



Prescription Monitoring Program Advisory Committee

March 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

**Texas State Board of Pharmacy
via Zoom**

MINUTES

I. Call to order and welcome

Presiding Officer A.J. Kirk, M.D., F.F./E.M.T., F.A.A.E.M., F.A.C.E.P., present via videoconference, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. The following Committee Members were present via videoconference:

- Michael Arambula, M.D., Pharm.D.
- Lauren Corrales, R.Ph., Pharm.D.
- Nora Cox
- Mitch Engle, M.D., Ph.D.
- Katharina Hathaway, M.D.
- Cherie Holmes-Henry
- Robert Hutchison Jr., R.Ph., Pharm.D.
- Doug Read, R.Ph., Pharm.D.

TSBP staff present via videoconference were Daniel Carroll, Pharm.D., R.Ph., Executive Director; Megan Holloway, General Counsel; Eamon Briggs, Deputy General Counsel; David Meryman, Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) Manager; Prem Gautam, Epidemiologist; and Lily Moreno, Executive Assistant.

II. Announcements

Dr. Kirk reminded the Committee Members that they would need to arrange the next meeting before adjourning. There were no other announcements.

III. Review of minutes

Dr. Kirk called for approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2023, meeting. Dr. Read made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Dr. Hutchinson and approved by all Committee Members.

IV. Presentation by Bamboo Health

Emily Donohue and Lauren Kiefer with Bamboo Health introduced themselves and provided background of the company. They presented information regarding noteworthy accomplishments and new features; Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) metrics, including key performance indicators; NarxCare overdose risk score (ORS); and other metrics by drug type.

Ms. Holmes-Henry left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

In response to questions about contributing factors to ORS, Ms. Donahue indicated that she would invite Joe Carhart, Ph.D., Data Scientist, to the next meeting.

V. Presentation by UT Center for Health Communication

Dr. Kirk recognized Susan Kirtz, MPH, Assistant Director - Programs, UT Center for Health Communication (CHC). Ms. Kirtz explained that UT CHC and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission are continuing to conduct research on their campaign, which promotes prescribers' use of the PMP. She requested assistance from the Committee Members to recruit prescribers to participate in creative testing for the campaign. Ms. Kirtz indicated that once they have results of the creative testing, she could provide an update to the Committee Members at a future meeting.

VI. Prescription Monitoring Program update

Dr. Kirk recognized Mr. Meryman who provided an update on the PMP program for the Committee Members, which included information concerning updates to the states the Texas shares data with via PMP Interconnect and PMP staff activities, including the pharmacist PMP lookup mandate audit process.

VII. New discussion items to be placed on agenda for next meeting

Dr. Kirk called for items to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. Engle indicated that he would like to discuss disparate impacts of the use of the ORS, including related literature that he would provide. Dr. Kirk requested to continue the discussion concerning contributing factors for the ORS with Dr. Carhart from Bamboo Health.

Ms. Holmes-Henry rejoined the meeting at 10:33 a.m.

For scheduling the next meeting, Dr. Kirk requested that options be sent to the Committee Members to determine the date.

VIII. Adjournment

Dr. Read made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Holmes-Henry and passed unanimously.

Presiding Officer Dr. Kirk adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Approved:

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A.J. Kirk, M.D., F.F./E.M.T., F.A.A.E.M., F.A.C.E.P.
Presiding Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Daniel Carroll', written over a horizontal line.

Daniel Carroll, Pharm.D., R.Ph.
Executive Director/Secretary

June 27, 2024