

**SUBJECT: Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program (MPMP) Advisory Committee**

**DATE:** September 18, 2013

**PLACE:** MS Board of Nursing, 713 Pear Orchard Road, Plaza II, Suite 300, Ridgeland, MS 39157

**MPMP Membership**

**Maximum Membership:** The membership of the PMP Advisory Committee shall be limited to twenty (20) Active Members representing users of the program.

**Active Membership:** The Active Membership consists of a representative from the following entities:

**PRESENT**

1. Chair	Mississippi State Department of Health- Executive Director or his/her designee	Meg Pearson, PharmD
2. Vice Chair	Mississippi Board of Nursing-Executive Director or member of the board	Melinda Rush, DSN, FNP
3. Recording Secretary	Mississippi Division of Medicaid- Executive Director or his/her designee	Terri Kirby, BSP Pharm
4.	Mississippi Board of Pharmacy –Executive Director or member of board	Frank Gammill, BSP Pharm
5.	Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics, Executive Director or designee	
6.	Mississippi State Medical Association- a member who is registered to use the MPMP	Tom Joiner, MD
7.	Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure-Executive Director or member of board	Rickey Chance, MD
8.	The Special Agent in Charge for the Mississippi Field Office of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration or his/her designee	
9.	The Attorney General of the state of Mississippi or her/his designee	Geoffrey Morgan, JD
10.	Mississippi Independent Pharmacists Association- a member who is a registered user of the MPMP	Ryan Harper, PharmD
11.	Mississippi Pharmacy Association-a member who is a registered user of the MPMP	
12.	Mississippi Nurses Association- a member who is a registered user of the MPMP	
13.	Mississippi Academy of Physician Assistants – a member	Andy McDermott, PA-C
14.	Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners or a member of the board	
15.	Mississippi Dental Association-a member who is a registered user of the MPMP	

**Also present:** Deborah Brown, RN (MS BOP, MPMP Manager), Robert Dozier (MIPA), Laurie Warrington (MS Society of Health System Pharmacists), Heather Lewis (MS Society of Health System Pharmacists), Signe Shackelford (Center for MS Health Policy), Therese Hanna (Center for MS Health Policy), Stephanie M. Brown (MSDH), Jerri Avery (MS Dept. of Mental Health-

Director, Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Services), Dr. Craig Escude (MDMH-MS State Hospital), Robert Maddux, MD (MS State Hospital), Tyler Jeter (MSDH), Julia Woods (MSDH), Eric McKinley (BCBSMS), Leslie Leon (Xerox), David Delgado (Criminal Investigator, MS Attorney General's Office), Dana Crenshaw (MSBOP), Dr. Ben Banahan (UM-CPMM)

### **Opening Remarks:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Meg Pearson, Pharm D, and Chairperson

### **Approval of the April 17, 2013 Meeting Minutes:**

Dr. Joiner moved to accept the minutes.  
Dr. Rush seconded.  
Votes were taken, and the motion carried.

### **PMP Reports:**

#### **Objective-To provide PMP usage trend reports for PMP Advisory Committee review and comment**

Deborah Brown presented the PMP usage trend reports for the April 2013 through September 2013. (See Attachment A)

Ms. Brown stated that the new PMP system will be updated once every 24 hours. The go-live date is October 9, 2013. Existing users are not required to complete additional paperwork to use the new system.

The MS Board of Nursing will hire part-time help for the purpose of assisting Deborah with PMP duties.

She also informed the committee that the PMP AWARe software will be free during the first two years.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- PMP Registered users as of August 13, 2013,  
2,717 prescribers  
600 pharmacists  
165 law enforcement
- Hydrocodone continues to remain the top controlled substance by quantity dispensed with 9,717,180 dosage units and over 172,000 prescriptions during the month of August, 2013.
- Data from 2008 and forward will move to the new system.
- People who are currently registered will go to the site and sign up. Current users don't need to print paperwork.
- New users fill out one piece of paper and must notarize (required to receive grant funding).

Ms. Brown encouraged licensing agencies to cite the PMP link on their websites.

### **Data Analysis:**

#### **Objective- To present to PMP Advisory Committee opportunities identified for data analysis:**

Meg introduced Dr. Ben Banahan, University of Mississippi Center for Pharmaceutical Marketing and Management (CPMM), and stated that in addition to the report proposals he is presenting she is working with him and the State Department of Health for the purpose of evaluating all deaths in our state and comparing them with PMP data. She stated that the transition of PMP data to information through data analysis is vital to a successful PMP program.

