

Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Commission

October 18th, 2013 Meeting Minutes

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Portland State Office Building

800 NE Oregon Street, Room 918

Portland, OR 97232

ATTENDEES:

Advisory Commission Present: Mike Millard, Larisa Jeffries, Lindsay Jenkins, Teresa Keane, Sara Love, John Mcilveen, Bill Jordan, Al Turner, Karen Wheeler

Advisory Commission Absent: Chris Apgar, Tracy Muday, Mark Williams

OHA Staff: Lisa Millet, Todd Beran, Hank Cattell

Guests: Rick Deyo, Jessica Irvine, Maayan Simckes, Becky Strauss, Amy Zlot

Decisions
1. The meeting minutes from July 2013 were approved as written.

Action Items	Assigned	Status
1. Adjust the number of licensed pharmacists in the to-date report to 3,300 to reflect the number who actually dispense controlled substances.	Murphy	
2. Contact the PDMP vendor to determine if an automated reminder can be sent to master account holders to review system access by delegates.	Beran	
3. Determine if prescriber DEA searches can be audited to evaluate use of this function.	Beran	
4. Check with DOJ to ascertain if PDMP reports can be scanned into patient health records.	Beran	

INTRODUCTIONS

Millard called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

The meeting minutes were reviewed and approved as written – see Decision 1.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Review monthly and YTD metrics

Beran reviewed the monthly business reports for August 2013. He noted that users made over 60,000 queries which is more than double the amount at the beginning of the year. The increase is driven mainly by large pharmacy chains requiring their pharmacists to sign up. Beran also noted significant increases in naturopathic doctors and dentists signing up for accounts.

Beran noted that in the to-date report, new denominators were calculated for the number of users signed up for accounts by discipline. The table now shows the number by discipline of those who prescribed versus the number of licensees since not all licensees prescribed. Members agreed this is a more accurate metric. Beran noted that using these new metrics, 38% of all Oregon providers who prescribed at least one prescription since the program began collecting data. Nurses lead the way in system use at 59% of those who prescribe followed by physician assistants at 51%. Millard noted that only 3,300 licensed pharmacist actually dispense. The denominator will be adjusted on the next monthly to-date report – see Action Item 1.

b. Administrative rules update

Beran reported that the PDMP rules public hearing is scheduled for Oct. 29th and the naloxone rules public hearing is scheduled for Oct 30th. Barring any major issues, both sets of rules are expected to be in place by mid-December. Millet noted that EMS stakeholders have expressed some concern about potential costs associated with responding to opiate overdose reversals by laypersons trained to use naloxone. This issue may be raised at the public hearing.

c. PDMP system changes update

Beran reviewed the three system changes brought about by the new PDMP legislation: delegate access, DEA searches by prescribers, and State Medical Examiner access. He reviewed the process for delegate access. Office staff will have to apply just like anyone else. PDMP staff will approve access to the system. This will not mean that they will actually have access to information in the system. A master account holder must first authorize them as a delegate before they can access PDMP information. Delegates must also indicate on whose behalf they are accessing information before they can query the system. The master account holder is responsible for and has control over their delegates' access to the system.

Turner expressed concern about denying access to delegated office staff who are no longer employed by a master account holder. He stated that the average length of employment of health care provider office staff is approximately 18 months. He asked if

an automatic monthly reminder could be generated by the system to prompt master account holders to check delegated access – see Action Item 2. Turner also asked if delegates will have access to the DEA search function and whether PDMP staff can see if this function is being utilized. Beran stated that only account holders with DEA numbers will be able to see the list of medications dispensed under their DEA number – see Action Item 3.

Beran stated there will be a provider query interface upgrade to ease queries and allow users to see the data more clearly. The PDMP is targeting all system changes to be ready by the new legislation effective date of January 1st 2014.

d. 2013 Harold Rogers grant

Beran discussed the major activities for the funded Harold Rogers grant project: 1) Provide web-based interactive training modules for PDMP users to aid in the use of the system and the patient data it contains, 2) Work with health systems to explore PDMP use policies and improve use and the usefulness of the system, 3) Conduct PDMP evaluation in the clinical setting to assess impact of the PDMP on healthcare and patient health, and 4) Identify top prescribers to develop prescribing history reports that can be used to assess and improve prescribing practices.

Advisory Commission members expressed concern about PDMP use policies adopted as standard of care. This could potentially increase the liability of the prescriber and therefore have unwanted adverse effects. Millet stated that by law providers are not required to check the PDMP. The goal is to not make use of the PDMP an unnecessary burden but in certain instances such as co-occurring morbidities that increase the risk of overdose there should be clear guidelines for use of the PDMP.

The question was raised as to whether or not PDMP reports can be scanned into electronic medical records – see Action Item 4.

e. NIH grant overview

Deyo and Irvine presented preliminary finding of the provider survey conducted in may 2013 as part of the NIH grant awarded to OHSU and Acumentra Health – see the attached presentation slides.

OPEN ISSUES

Turner asked why the PDMP is not tracking medical marijuana since it is a schedule II drug in Oregon. Millet responded that medical marijuana is not dispensed at retail pharmacies and therefore by law is not collected by the PDMP.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next PDMP Advisory Commission meeting will be on Friday, January 17th, 2014 in room 918 at the Portland State Office Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.