourn

Advisory Council representatives/designees present: Carl Aron (LABP) chaired the meeting, Traci M. Perry, RN (DHH/Office of Behavioral Health), Mr. Ben B. Orlando (LPA), Maj. Duane Schexnayder (LSP), Col. Pete Tufaro (LSA), Thania Elliott (LSBME), Mary Staples (NACDS), Jennifer Marusak (LSMS), Ward Blackwell (LDA), Lisa C. Bayhi (LANP), Bud Courson (LAMP), Louis A. Lejarza (DEA), J.J. Williams (LDAA), Korey Patty (LIPA), and Cindi York (LSBN)

Others present: Malcolm Broussard (LBP), Joe Fontenot (LBP), Carlos Finalet III (LBP), Danielle Clausen Meadors (LBP), Nick Cahanin (NACDS), and Rich Palombo (Express Scripts)

Consideration of Minutes from April 10, 2013 Meeting

Minutes were approved by consensus with no corrections.

Election of Council Officers

The only nomination for the office of Chair was Carl Aron (LAP). Mr. Aron was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

The only nomination for the office of Vice Chair was Col. Pete Tufaro. Col. Tufaro was elected by acclamation and assumed the office immediately.

Review of Legislation

Mr. Malcolm Broussard advised that HB 355 which amends and reenacts R.S. 40:1007(E)(1) to state "(1) Persons authorized to prescribe or dispense controlled substances or drugs of concern, or their delegates as defined by rule, for the purpose of providing medical or pharmaceutical care for their patients, or for verifying their prescribing records" was signed by the Governor and became Act No.110 on June 5, 2013. The effective date of the Act is August 1, 2013. The Board of Pharmacy will take formal notice of the legislation at their next meeting on August 14, and then refer the topic to its Regulation Revision Committee. Delegate accounts will not be implemented until the rule making process is complete.

SB 187 which amends and reenacts R.S. 40:1013(C), enacts R.S. 40:1004(C), and repeals R.S.40:1003(6)(e), 1005(A)(5) and (26), relative to veterinarians and the Prescription Monitoring Program; provides for a veterinarian exception to the Prescription Monitoring Program; removes the veterinarian exception for "dispenser"; removes certain members from the Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Council; repeals certain provisions with respect to the levying and collecting of fees to veterinarians by the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy; and provides for related matters was signed by the Governor, became Act No 27, and became effective on May 23, 2013. Therefore, the PMP once again excludes Veterinarian from the reporting requirements, fees, and Advisory Council.

Review of Program Operation

Joe Fontenot, Assistant Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, presented the following statistical information and provided printouts on all information:

[Data is current through June 30, 2013]

Eligible Transactions Reported to the PMP – Total 61,431,545

- 2008: 6,015,089
- 2009: 11,143,865
- 2010: 12,116,982
- 2011: 12,775,344
- 2012: 12,989,950
- 2013: 6,390,315

Practitioner Access – Total 6,032

- Prescribers
 - 3,652
- Dispensers
 - 2,380

Practitioner Queries - 2013

- Prescribers
 - 1st Quarter: 191,781
 - 2nd Quarter: 215,116
- Dispensers
 - 1st Quarter: 64,381
 - 2nd Quarter: 104,552

Practitioner Queries - Total 2,878,864

- Prescribers
 - 2009: 235,985
 - 2010: 368,376
 - 2011: 496,270
 - 2012: 650,514
 - 2013: 406,897
- Dispensers
 - 2009: 74,277
 - 2010: 111,075
 - 2011: 153,783
 - 2012: 212,754
 - 2013: 168,933

Board and Regulatory Agencies – Total 6,135

- 2009: 833
- 2010: 1,401
- 2011: 1,612
- 2012: 1,584

- 2013: 705

Law Enforcement Access and Requests – Totals 4,266

- 2009: 680
- 2010: 889
- 2011: 1,230
- 2012: 845
- 2013: 622

Mandatory Use of Program Data by Prescribers and Dispensers

The Advisory Council discussed the idea of mandating access and use of the Prescription Monitoring Program by all practitioners. The consensus of the council was to encourage access to the program versus mandatory use at this time.

Delegates of Prescribers and Dispensers

The council was reminded that the Board's Regulation Revision Committee will add this item to its agenda. The council discussed the concept extensively in terms of flexibility for delegate selection by the prescriber or dispenser. Beyond that, the council did not provide a clear consensus for recommendations for the Regulation Revision Committee.

Louisiana Health Information Exchange

Mr. Fontenot reported contact from the La. Dept. of Health & Hospitals IT Department and Louisiana Health Care Quality Forum about participation in a possible grant application to integrate access to the Louisiana PMP data with the Louisiana Health Information Exchange. Due to a very limited timeline for submission of the grant application, and the PMP's history of carefully planning and preparing, a meeting will be set at a future date to plan future integration.

Mr. Broussard reminded the council that the board may provide prescription monitoring information to authorized users of the prescription monitoring program via a state health information exchange or other third party conduit that has been approved by the board.

(Added by Act 352 of 2012 Legislature, effective August 1, 2012)

Calendar Notes

2013 tentative meet dates are: October 9, 2013.

The Council adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are true and accurate minutes.

Malcolm J. Broussard
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