Dr. Banahan's complete presentation, 'Proposed Reports for Medicaid and Other Agencies', is found in Attachment B.

Proposed research includes analyzing all claims of Medicaid beneficiaries, regardless of how the prescriptions were paid and identifying potential abuse. In addition, CPMM will work as an agent of the PMP to use the full database to identify potential abuse and develop reports for further investigation or action by appropriate entities.

Dr. Pearson introduced Signe Shackelford, policy analyst for the Center for Mississippi Health Policy.

Ms. Shackelford's complete presentation, 'Measurement Matters: Using Vital Records and PMP Data to Identify Trends in Mississippi's Fatal Unintentional Drug Overdoses', is found in Attachment C.

Ms. Shackelford stated that research clearly shows that coroner reporting in Mississippi should be standardized.

#### **Subcommittee Activities:**

**Objective: Update PMP Advisory Committee members of recent and planned activities; provide opportunity for review, comment, and feedback**

#### **Education Subcommittee**

Robert Dozier reported that PMP use was encouraged at the recent Mississippi Independent Pharmacies Association Convention. He stated that further outreach is in a holding pattern until the new system is functional.

Dr. Joiner asked about prescribing courses for medical students.

Dr. Pearson stated that Dr. Leigh Ann Ross verified that pharmacy students do receive a PMP course.

Conversation ensued that courses are needed in dental, medical and veterinary schools.

Drs. Escude and Avery, both with the Department of Mental Health, stated they can join the education subcommittee. Dr. Avery stated that it will be easy to distribute educational materials to the prevention coordinators at the regional community mental health centers. She also stated that there are federal grants to target severe drug abuse for ages 25 and under.

#### **CMS/Insurance/Workers' Comp Subcommittee**

Ms. Kirby reported that she met with Dave Delgado, investigator with Attorney General's office. Mr. Delgado works in conjunction with Medicaid's Program Integrity Bureau to investigate

provider fraud. He suggested that Medicaid should consider setting policy to require prescribers to check the PMP for their patients at defined frequencies, print the report and add to their medical record. He stated this may be one way to cut down on prescriber fraud, i.e.; pill mills.

She stated that work is ongoing with Dr. Banahan and Ms. Brown on specifics of the PMP data file on Medicaid beneficiaries.

Ms. Kirby stated her next goal is to begin working with a Workers' Compensation representative to ascertain goals.

### **Software, Funding, and Trend Reports Subcommittee**

Ms. Brown had nothing further to report.

### **PMP Use Parameters Subcommittee**

The process for developing guidelines for PMP reports was described and discussed. The 'You Might Be Hooked' poster for co-branding was presented.

### **Coordination Between Law Enforcement and Practitioners**

Dr. Harper related the following actions to date:

- An informational pamphlet about doctor shopping entitled 'MS, We Have a Problem' has been developed and distributed.
- 'Drop safes', where the public can drop off unused pharmaceuticals, have been ordered and placed at Mississippi Highway Patrol locations and protocol for disposal is in place. Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics developed a Rx Drug Safe poster
- Pharmacists and prescribers need an understanding of how law enforcement works in situations of doctor shopping, robberies, etc. and education

### **Other Business**

Dr. Pearson stated that she attended a public safety meeting at the governor's office. PMP information will be provided to Jay Ledbetter to pass on to the governor.

Dr. Rush stated that Marshall Fisher suggested that the PMP Advisory Committee should send a representative to talk to the legislature on 2-4-14 at 1030am for the purpose of stressing the importance of the PMP in regard to public safety.

Dr. Pearson stated that the incoming president of ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officers) has defined four pillars of addressing prescription drug abuse.

These four pillars are:

Prevention and Education

Surveillance and Monitoring (PDMPs)

Diversion Control and Law Enforcement

Treatment and Recovery

She stated that we already have five subcommittees which are largely addressing all items outlined within these four pillars.

Dr. Chance stated that awareness among prescribers is needed of all drug treatment and recovery programs and that this is a huge issue.

Mr. Gammill thanked Dr. Rush for use of the Board of Nursing's facility for PMP meetings. He relayed that the next meeting will be in the Board of Pharmacy's new facility.

**Setting of next PMP Advisory Committee Meeting:**

The next MPMP Advisory Committee Meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at the Board of Pharmacy from 10am to 12noon.

**Adjourned:**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**Attachment A:** Presentation by Deborah Brown.  
(Double click area below to view entire presentation)

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**Attachment B: Presentation by Dr. Ben Banahan**  
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**Attachment C: Presentation by Signe Shackelford**  
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