

MN Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

University Park Plaza, 2829 University Ave SE, Conference Room A, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Objectives:

**Annual Report Review
2015 Program Goals**

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Present: Alfred Anderson, Collin Arnett, Jeff Lindoo, Ruth Grendahl, Connie Jacobs, Betty Johnson, Julie Sabo, Lindsey Thomas, David Thorson, Julia Wilson

Absent: Diane Rydrch (excused), Kevin Evenson, Michelle Shih-Ming Falk (excused), Mary Benbenek, Carmelo Cinqueonce, Richard Neumeister, Neal Benjamin, Carol Falkowski (excused)

Board of Pharmacy Staff: Barbara Carter, Katrina Howard, & Melissa Winger

- **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**
 - Overview of the objectives for today's meeting
 - Introduction of Committee Members
- **Old Business**
 - Review and approval of minutes from 11.25.2014
 - Controlled Substance Insight Alert Update – Katrina Howard, PMP Pharmacist Consultant
 - i. Pilot project started in January 2015. 45 people met the threshold, with alerts sent for 27 of those people. Resulting in 198 prescriber alerts and 150 pharmacist alerts. Positive feedback has been received from those who received alerts.
- **Annual Report – PMP Staff**

Task force members were presented preliminary data to be included in the first PMP Annual Report. The annual report will be released in mid- February and sent to Task Force members and published on the PMP website. Members were presented with data on dispensing activity and usage of the system by account holders as well as other 2014 accomplishments. Comments were raised by task force members on public perception of some statistical representations. PMP staff will take these comments into consideration when publishing the final report.

- **New Business**
 - Interface Redesign and System Enhancements – Barb Carter, PMP Manager
 - i. Upcoming changes to the look and feel of the RxSentry Interface were discussed. The system will have a different appearance but still have the same functions, with an increase in security features. Account holders will be alerted to the changes with communications that are currently under development. Expected launch is mid-February.
 - ii. Upcoming system enhancements include online registration for Veterinarians, access for DHS staff overseeing opioid treatment programs, ability to view all controlled substance V's and Butalbital. Other enhancements include ability to view all prescriber names, additional data available to PMP staff (within the confines of statutes), and the system will move to an ASAP 4.2 reporting format (we currently use 4.0).
 - Website Redesign – Melissa Winger, PMP Coordinator
 - i. Members were introduced to the updated home page and new patient rights section of the website. Other sections will be launched weekly with completion by Spring 2015. Features will include an expanded resource section for patients and health care providers and an improved FAQ section.
 - New Data Source- Barb Carter , Program Manager
 - i. Veterans Administration Healthcare (VA) facilities in St. Cloud and Minneapolis are now uploading data in the MN PMP. MN is one of 12 states that have been fully implemented with other states coming on board over the course of the next year. Prescription data being reported from the VA mail-order pharmacy will be reported to the state PDMP where the prescription was initiated and not necessarily to state the patient resides in.
 - Potential 2015 Board of Pharmacy PMP Legislation
 - i. A brief overview of potential legislation was given. Details of the actual legislation have not been finalized. Most of the changes are as a result of the recommendations made by the Task Force in the recent report to the legislature. Other changes are items that were brought forth in 2014 but did not get included in the final language.
- **Objectives for 2015** – Barb Carter, Program Manager
 - Increase number of system users and volume of use
 - i. Increase the number of account holders through Controlled Substance Insight Alerts (CSIA), interface and website redesign, community outreach, and continued communications regarding integration efforts. It was also reiterated that there is a burden on prescribers on not

having an integrated system, concerns discussed were cost of integration on EHR enhancements and no current incentives at the state and federal level for integration. Member inquired as the inclusion of PMP in medical schools and residency programs. The PMP is not currently involved with either.

- Improve data integrity and availability
 - i. Continue to audit compliance in reporting and adding additional states for interstate data exchange.
- **Next Steps, Announcements & Wrap-up**
Next meeting: April 28, 2015 3pm – 5pm
- **Adjourn: 5pm**