

**NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
January 9, 2017
OPLC/NH Board of Pharmacy**

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:

David Strang, MD, Chair, NH Medical Society (NHMS)
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Kate Frey, New Futures (4 pm)
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Eric Hirschfeld, D.D.S, NH Dental Society (via phone)
Denise Nies, Executive Director, NH Board of Nursing (BON)
Melissa St.Cyr, Attorney General's Office
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI) (via phone)
Robert Stout, RPH, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)
Michael Viggiano, RPh, State Pharmacy Associations

Advisory Council Members Absent:

Charles Albee, DMD, NH Board of Dental Examiners
Richard Crate, NH Police Chiefs' Association
David Stowe, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
John Wheeler, MD, Board of Medicine (BOM)

Also Attending:

Michelle Ricco Jonas, Manager, NH PDMP
Joanie Foss, Administrative Assistant, NH PDMP
Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Thomas Broderick, Attorney General's Office
Peter Danles, Executive Director, OPLC
Jim Giglio, TTAC (via phone)
Adam Green, Co-Founder of Collaborative Medical Technologies (CMT) (via phone)
Pat Knue, TTAC (via phone)
Jeff Loughlin, Executive Director, NHHIO
James Potter, Executive Vice-President, NH Medical Society
Joseph Shoemaker, Medical Board Director (OPLC)
Tristan Van Horne, VP of Network Development CMT (via phone)
James Vara, Governor's Office (via phone)

The meeting began at 3:08 pm

- **Introductions**

- **Presentation: NH Health Information Organization (www.nhhio.org)**

Jeff Loughlin provided a brief overview of the partnership between the New Hampshire Health Information Organization (NHHIO) and Collective Medical Technologies (CMT), as they look to provide coordination of care and event notification services to support the State 1115 Medicaid Waiver DSRP activities. He described how the PDMP could possibly play a role. A slide presentation was given. 100% of the hospitals in Oregon and Washington use this service. CMT has integrated this service with EPIC, Cerner, Meditech and many smaller EMRs. Cost to each hospital is app. \$15,000. There would also be a PDMP cost, as the vendor (HID) would charge for the additional connection. J. Giglio and P. Knue from TTAC stated they had no experience with this product.

A motion was made by D. DePiero asking the BOP to review/consider this potential collaboration. Second by J. Harding. All in favor.

- **Review & Approve Minutes**

December 19, 2016: Motion by M. St. Cyr. Second by K. Frey.

Discussion: Re: "Revised Waiver" (see the Dec. Implementation SC report), a question was raised as to where pharmacies could find a list of "substantiating documentation?" M. Ricco Jonas stated that this information is on the BOP website.

All in favor with no recommended changes.

At the last meeting, C. Albee asked if it were possible to receive the minutes in a more timely manner. As Chair, D. Strang stated it was his responsibility to edit the minutes taken, but it was very difficult for him to effectively Chair the monthly meeting while also recording minutes. Traditionally, the latter task has fallen to the PDMP staff, however due to the recent heavy staff workload, minutes have frequently been unavailable until a few days before the next meeting. D. Strang asked if there was someone on the Advisory Council who could assist in taking minutes each month for him to review and lighten this burden on the PDMP staff. M. Viggiano volunteered to be primary and K. Frey volunteered to be secondary.

- **Sub Committee Reports**

- **Implementation: General Update (M. Ricco Jonas)**

The PDMP staff has been very busy with licensing verification with the Board of Pharmacy (e.g. pharmacist, resident and non-resident pharmacies) and Board of Medicine (e.g. physician assistants) and then any straggling licensees (e.g. new dentists, veterinarians, physicians, and APRNs). The staff has also been processing pharmacy waivers (approximately 200) that involve many emails and phone calls to collect the substantiating documentation that is required prior to review.

The staff has also answered countless phone calls and emails regarding the implementation of HB1423 (the mandate to query the PDMP prior to prescribing schedule II, III or IV opioids for the management and treatment of pain). Because of this mandate, in hindsight, Jan. 1 was truly the launch date of the PDMP, not October 16, 2014. These calls involved questions about the law, checking registration status, resetting passwords, understanding how delegates work and how to get them registered, etc., etc.

- **PDMP Rules: (M. Ricco Jonas)** There is no update at this time.

Note: Newly elected Governor Chris Sununu has imposed a 3-month rules moratorium. Specific rules that are connected to law/legislation and are deemed "necessary," will be allowed. But, if they are new rules, then they will be put on hold until after March. This moratorium does not apply to public safety matters.

- **Evaluation: (J. Stewart):** There is no update at this time.

- **Old Business**

- **Veterinarian LSR – Discussion/Update**

HB291 removing veterinarians from having to report to or query the PDMP will be heard before the Environment and Agriculture Committee. Date not yet certain.

- **New Business**

- **Vendor Change (M. Ricco Jonas)**

On December 9, 2016, HID sold Rx Sentry (the computer program that runs our PMP) to Appriss. The NH PDMP and the Board of Pharmacy were notified of this change the following week

through an email. A WebEx meeting has been set up between members of the BOP, PDMP, OPLC, Attorney General's Office, DoIT and the Governor's Office for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2017. This meeting will provide NH with more information about what this means for the services that are under contract and the options that are available to the State.

- **Items of Interest**

K. Bizarro-Thunberg reminded the A.C. that she, along with Tricia Lucas, D. Strang and M. Ricco Jonas, researched a document that was reviewed by the A.C. two years ago regarding SB31 and its legislative intent.

- **Non – Public Session**

Motion at 4:20 p.m. by M. Viggiano to move to Non-Public Session. Second by D. Nies.
All in favor.

Motion at 5:03 p.m. by R. Stout to return to Public Session. Second by D. DePiero.
All in favor.

- **Next Meeting:**

Date/Time: February 13, 2017; 3:00 p.m.

Note: This is the 2nd Monday of the month due to the State holiday on 2/20/17

Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

- **Adjournment:**

Motion at 5:04 pm by R. Stout. Second by D. DePiero.

All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



David E. Strang, MD
Chairman