



**MARYLAND ADVISORY BOARD ON
PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM (PDMP)
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES
Tele-Conference Call 4:00-6:00 PM
December 14, 2020**



ATTENDEES

Advisory Board Members Present:

Richard DeBenedetto, PharmD, MS, AAHIVP, Chair
Kevin Morgan, PharmD
Amit Bhargava, MD, MS, RMSK
Thomas Bond III
Matthew Crisafulli
Peggy Funk
Lenna Israbian-Jamgochian, PharmD, RPh
Arthur C. Jee, DMD
Stephen A. Nichols, MD, FAAP, FAAMR
Orlee Panitch, MD

Marcia Parris, MD
Derek Peck
Joseph Scalese III, RPh
David Sharp, PhD, FACHE, FFSMB
D. Gail Shorter, DNP
Jenell Steele, MSN, RN
Yvonne Umezurike, DMP

Board Adjunct: Linda Bethman, JD, MA, Office of the Attorney General, MDH

Advisory Board Members Absent:

Deondra Asike, MD
T. Joseph Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD
Mark Olszyk, MD, MBA, CPE, FACEP, FACHE, FFSMB
Larry Polsky, MD, MPH
Alexander Shekhdar, JD, MHS

Public Health Services Staff Present:

Julia Anderson, PharmD
Tryphena Barnes
Susannah Beckerman, MA
Mary Ann Bruce, MA, LCADC
Adrian Catwell
Vijay Murthy, MPH
Lindsey Goddard, MPH

Anna Gribble, MPH, MSW
Katherine Johnson, MHA
Ana Lazarides, CPhT
Sharisse Davis, PharmD
Sara Roberson, MSW

MINUTES

I. Roll Call and Agenda Review

Anna Gribble, Provider Engagement and Policy Manager, Office of Provider Engagement and Regulations (OPER), opened the Advisory Board meeting with roll call and agenda review.

II. OPER Announcements

Susannah Beckerman, PDMP Deputy Director, provided the following updates:

1. Secretary of Health, Robert Neall retired December 1st and Dennis Schrader has been named the Acting Secretary of Health.
2. Dr. Jinlene Chan, Acting Deputy Secretary, has been tasked with leading the vaccination and distribution efforts for the COVID-19 vaccine.
3. Announcement of three new Advisory Board members:
 - a. Kevin Morgan, PharmD, President, Maryland Board of Pharmacy (Board of Pharmacy Seat)
 - b. Peggy Funk, CAE, Executive Director, Hospice and Palliative Care Network of Maryland (Patient Perspective Seat)
 - c. Joseph Mattingly, PharmD, MBA, PhD, University of Maryland, School of Pharmacy (Research or Academic Professional Seat)

Any questions regarding leadership transitions should be directed to Susannah Beckerman.

Anna Gribble advised those who are approaching the end of their term on the Advisory Board to apply for reappointment with Kim Bennardi in the Office of Appointments. Please let PDMP staff know if Board members have not received an email. Anna Gribble and Ana Lazarides will be preparing the final attendance report for 2020 to submit to the Office of Appointments. If Board members were not able to meet the attendance requirement, contact Anna Gribble or Ana Lazarides to obtain a waiver.

III. Approval of Outstanding Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the Board's meeting held on October 15th, were presented to the Board for approval. Correction of the spelling of Susannah Beckerman's name.

Motion by R. DeBenedetto

Move to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting, seconded, and carried without dissent.

IV. Provider Communication Activities

Anna Gribble provided a breakdown of the current communication activities that are in progress with the PDMP.

1. Maryland Family Physician Magazine

- a. *Maryland Family Physician* is a digital and direct mail medical magazine with over 4,200 recipients throughout the region.
- b. *Maryland Family Physician* is a quarterly magazine and the PDMP will have 2/3 page advertisements in all 2021 issues
- c. Topics: Academic Detailing and new CRISP Clinical Tools
- d. Using federal grant funds from CDC's Overdose Data to Action with the goal of improving communication with Maryland providers to inform them of OPER resources
- e. The 2021 issues will be released 1/30/21, 4/30/21, 7/30/21, and 10/30/21.

2. Communications Campaign

- a. OPER received Opioid Overdose Command Center (OOCC) grant
- b. Grant Period: 8/21/2020 - 6/30/2021
- c. Amount: ~\$100,000
- d. Project Title: Communications Campaign to Support Healthcare Provider Education
- e. Procure two vendors to support OPER in planning and implementing a Communications Campaign
- f. Contract in place with Rescue Agency

Anna Gribble reviewed both short and long-term project goals, the background of Rescue Agency and next steps. If there are any questions related to the Communications Campaign, contact Anna Gribble or Ana Lazarides.

3. DEA Self Audit Tool

- a. Available in CRISP Unified Landing Page (ULP) to prescribers
- b. Displays every dispensed prescription in the PDMP associated with the DEA number under which the prescriber registered in CRISP
- c. 2021 Planned Improvements:
 - i. Downloaded CSV file
 - ii. Sort and filter options
 - iii. Support providers with multiple DEA numbers
- d. Many providers unaware of the tool
- e. Helpful for providers to assess their own prescribing or if they suspect a missing/stolen prescription pad

Anna Gribble solicited feedback on the branding of the DEA Self Audit Tool. Several ideas were recommended on renaming the tool and the final recommendation was CDS Personal Prescribing History.

Action Item: Anna Gribble and Sara Roberson will create a Scope of Work for the DEA Self Audit Tool, including the rebranding of this clinical tool.

V. Veterinarian PDMP Access and CDS Dispensing

Katherine Johnson, Data Quality Specialist, presented the findings of the Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) workgroup on Veterinarian Dispensing and focused on the following recommendations made by this Advisory Board:

1. Assess national trends in incorporating veterinarian CDS dispensing data into state PDMPs
2. Is there a use case for providing veterinarians access to PDMP data?

She explained the current statute with respect to Veterinarians and registration requirements. Katherine Johnson also provided an update on No. 13 of the Sunset Recommendation and stated that in October 2020, the PDMP worked with the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to send an email to every registered veterinarian in Maryland describing the PDMP registration requirement.

TTAC Convened a work group with state representation from Maryland, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Hampshire, and South Carolina. This group surveyed all states to determine who was doing what with Veterinarians and Vet Dispenses. After review, TTAC recommended the following best practices with respect to Veterinarians:

1. Automate the process for data collection
2. Extend practitioner reporting recommendations to Veterinarians
3. Compliance with reporting, oversight and cross relate dispenses with species code to board license
4. Allow veterinarians to query the PDMP and review veterinary prescriptions for their animal patients

Katherine Johnson pointed out the conflicts between the DEA and Federal requirements. At the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities data submitter roundtable on December 1, 2020, pharmacists expressed the desire to have clear communication on veterinary prescription reporting in the implementation guide.

Next steps would be to improve the quality of current data by working with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy on how to enter pet dispenses, work with the Maryland Board of Veterinary Examiners to implement the standards set by the Board of Pharmacy, addressing how CRISP designates pet dispenses if they happen to come up in a search for the pet owner, and finally solicit recommendations from the Board of Veterinary Examiners on veterinarian access to the PDMP.

Discussion ensued concerning the potential for diversion with pet owners, the role of HIPAA and how it applies to human privacy, and addressing the uniformity of reporting i.e., birthdate, addresses, pet owners.

Action Item: A small workgroup would be convened, that would include members of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. The findings and results of this workgroup would then report back to the Advisory Board.

VI. CRISP Drug Related Indicators Dashboard

Mary Ann Bruce, Vijay Murthy, and Lindsey Goddard of the PDMP Informatics team presented on the dashboards created by CRISP and managed by OPER. The intended audience of the dashboards are local health departments and Maryland Department of Health staff. The intended use is for overdose prevention and program planning and evaluation. The following dashboards are currently available:

1. Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
2. Fatal Overdose
3. Overdose Related Hospital Encounters

Mary Ann Bruce described the different uses and capabilities of the above referenced dashboards and reviewed the Drug Related Indicators Dashboard Fact Sheet.

Vijay Murthy presented on the different components of the PDMP Dashboard and explained the metrics, geography by patient, prescriber and dispenser, drug categories and multiple displays. He also presented on the Overdose Related Hospital Encounters and reviewed the visit categories, flags, and the various display options.

Lindsey Goddard presented on the Overdose Fatality Dashboard self-serve metrics. She reviewed the overdose metrics, geography, overdose fatality drug categories, flags and the various display options.

Anna Gribble presented information from the University of Maryland on Dashboard evaluation findings that was funded with federal grant funds from SAMHSA. A survey was developed for the dashboard users and a breakdown of the results was presented on how the dashboard information is mostly used. The data provided on the dashboard is in alignment with Health General §21-2A-06(g). She outlined the differences between clinical users and dashboard users. Clinical users use the PDMP to support clinical decision making and the Dashboard is used to support local and state level program planning and evaluation. Dashboard users only have access to aggregate data whereas clinical users can see detailed information on prescriptions.

Next steps include using the evaluation to find several areas for continued improvement including expanding data sets available in the Dashboard and utilizing CDC Overdose Data to Action funds to facilitate improvements to dashboard and support to users.

VII. 2021 Advisory Board Meetings

Anna Gribble presented the schedule of the Advisory Board Meetings for 2021 and then opened discussion on proposed meeting topics. After discussion, the suggested meeting topics are legislative and regulatory updates, annual report, advisory board changes, interstate data sharing, updates from CRISP, status of new clinical tools, provider outreach efforts, statewide MAT trends and prescriber patterns, pediatric patients and possible parent diversion and supporting pharmacist use of the PDMP.

VIII. Public Comments

None

Motion by J. Scalese

Move to adjourn, seconded and carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.