

Colorado Consortium for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention

PDMP Work Group Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022 via Zoom

Present:

Jason Hoppe, DO and Dmitry Kunin, DORA, Co-chairs

Justin Wipf, DORA

Nagy Ramzy, Pharmacist

Erica Pike, Colorado Academy of Family Physicians

Marjorie Zimdars-Orthman, Community Member

Dawn O'Keefe, Peak Vista Community Health Center

CDPHE: Barbara Gabella, Katie Sullivan

Consortium: Jose Esquibel, Jen Place, Jessica Eaddy, Lindsey Simbeye, Rosemarie MacDowell

Absent: See attached list.

Jason Hoppe, work group co-chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the January 2022 work group meeting minutes. Motion approved.

PDMP Annual Report:

The annual report questions were finalized last week:

Task #1 – Evaluate the effectiveness of unsolicited reporting to licensing boards of licensees' prescribing activity;

Task #2 – Evaluate the effects of allowing law enforcement access to PDMP data without requiring a subpoena or court order.

Justin Wipf expanded on the above. He indicated that a better understanding how other states allow access is part of task #2. He reached out to the PDMP Technical Training Center and obtained information regarding the requirements for PDMP access on the part of licensing boards and law enforcement. A number of states allow licensing boards to access PDMP information without a subpoena.

Justin will be sending a survey to states' administrators to obtain additional information, including whether or not unsolicited information is being sent, the protocol involved, how the information is being used (i.e., discipline, academic detailing, education, etc.). He will also be obtaining information regarding law enforcement access. Some states require that law enforcement entities provide certification of an active investigation. He will also be looking into whether or not PDMP information should be proactively supplied to law enforcement.

Justin has initiated a literature review in order to gain a broader perspective. The review is focusing on the current state of PDMP legislation and prescribing/drug problems. He noted that there were more pill mills in past years and that the drug problem has shifted away from prescribed drug diversion to the supply of illicit drugs (counterfeit pills laced with fentanyl). Some findings indicate that the longer someone is on opioids, the risk of overdose increases and the younger someone begins taking opioids, the higher the risk for dependence and overdose.

Meeting participants discussed the work required to review the literature and how additional assistance might be obtained. Justin asked work group members to contact him if they would like to help: justin.wipf@state.co.us He would like to complete the review by mid to late April.

Jose said he would consult with the Consortium staff regarding assistance, possibly from pharmacy students, and/or the university librarians.

The finalized report will be shared with the PDMP Work Group in May. Any edits will be incorporated prior to the final report being issued by the July 1st deadline.

Announcements/Updates:

An announcement will be forthcoming regarding the vendor award.

Jose provided the following legislative updates:

- HB 22-1115 Prescriber PDMP Queries. The bill cleared House Appropriations and has moved to the Senate. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb22-1115>
- SB 22-027 has cleared the Senate and is now in the House. <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/sb22-027>

Jose suggested that work group members consider policy issues and recommendations that might be brought before the Interim Study Committee this summer. The work group also discussed the importance of identifying subject matter experts within the Consortium who might be able to provide input regarding pending bills and the involvement and role of lobbyists. Jose will discuss this matter during the next Coordinating Committee meeting on April 14th.

Erica Pike, with the Colorado Academy of Family Physicians, offered to continue the discussion offline regarding how her organization has dealt with policy and legislation.

Marjorie Zimdars-Orthman offered to speak further with Sen. Robert Rodriguez about the lack of review by subject matter experts.

Adjournment and Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Attachments: Work group roster