

MN Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, August 26, 2014, 1:30pm-3:00pm

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

Objectives:

Formulation of workgroups

Introduction of proposed meeting structure

ATTENDEES:

Committee Members

Present: Kevin Evenson, Connie Jacobs, David Gesko for Neal Benjamin, Alfred Anderson, Michelle Shih-Ming Falk, Julia Wilson, David Thorson, Betty Johnson, Jeff Lindoo, Richard Neumeister, Lindsey Thomas.

Absent: Diane Rydrch, Julie Sabo (excused), Ruth Grendahl, Collin Arnett, Mary Benbenek (excused), Carmelo Cinqueonce, Carol Falkowski (excused).

Board of Pharmacy Staff: Barbara A. Carter, Cody Wiberg, Sojourner Killingsworth.

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 1:35pm

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

II. Current PMP Activities

- Review of program metrics
 - i. Statistics referenced in this report can be found on the PMP website.
 1. Hydrocodone remains the number one prescription that is dispensed in MN (2013 vs. 2014);
 2. The number of search warrants received by the PMP continues to grow
 3. There has been an increase in queries that were performed by pharmacist users by 68,000, and an increase of 63,000 by prescriber users in the above reference time period; this increase in use by pharmacists may be attributed to some employers requiring use under certain circumstances.
 4. Average number of daily requests for account to access the MN PMP database is relatively stable at 12-13/day, and the year to date average for requests is 13-19/day.

Action Items

1. *Number of search warrants and from which agencies they are coming from.*

2. *# of prescriptions that were in the database last year at this time vs. the number of prescriptions that are in the database currently*
 3. *# of unique individuals currently in the database*
 4. *Volume of queries going through PMPi and where they are initiated.*
- Implementation of 2014 legislative changes
 - i. A brief overview of the changes was presented with several questions answered and clarifications provided.
 - New PMP position and duties
 - i. The legislature provided funding for an additional position in the PMP to administer the provision of unsolicited reporting. The Board is currently waiting for the position to be approved. Once approved it will be posted and interviewing will take place. Other duties will include monitoring and enforcement of compliance in reporting of data, liaison to pharmacies, and outreach.

III. Workgroup Activities

- Forming of workgroups
 - i. Required Use Workgroup
Volunteers- Kevin Evenson, Jeff Lindoo, David Thorson, Rich Neumeister, Carol Falkowski and Betty Johnson
Comments from members regarding mandatory/required use:
 - Access to the data must be made easier in order for mandatory use to be effective.
 - Need to be care that there are not unintended consequences such as a reduced prescribing for legitimate need and the underserved individuals are “fired” by the provider rather than being offered alternative treatment.
 - ii. Identification of Inappropriate Prescribing Workgroup
Volunteers-Julia Wilson, Neal Benjamin, Alfred Anderson, Connie Jacobs, Rich Neumeister and Julie Sabo
 - iii. Encouraging Access to Appropriate Treatment Workgroup
Volunteers- Kevin Evenson, Betty Johnson
 - iv. Unsolicited Reporting Workgroup
This group will form once the new PMP position is filled and the individual is on board.

Workgroup meetings will take place either in person or via conference calls. Workgroups will report back to the full Task Force at the next meeting and future meetings. It is the goal of MN PMP to have the report and recommendations

finalized for presentation to the Board by 12/10/14. The final report is due to the legislature on December 15, 2014.

IV. Future Meetings of the PMP Advisory Task Force

- Meeting structure recommendations
 - i. Elect a chairperson to facilitate the meetings, PMP staff will still provide support.
 - ii. Quarterly meetings-4th Tuesday of Jan, Apr, Jul and Oct.
 - iii. Topical workgroups meet during or in between quarterly meetingsThe goals of this change are to provide the task force the ability to set agendas, identify speakers, identify issues and items for discussion.

- Schedule

The following is a schedule of the remaining meetings for 2014:

Monday, September 29th

Tuesday, October 28th

Tuesday, November 25th

Meeting Location

University Park Plaza

2829 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

4th Floor, Conference Room A

1:30pm – 3:00pm

- Website presence

Task Force meeting information is available on the PMP public website at:

www.pmp.pharmacy.state.mn.us

Select “MN PMP Advisory Task Force and Statistical Reports”

V. Announcements, Wrap-up & Next Steps

- Member expressed concern about meeting time occurring mid-day and requested it be moved to closer to the end of the business day. Suggestion 3pm – 5pm.
 - i. Consideration will be given to the request.
- Member requests per diem
 - i. M.S. 15.059 governs task forces and does not permit the payment of a per diem. This request will be taken back to the Board for further consideration.

VI. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm