

PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM
WORK GROUP

Health Professions Council Board Room
333 Guadalupe Street, Tower II, Suite 225
Austin, Texas

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MINUTES

Gay Dodson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Members present representing the Board of Pharmacy (TSBP):

Gay Dodson, Executive Director
Allison Benz, Director of Professional Services
Kerstin Arnold, General Counsel
Bj Slack, Prescription Monitoring Program Manager

Members present representing the Board of Dental Examiners (TSBDE):

Nycia Deal, General Counsel

Member present representing the Medical Board (TMB):

Rui Bernardo, Executive Support Manager

Members present representing the Board of Nursing (BON):

Katherine Thomas, Executive Director
Dusty Johnson, General Council
Skylar Caddell, Investigator

Member present representing the Podiatric Medical Examiners (TSBPME)

Hemant Makan, Executive Director

Ms. Dodson presented the minutes of the Interagency Prescription Monitoring Program Work Group meeting that was held October 19, 2015, for review and approval and no changes or corrections were noted.

Ms. Dodson explained that the software company APPRISS had been selected as the vendor to provide the program for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. She explained that the APPRISS program was currently being used by 26 other states and that the program included an interface with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy PMP Interconnect program which will allow Texas users to check to see if their patients are getting prescriptions in other states.

Ms. Dodson provided a slide presentation with information concerning the APPRISS program. She explained that APPRISS also provides the program that Texas uses to track the purchase of pseudoephedrine.

Ms. Dodson explained that one of the advantages to the APPRISS program is that data can be displayed on one screen instead of the large multipage spreadsheets that are now provided by DPS.

Ms. Dodson explained that the program will be ready for testing in April and that APPRISS is working with DPS to acquire a download of the data in the DPS program. She explained that the APPRISS program will be ready to go live on September 1, 2016.

Ms. Dodson announced that the Pharmacy Board had been awarded a \$500,000.00 Harold Rogers grant for Prescription Monitoring Programs, and the grant money would be used to pay for the initial year for the APPRISS program.

Ms. Benz stated that meetings will be scheduled in April with each participating agency to provide demonstrations on how the program will function and to also begin training.

Ms. Stella stated she was working with the Comptroller's office to determine how the Pharmacy Board would receive the payment of licensing fees collected by other participating agencies. She requested that agencies send her their projected number of licensees as soon as possible.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.