

MN Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Task Force Meeting
Tuesday, November 25, 2014, 1:30pm-3:00pm

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

Objectives:

Review proposed report
Initiate unsolicited reporting criteria development

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Present: Alfred Anderson, Collin Arnett, Jeff Lindoo, Tara Holt, Carol Falkowski, Ruth Grendahl, Connie Jacobs, Betty Johnson, Neal Benjamin, Julie Sabo, Lindsey Thomas, Juliana Milhofer

Absent: Diane Rydrch (Excused), Kevin Evenson (excused), Michelle Shih-Ming Falk, Mary Benbenek, Carmelo Cinqueonce, David Thorson(excused), Richard Neumeister (excused), Julia Wilson (excused)

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

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

- Overview of the objectives for today's meeting
- Introduction of Committee Members

II. Old Business

- Review and approval of minutes from 10.28.2014

III. Review Recommendations Report

Task force members were provided the report at the beginning of meeting. Draft of this report will go to the Board of Pharmacy for review. The report is divided into sections with introduction and background, statistics, recommendations. Recommendations are divided into sections data, input from task force, and board recommendations.

A. Statistics

- i. It was suggested the chart regarding delegate use be divided into Pharmacist vs Prescriber delegates. Unfortunately the database does not divide delegates but we could look into that with future enhancements.
- ii. It was suggested information on the availability of delegate accounts should be widely publicized as prescribers may not know this is an option.

B. Requiring Use of the PMP database by Prescribers and Pharmacists.

- i. It was suggested adding to the recommendation on how to roll out required registration ie: when renewing licenses, or a set time line. This is not practical at this time as it needs to be developed if registration is required.
- ii. It was suggested adding a standard for what Health License Boards (HLB's) should do if a licensee is not compliant with required registration, having a consistent process across HLB's. Each board would have to make that decision.
- iii. It was suggested adding a way to opt out. Someone should not be accessing the database if they would not have a clinical reason to access as part of their job. For privacy reason and could open the door for abuse. This will be taken under advisement.

C. Allowing for the use of the PMP database to identify inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances.

- i. The draft report distributed states that the Board of Pharmacy would make no recommendation on access to the data by boards to view prescriber's history or individual prescription history. However the Board would not object to the task force recommendations if they were brought forward to the legislature for further consideration.
- ii. Neal Benjamin recommended changing paragraph 3 on page 12 of the draft report to state; the Board of Pharmacy recommends the data to be requested by HLB's if there is bone fide reason. Cody Wiberg agreed.
- iii. If this recommendation goes forward to the legislature, representation from each HLB is requested when the hearings take place.

D. Encouraging access to appropriate treatment through the PMP

- i. Task force members have no changes for this recommendation. Section to move forward as written.

E. Report will be amended and sent to the Board for review at their 12/10 meeting.

IV. Unsolicited Reporting – Katrina Howard, PMP Pharmacist Consultant

- A. Presentation outlined research on unsolicited reporting practices of PMP programs in other states. Based on research, the MN PMP will establish criteria for a pilot project for sending reports. The project and reports will be titled Controlled Substance Insight Alerts.
- B. Task force unanimously agreed to proceed with pilot project.

V. Next Steps, Announcements & Wrap-up

December meeting cancelled

Next meeting: January 27th 2015 3pm – 5pm

VI. Adjourn: 3pm