

**Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Clinical Review Subcommittee**  
**January 08, 2018 Meeting Minutes**  
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Portland State Office Building  
800 NE Oregon Street, **Room 918**  
Portland, OR 97232

**ATTENDEES:**

**Subcommittee members Present:** Joe Thaler, Amit Shah, Jim Shames, Kathi Norman, Curt Hawkinson, Sarah Wickenhagen, Bruce Austin

**Advisory Commission Absent:** Tracy Muday, Safina Koreishi

**OHA Staff:** Lisa Millet, Katrina Hedberg, Drew Simpson, Josh Van Otterloo, Stephanie Vesik

Decisions
No official decisions were made at this meeting. Subcommittee requested additional information be prepared by PDMP staff for subsequent meetings to allow for decision making.

**1. Member Introductions**

Subcommittee members present introduced themselves and OHA staff introduced themselves and indicated their role in relation to the subcommittee support.

Dr. Hedberg commented that there is currently no naturopathic representation but that OHA has reached out and should have a member appointed for future meetings.

Dr. Hedberg commented on the nature of subcommittee meetings as public meetings and that no identified data will be shared. If it is determined identified data is needed it will be done in an executive session.

**2. Review of statute creating and directing the subcommittee**

Simpson read the relevant sections of House Bill 3440 regarding the subcommittee and invited the subcommittee members to comment on any aspects that needed clarification.

After reviewing the statute requirements two members expressed concern they may not be qualified to be a part of the subcommittee based on a strict reading of the requirements listed in statute. One does not prescribe schedule two drugs and the other no longer has

an active DEA license. PDMP staff agreed to review the questions with legal counsel and replace the members in question if needed.

Van Otterloo was directed to explain a likely error in the statute language vs the legislative intent. The statute directs the subcommittee to consider co-prescribing of schedule 2 and 3 drugs with other schedule 2 and 3 drugs. The legislative intent is likely to direct a review of co-prescribing of opioids with benzodiazepines which would include schedule 4 drugs.

Wickenhagen recommended that be corrected in future legislative sessions.

### **3. Review and discuss draft of subcommittee charter**

Simpson read aloud the draft charter relating to the goals and operation of the subcommittee and invited discussion after each section.

Subcommittee asked that the charter not be specific to chronic pain and asked that schedule 4 drugs be included in the presented data despite it not being explicitly required in the statute.

Simpson agreed to make edits to the charter and send it out to all members prior to the next meeting. Subcommittee will vote to accept the charter at the next meeting.

Norman asked when deliverables would be produced. Dr. Hedberg responded an annual report would be produced and a report to the advisory commission would be produced following each meeting.

### **4. Review and discuss PDMP data**

Van Otterloo presented a PPT describing the strengths and limitations of the PDMP data.

Van Otterloo presented aggregate data filling the criteria that the house bill requires as well as a measure of frequent prescribing to opioid naïve patients that is not required but may be of interest to the subcommittee.

The subcommittee directed Van Otterloo to prepare data showing additional information, including:

1. MED at 120 and 200.
2. Doctor shopping measure
3. Frequent prescribing to opioid naïve patients at a high MED
4. Cross reference prescribers who meet high MED and co-prescribing measure

Subcommittee decided to hold off on selecting any prescribers to receive educational letters until the next meeting when they can review the newly created data.

Thaler asked subcommittee members what they thought the most dangerous prescribing was. Members commented high MED, high volume, and Shames commented prescribing to the wrong patients.

### **5. Record and review action items**

Simpson will prepare updated charter.

Simpson will review subcommittee participation requirements with legal counsel and if need invite additional members to participate.

Simpson will prepare draft letters to present to the advisory commission and subcommittee at subsequent meetings.

Van Otterloo will work with State Health Officer to create the newly requested measures.

Subcommittee will meet again this quarter.

## **6. Adjournment**