



REPORT OF THE INTERAGENCY PRESCRIPTION MONITORING WORK GROUP

The Interagency Prescription Monitoring Work Group (work group) is composed of representatives from the following agencies:

- Texas State Board of Pharmacy
- Texas Medical Board
- Texas Board of Nursing
- Texas Physician Assistant Board
- Texas State Board of Dental Examiners
- Texas Optometry Board
- Texas State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners
- State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners
- Texas Department of State Health Services
- Medical Examiner

The work group was created to evaluate the effectiveness of prescription monitoring and offer recommendations to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of recordkeeping and other functions related to the regulation of dispensing controlled substances by prescription.

Representatives of the above-referenced agencies attended quarterly meetings. Stakeholders involved with the various professions were also invited to participate in the meetings.

The work group held eight quarterly meetings on the following dates:

FY2017

- October 3, 2016
- January 30, 2017
- April 24, 2017
- July 24, 2017

FY2018

- October 31, 2017
- January 30, 2018
- April 24, 2018
- July 31, 2018

During the meetings, the work group was provided information about the operation of the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) including information regarding threshold notifications, legislative changes, official prescription forms, and auto-registration of prescribers and pharmacists. At each meeting, updated statistics regarding the number of registered users, number of prescriptions dispensed, and number of searches conducted were provided. The workgroup was notified of the Legislative Appropriation Request for the PMP and the budgetary requirements for each agency. Copies of the minutes from the quarterly meetings are attached.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) Quarterly Meeting of the Workgroup

The Texas Controlled Substances Act, §481.353 requires the Interagency Prescription Monitoring work group to meet at least quarterly. It is recommended that this section be modified to allow the Board to call meetings as necessary or when determined by the Board.

(2) Registered User Workgroup

It is recommended that a workgroup of registered users of the PMP be established to provide input on the use of the PMP. Registered users would be able to provide input on making changes to the PMP from the user perspective.