NH PDMP Advisory Council Meeting
October 15, 2018
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)
Sean Gill, NH Attorney General's Office, Dept. of Justice (DOJ)
Joseph Harding, NH Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Nicci Harrington, NH Board of Pharmacy (BOP)
Eric Hirschfeld, D.D.S, NH Dental Society
Kitty Kidder, APRN Vice Chair, NH Board of Nursing (BON)
Andy McKibbin, DMD, NH Board of Dental Examiners
Bradley Osgood, NH Police Chiefs' Association

Advisory Council Members Absent:
Stephen Crawford, DVM, Board of Veterinary Medicine (BOVM)
Gil Fanciullo, MD, NH Board of Medicine (BOM)
Kate Frey, New Futures
Jonathan Stewart, Community Health Institute (CHI)
Michael Viggiano, NH State Pharmacy Associations

Also attending:
Michelle Ricco Jonas, Manager, NH PDMP
Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg, NH Hospital Association (NHHA)
Rebecca Bolton, NH Dept. of Internet Technology (DOIT)

The meeting began at 3:08 p.m.

- **Introductions**
  Members of the Advisory Council introduced themselves. Nicole (Nicci) Harrington was welcomed as the newest member representing the Board of Pharmacy. Those in the public gallery were also introduced.

- **Review & Approve Minutes**
  September 17, 2018: Motion to accept by A. McKibbin. Second by D. DePiero. All in favor (N. Harrington abstained as she was not a Council member at that meeting).

- **New Business**
  1) DMI Report:
     M. Ricco Jonas reviewed the NH Drug Monitoring Initiative (DMI) report released monthly by the NH Analytics Center. This report provides data mostly on drug overdose

deaths, Narcan administration and ED visits for opiate-related emergencies. The Council felt it would be helpful to have information on the number of prescriptions and pills written for per time period and to create and track a figure of the MME per capita in NH. The NH Medical Examiners Office (which provided the death statistics) had no recommendations on prescribers or dispensers for this (2017) time period.

2) 2017 Drug Death Data Summary:
D. Strang reviewed the NH DOJ report entitled "Summary Of 2017 NH Drug Overdose Deaths," also with data from the NH Medical Examiners Office. Attention was focused on the final page entitled "Drug Deaths Over The Past 10 Years." After a steep rise in deaths between 2013 and 2016, what is notable is the curve has suddenly flattened in 2017. Is this just a pause in an ever-increasing rate of drug deaths, or has the tide slowed? If the latter, is it a result of the PDMP initiative?

- **Old Business**
  PDMP Proposed Legislation:
  M. Ricco Jonas distributed a handout delineating legislation that has been/may be proposed for consideration by the Legislature in their upcoming (2018-19) session. The major proposals include:
  1) An initiative to remove access to the PDMP for pharmacists who are not employed in a role that allows them to lawfully dispense a controlled substance. D. DePiero asked that, given how this is written, if those hospitalist pharmacists that currently perform "medication reconciliation" will still be allowed access (as they rely on this data in this role). M. Ricco Jonas will discuss this with Atty. Tom Broderick.
  2) EHR integration is moving forward legislatively. M. Ricco Jonas reviewed the model being used in Florida (which she likes).
  3) Although we are still looking at what other States are doing re: data sharing agreements (separate from interstate data sharing), the NH DHHS is considering submitting a bill that would specifically allow them to release reports that contain "aggregated or otherwise de-identified" data for the purpose of statistical analysis, education, public research and policy formulation.
  4) Bills that increase access to the PDMP by a) NH Office of Medicaid Services, b) NH Medicaid Fraud Control, c) NH law enforcement and d) Behavioral healthcare workers treating patients with a substance use disorder (SUD) are all being considered.

- **Items of Interest**
  1) Overarching goals of the PDMP were discussed. Data extraction (from Appriss) has been a particular concern thus far.
  2) Inappropriate prescribing is an ongoing concern.

- **Non-Public Session**
  Not needed as anticipated

- **Next Meeting**
  Date/Time: November 19, 2018; 3:00 p.m.
  Location: Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

- **Adjournment**
  Motion to adjourn at 4:54 p.m. by A. McKibbin. Second by S. Gill. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Strang, MD
Chairman