NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
May 15, 2017
OPLC/NH Board of Pharmacy

Meeting Minutes

Advisory Council Members Present:
David Strang, MD, Chair, NH Medical Society (NHMS)
Charles Albee, DMD, NH Board of Dental Examiners (Chair pro tem)
Michael Bullek, Administrator/Chief of Compliance, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)
David DePiero, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Kate Frey, New Futures
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)
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)
John Wheeler, MD, Board of Medicine (BOM)

Advisory Council Members Absent:
Brooke Belanger, NH Attorney General's Office
Richard Crate, NH Police Chiefs' Association (via phone)
David Stowe, DVM, NH Board of Veterinary Medicine
Michael Viggiano, RPh, State Pharmacy Associations

Also Attending:
Michelle Ricco Jonas, Manager, NH PDMP
Joanie Foss, Administrative Assistant, NH PDMP
Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Nicole Gaffen, NH Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division
Jay Henry, NH Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division
James Potter, New Hampshire Medical Society (via phone)
Joseph Shoemaker, Medical Board Director (OPLC)

The meeting began at 3:05 pm

- **Introductions**

- **Review & Approve Minutes**
  - March 20, 2017: Motion by D. DePiero. Second by D. Strang. All in favor.
  - April 17, 2017: Motion by D. Strang. Second by J. Stewart. All in favor.

- **Sub Committee Reports**
  - **Implementation (M Ricco Jonas)**

    General Update:
    We are coordinating with APPRISS on plans for migration to the new platform.

    - Discussions are ongoing with Sen. Bradley & other legislators about the possibility of securing General Funds (if needed) to support the PDMP over the next budget cycle.

- Preliminary discussions have begun with the BOP Administration regarding sustainability and strategic planning.
- Have issued a mini strategic planning assessment questionnaire to key, statewide stakeholders, to inform them of the strategic planning efforts.
- The Q1 2017 Registration and Utilization Report is in the final review stage. Will be sent out to the State regulatory boards by 5/19/17.
- Letter to communicate data integrity efforts will be going out via email by 5/19/17, to PICs and uploaders.

Vendor Migration:

- Migration planning meeting was held on Wed., 5/10/17. PDMP staff, BOP Administration and DoIT staff, were all present on the conference call.
- It is still the plan to migrate NH over to the AWARxE platform on 7/26/17.
- APPRISS will be sending us our migration plan by Monday 5/15 (today) at the latest. Upon receipt, the PDMP will forward it to the BOP for their review.
- The draft plan for migration was reviewed.

PDMP Funding:

- The Category 5, 2017 BJA grant application was submitted.
- The Category 6, 2017 BJA grant application (produced in collaboration w/UNH/IHPP) was also submitted
- We are in discussions with Sen. Bradley to seek General Funds during this Senate session, for ongoing PDMP financing. A revision was attached to HB291 to add $116,000 for PDMP funding. It will likely move off this bill and be submitted as a straight appropriation request for General Funds, with the requirement that the PDMP creates a sustainability plan by Nov. 2017 and presents it to the legislature. The BOP requested the Advisory Council come up with a draft plan by Sept. 1, 2017.
- Option 1: There could be a licensing fee placed on NH practitioners and pharmacies that have a DEA license. We would need to put into statute, that those with a DEA license associated with their NH practitioner's license would pay this fee. The target date would be 2020. We could incorporate this through HB2.
- Option 2: Create a NH State controlled substance license with an associated fee.
- Option 3: Create a PDMP or prescribing fee.
- Regardless of the funding option, the NH PDMP would need to create a projected budget for that biennium.

Next Steps: Fact Finding – What have other states done to fund their PDMP? What will be the proposed budgetary needs for 2020/2021? What would the potential cost be if spread out over the # of State licensees? To determine the potential fee structure, what is the practitioner vs. pharmacy mix? We will need to look at the numbers of providers that have come in/out of the State over a specific period of time?

- **PDMP Rules: (M RiccoJonas):**
  Atty. Lamberti is working on the process to file the approved changes with JLCAR. The most recent draft will be sent out to the A.C. members.

- **Legislation Update (Kate Frey):**
  SB291: Funding for the PDMP was added to this bill, however this will most likely be moved. Veterinarians will still have to have register as both users and dispensers. Communication was sent out to all dispensers to clarify what needs to be entered into the NH PDMP for an animal Rx.

- **Evaluation (J. Stewart/M. Ricco Jonas):**
  The timing for the next survey was discussed. We need to plan a parallel survey for dispensers. Will do this through a survey monkey. J. Stewart to work on this, with a target date in June. Discussion took place about the types of data reports the A.C. would like to see developed (see Evaluation Plan)

- **Old Business**
  None brought forward.

- **New Business**
  Strategic planning was discussed.

- **Items of Interest**
  AUDIT;
  - A list of requested items was delivered by the audit team on 5/9/17.
  - M. Ricco Jonas met with auditors on 5/11/17 for 2 hrs. and has another meeting scheduled for 5/25/17.
  - Requested items from the 5/11 meeting were turned over to auditors on 5/15/17.

  A handout was presented by Jay Henry & Nicole Gaffen from the NH Office of Legislative Budget Assistant, Audit Division and reviewed. The audit process was discussed. They are developing a "scope statement" that will make up the majority of the report.

  The ultimate effects of the PDMP are hard to measure. They will look more closely at the intermediate effects. They are also looking at the level of maturity of the program (where the program is currently and where it needs to be).

  How to meet with individuals? – Survey or face-to-face interviews are both possibilities. Members of the A.C. can decide how they want to interface with the audit. The auditors may be meeting with A.C. members based on the stakeholder role that each represents.

  D. Strang: Is the purpose of the audit to achieve a legislative goal, or to determine if there are public health effects and benefits?
  Auditors: Public health effectiveness is what is being looked at.
  D. Strang: That is what the A.C. is working on, but we are still trying to determine what the most appropriate evaluation method/measure is?

- **Next Meeting:**
  Date/Time: June 19, 2017; 3:00pm
  Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

- **Adjournment:**
  Motion at 4:45pm by K. Frey. Second by D. Strang. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Albee, DMD
Chairman Pro Tem