

# **MN Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Task Force Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 28, 2015, 3:00pm – 5:00pm**

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

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## **Objectives: Website and Interface Redesign Program Goals for 2015**

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### **ATTENDEES:**

#### Committee Members

Present: Alfred Anderson, Jeff Lindoo, Carol Falkowski, Ruth Grendahl, Melanie LaBrie representing Connie Jacobs, Neil Benjamin, Julie Sabo, Lindsey Thomas, David Thorson, Julia Wilson

Absent: Diane Rydrch (excused), Michelle Shih-Ming Falk (excused), Mary Benbenek (excused), Carmelo Cinqueonce, Richard Neumeister (excused), Betty Johnson (excused), Collin Arnett

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

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- **Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions**
  - Overview of the objectives for today's meeting
  - Introduction of Committee Members
  
- **Old Business**
  - Approved minutes from 1.27.2015
  - Controlled Substance Insight Alert Update – Katrina Howard, PMP Pharmacist Consultant
    - i. Since the beginning of the pilot project in January there has been a downward trend in the number of individuals meeting the threshold. However there was a slight increase in the month of April. To date 111 individuals had CSIA letters sent out on their behalf which resulted in 1206 letters being sent to prescribers and pharmacists.
    - ii. Member questioned if it is possible to find out why prescribers continue to prescribe after they received a letter. PMP staff will take this under advisement.
    - iii. Concern was raised about law enforcement response to reports from prescribers and pharmacists about suspected “doctor shoppers”. Suggestion made by member to recommend law enforcement be represented on the PMP task force.

- Motion made by David Thorson and Seconded by Neil Benjamin to recommend to the Board of Pharmacy that they consider moving language forward to the legislature that would add law enforcement representation to the PMP Advisory Task Force. All members present voted in favor.
- National Rx Drug Abuse Summit – Katrina Howard
  - i. Katrina Howard and Barb Carter attended the summit the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> following the PMP track. They heard presentations on “real time” reporting and interstate data exchange, amongst other issues of interest.
    - Comments raised by members about barriers to delegate access across borders and federal standards for HIE integration. Member also noted the need for increased communication on proper prescribing for pain and mental health and does not want to see prescribers not properly prescribing to people in need of pain treatment due to increased attention given recently to controlled substance diversion and “doctor shopping”.
- Boost Grant
  - i. Barb reported that MDH will be applying for a CDC Boost grant. If awarded this may provide the PMP with funds to make improvements to the program.
- Legislative Update
  - i. Update given on the status of the PMP bill in the House and Senate. No additional movement on House File 1562. Senate File 1440 is in the Rules Committee. There are differences in each version and further movement in either body is unlikely at this point in the session.
- **Website and Interface Update**
  - Interface Redesign and Website Update – Melissa Winger
    - i. Launch of the new user interface will be on June 2, 2015. Communication about the changes will be on the web and through email about 1 week before launch date.
    - ii. PMP website has updated FAQ’s for account users and for dispensers. Final two pages within the website to be updated are the account user section (which will be launched with the new interface in June) and the drug abuse information and resources page.
  - Drug Abuse Information and Resources- Melissa Winger
    - i. Members were given handouts with suggested resources for prescribers and patients. Comments were made to have information sorted and titled under treatment resources and prescribing information and to include other MN

resources. Members were encouraged to send links to the PMP email address for consideration. The expected launch date for these webpages is mid- May.

- **New Business**

- Program goals for 2015 – Barb Carter
  - i. Members were given a handout with the PMP program goals for 2015. Goals include continuation of the CSIA program, website redesign, interface update, dispenser uploading compliance, and data integrity. These goals can be found at the end of the 2014 PMP Annual Report which is posted on the website.

- **Task Force Member Agenda Items**

- Members were given time to share program related information with the task force.
  - i. Carol Falkowski has published “Drug Abuse Trends in Mpls and St.Paul for 2015”. PMP staff will share the document via email to the members.
  - ii. Dr. Thorson mentioned the MAFP House of Delegates recommendation to include medical cannabis to be reported to the PMP. This recommendation will also be going to the MMA for consideration and inclusion in the effort.
  - iii. Alfred Anderson commented on a clause in the Governor’s budget that will identify outliers in prescribing for MN Health Care Patients. There is a concern that prescribers who are treating pain patients will be considered outliers on a regular basis.

### **Next Steps, Announcements & Wrap-up**

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 28, 2015 3pm – 5pm

- **Adjourn: 5pm**