

Oregon Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Commission

April 15, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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Commission Members Present: John Hinton, Tracy Klein, Michael Millard, John Mcilveen, Kaley Bourgeois, Laura Armstrong,

1. Introductions

Simpson commenced the meeting shortly after 1pm and welcomed the commission and all participants. Simpson acknowledge that the program failed to post the meeting access as a public meeting and committed to follow the procedure to do so at future meetings. Simpson invited public participants to provide verbal comments at the end of the meeting or to submit written comments to be distributed to commission members and included in minutes.

This was the first meeting of the Advisory Commission since Chair Chris Apgar passed away and Simpson commented on how missed he is and recalled how strong of a champion for this work he was.

Millard asked about efforts to replace the security position on the commission. Simpson commented that Kim and he have received a few names to consider and have reached out, as of now no replacement has been found.

At this time Simpson informed the commission that several member's appointment term has ended and they have elected to term out. These members included Paul Coelho, Paul Brannen, Tyler Swift. In addition, the seat for the pain commission and both public member seats are empty. This will be a time of large turn over for the commission. It is the goal to have the commission full before the end of the year before the next legislative session. With Covid response more established, there is an increased likelihood that PDMP legislative concepts and bills will be considered at the next session.

The process has been initiated with each group represented on the commission to find new members. The public members can be difficult to find as they are not representing a specific organization and the program invites recommendations from the commission if they have contacts that may be interested.

Due to the presence of a new hire on the PDMP team, Simpson facilitated introductions by the new staff member and each commission member. Simpson also indicated that he is

acting as facilitator just for this one meeting in the absence of a current chair. A request for a new chair nomination and vote will take place at the end of this meeting.

Ariane Erickson introduced herself as a new PDMP data analyst who will be primarily working on program utilization and evaluation projects. She has a PhD from the University of Washington.

During introductions Simpson invited a special thanks for Mike Millard who is stepping down and has been with the commission since the program was first established.

2. Review of Previous Meeting's Minutes

At this time, quorum was reached, and votes are allowed. All commission members received the minutes in advance for review.

Motion to approve by Millard, seconded by MciLveen. No motions against. Motion passed.

Millard encouraged PDMP team to more diligently update and maintain reports page.

3. Standing Agenda Items

a. Review quarterly metrics

Vesik provided update on compliance activities. The largest change is the number of pharmacies that went down with the closure of bimart pharmacy chain.

The focus since the last commission meeting has been around user audits to ensure that all active accounts are held by those that still qualify. Approx. 200 accounts were removed for users who had not accessed in the last year or whose licensure had expired and not been renewed.

Loy presented the Quarter 4 2021 quarterly report. This report uses the same quarter one year back as the comparison group for all metrics. This comparison quarter is during the pandemic response with active impacts on the public and prescribing practice which may results in larger than usual changes.

Notable figures. Registration is now at 97% among high prescribers, web portal queries continue to trend down while integrated queries increase. Loy and Erickson are working to more clearly display integrated use as currently automated pings are included.

Armstrong asked for clarification regarding whether those under the registration mandate are removed for non-use. Vesik described her process for reviewing expired DEA numbers and contacting the prescriber to capture the updated number if possible. If no contact is possible then the account is removed with instructions sent on how to reactivate in the future.

At this time, it was discovered that the Zoom meeting had been set up using the wrong zoom account and did not have access to unlimited meeting time. Before the meeting was forced to end Simpson informed all attendees that a replacement link would be sent

within 5 mins to their emails. Simpson also encouraged any public attendees to send him an email to receive a replacement link.

The meeting resumed on the Teams platform with all attendees successfully switching.

The recording for the remainder of the meeting was not captured due to the platform switch and these minutes were created using individual notes.

b. Research study updates

Loy presented seven research projects that are currently being tracked. Two are in the early stages of review and 5 have completed the DUA and data are being prepared.

4. HB 4098, Settlement Funds

Lisa Shields checked in with the PDMP Advisory Commission about upcoming settlement funds from the opioid settlement. While these funds will not be used on the PDMP this group can be helpful in better understanding the healthcare landscape and identify overlooked needs. Millard pointed out that since these settlement funds exist because of the negative impact on many Oregonians the settlement funds should be used to help that impacted group, this would include substance use treatment and support.

5. High Risk Prescribing 4x4 Measure

At the October 2021 meeting, Coelho requested a report on the multiple prescriber and multiple pharmacist measure. This is a measure that is strongly associated with increased risk of overdose and deserves to be closely examined.

Loy prepared a brief report examining the measure both as a percentage of all prescribers and as raw counts of patients who visited 4 or more prescriber and 4 or more pharmacies in a 6 months period. In addition, he split out the measure to display opioids only and to include all collected drugs to demonstrate any trend specific to opioids.

This measure has seen significant progress since the program began collecting data. Notable figure shows the number of patients qualifying for the measure decreasing from 7,000 in 2012 to 2,644 in 2021.

6. Old Business

a. Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board data request

Loy and Simpson presented a request from The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board that is currently unable to be filled due to mutual conflicting disclosure laws. Neither party can turn over an identified data set for the purpose of data linkage.

The PDMP team would like the input from the Advisory Commission on whether they would support a legislative concept if proposed that would solve this problem. If legislation allowed, then the PDMP team would be able to create a limited identifier

linkage dataset that only used names and DOB that would then be given to the Northwest researchers to complete the linkage. Currently this is not allowed as name and DOB are identifiers even without the rest of the PDMP data included.

The commission discussed the scope of a potential exception for data linkage and the benefit for this vulnerable population and determined that if a legislative change could be made with appropriate limits to prohibit use beyond data linkage and limiting data used in the disclosure then the commission would support the change.

Simpson reminded the commission that the OHA does not advocate for its own legislative changes but can pass on concepts as area experts when requested. This will be passed on to appropriate channels to consider in the future.

b. CMS Certification and MES funding update

Simpson provided an update on efforts to become CMS certified which would allow for enhanced funding. Unfortunately, part of the certification process requires the PDMP to allow full access to the system to CMS, this includes identified patient and provider information. The PDMP team has met with leaders within CMS and made the case that proof that the system is function and optimized in possible without granting full access, but CMS is not willing to remove that requirement.

As such, Oregon is no longer pursuing CMS certification. Simpson and Waite have reached out to other states that were known to be seeking certification and all have paused their efforts with the exception of Ohio. Ohio has no restrictions in place preventing CMS from accessing their records.

c. RFP

Simpson provided an update on the RFP. The Office of Contracts and Procurement reviewed the original RFP and discovered that the number of allowed extension years begins at the end of the first contract, not the beginning. This means that OHA is allowed to extend the existing contract three years more than it had anticipated. The current plan is now to extend the contract until 2025 and complete the RFP at that time.

7. New Business

a. Hiring update

Waite provided an update on the upcoming hiring process. The Epi 2 has been interviewed and an offer has been made. It is likely that the position will be filled and onboarded by the next advisory commission meeting.

8. Open Issues

Simpson called for nominations for a new Advisory Commission Chair and noted that if no one was nominated then he would continue to facilitate. Armstrong commented that she had thought she was too new to the commission but looking realized she was one of

the more senior members after only a couple years. Armstrong's nomination was seconded by Millard and a unanimous vote in favor was conducted.

9. Public Comment

Two members of the public were present for this meeting. One was a patient advocate and provided comments on treatment options and inappropriate restrictions for post-surgical pain patients.

10. Next Meeting Date: July 15th, 2022

11. Member Wrap-Up

12. Adjournment by 3:15 PM