ILPMP Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2018

**Opening**

The regular meeting of the ILPMP Advisory Committee was called to order at 12:00 noon on December 19, 2018 by Sarah Pointer, Pharm D.

**Participating Members**

Scott Glaser MD, Kenneth Candido MD, Edward Rentschler DDS, Helga Brake Pharm D, Mindy Sanders PA, Julie Adkins NP, Jeff Alexander MD, all of whom joined the meeting by phone, and Sarah Pointer Pharm D.

**Non-Participating Members**

Christopher Herndon Pharm D, Garry Moreland RPh, and David Liebovitz MD.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as distributed, with a motion from Kenneth Candido MD. Ed Rentschler DDS did second that motion.

**Old Business - Peer Review meeting “letters” update**

Twenty-four “at high risk” prescribers were identified, based on weighted scores of MME’s, co prescribing with benzodiazepines, and co prescribing with benzodiazepines and hypnotics. An evaluation on the comparison of other prescribers within the state also led to this result. A request is being sent for additional information on the prescribing habits of each of the 24 prescribers.

Chris Herndon’s cumulative score process is currently in a validation process. Grant money is in research, to proceed.

**New members**

The 3 new Advisory Committee members were introduced: Elizabeth Salisbury-Afshar MD, Kenneth Candido MD, and Christina Morettin OD. CV’s of each will be distributed to the group. Sarah thanked all members for their patience and compliance in completing the 2018 annual Ethics training and the newly added 2018 annual Sexual Harassment training.

**Legislative update**

Weekly PMP legislative meetings have focused on the incorporation of new laws added over the past year, into PMP Administrative Rules. The new laws that attribute to the adjustments include PA 564, 861, 1093, 989, and changes to the Nursing Practice Act. The changes were distributed to stakeholders and the Advisory members for review. Comments and/or suggestions are requested by the middle of January 2019, before presentation to legal.

**PMPnow update**

The initiative is connecting EHR’s to PMP, with specific target date of 1/1/2021, for compliance of SB2952. Statistics were given on new/pending connections, with a breakdown by facility type. Sarah requested assistance by members, in making connections with any/all new facilities not currently in the pipeline.

**Opioid Trends**

A collaboration of efforts, involving ILPMP, are responsible for statewide and national opioid decline in prescribing trends, since 2015. This includes data involving MME, MPE, and 3-3-1 thresholds. Specific CDC data involving benzo/opioid prescribing, with a look at statewide vs. nationwide trends will be analyzed and displayed on a comparison chart for the next meeting.

**Gabapentin tracking**

Discussion on the increased use of gabapentin, concern over abuse, and significance/insignificance of tracking. Feedback was requested on gabapentin articles previously sent to members. Mixed views were expressed by the members. The importance of listing limitations was mentioned, as well as, tracking and recommendations vs. guidelines. There was discussion referring to safety issues, regarding the synergistic and respiratory effects of gabapentin, when mixed with benzos.

The names of specific states collecting information on either gabapentin as a “drug of interest” or as a “controlled substance” were displayed. Effectiveness of the tracking within each of these states will be requested and shared with the committee.

**Committee member changes – SB2952**

Recommendations were requested for the new ILPMP Advisory Committee chair person. Sarah expressed her disappointment, as she steps down as chair from the committee but offered to continue as a liaison between the program and committee members.

The new law requires a total of 16 ILPMP Advisory Committee members. In maintaining compliance with specialties, additions include: 1 physician (licensed to practice medicine in all branches), 1 APN, 1 veterinarian, and 2 pharmacists - since Helga Brake has accepted the new committee required position of statewide organization representative to represent hospitals. Communication has been developed and being distributed to contact statewide organizations for committee member nominations this week.

Members advised to be ready to discuss meeting frequency for 2019, at the next meeting. New law requires a minimum of semi-annual meetings. If semi-annual meetings are chosen, which types of specific-focus subcommittee meetings would be most beneficial?

The new chair will be announced as they begin their new role during the 1st ILPMP Advisory Committee meeting of 2019.

**Pilot projects**

An update on current PMP projects will be collected and shared, in January 2019, once all committee requirements have been addressed.

**Miscellaneous Issues/Concerns**

No discussion.

**Adjournment**

Mindy Sanders PA motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:58PM. Julie Adkins NP did second that motion, with all in favor.

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019.

Meeting minutes submitted by Lynette Thompson. Approved by Sarah Pointer, Pharm D.