



**Government of the District of Columbia  
Department of Health**

**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLR.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**WebEx Virtual MEETING**

**August 15, 2023  
10 AM—12:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER:****PRESIDING:****COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:**

<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>	
	Jacqueline Watson, DO, MBA, DC Health Chief of Staff
	Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, CPM, Board of Pharmacy Executive Director
	Sithembile Chithenga, MD, MPH, Board of Medicine Executive Director
	Vito DelVento, DVM, MS, Board of Veterinary Medicine Executive Director
	Teresa Walsh, PhD, RN, NE-C Board of Nursing Executive Director
	Natalie Kirilichin, MD, MPH, Emergency Medicine Physician
	Sheri Doyle, MPH, Consumer Member
	Captain Shawn Rooney, Metropolitan Police Department
	Lakisha Stiles, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician
	Careen-Joan Franklin, PharmD, RPh, Pharmacist
<b>PDMP STAFF:</b>	Reginal Bellamy, PharmD, RPh, Supervisory Pharmacist
	Uche Ekwomadu, MPH, MPharm, Public Health Analyst
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	Carla Williams, Esq, Senior Assistant General Counsel, PDMP Attorney Advisor
<b>VISITORS:</b>	

**Open Session Agenda**  
**Quorum:**

0815-O-01	<p><b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Chair Report</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Charge of the Committee</u></b></p> <p>The Committee shall convene at least two (2) times per year to advise the Director:</p> <p>(a) On the implementation and evaluation of the Program;</p> <p>(b) On the establishment of criteria for indicators of possible misuse or abuse of covered substances;</p> <p>(c) On standardization of the methodology that should be used for analysis and interpretation of prescription monitoring data;</p> <p>(d) In determining the most efficient and effective manner in which to disclose the findings to proactively inform prescribers regarding the indications of possible abuse or misuse of covered substances;</p> <p>(e) On identifying drugs of concern that demonstrate a potential for abuse and that should be monitored; and</p> <p>(f) Regarding the design and implementation of educational courses for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(1) Persons who are authorized to access the prescription monitoring information;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(2) Persons who are authorized to access the prescription monitoring information, but who have violated the laws or breached professional standards involving the prescribing, dispensing, or use of any controlled substances or drugs monitored by the Program;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(3) Prescribers on prescribing practices, pharmacology, and identifying, treating, and referring patients addicted to or abusing controlled substances or drugs monitored by the Program; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(4) The public about the use, diversion and abuse of, addiction to, and treatment for the addiction to controlled substances or drugs monitored by the Program.</p>	Dr. Watson
0815-O-02	<p><b><u>Approval of December 2022 PDMP Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes</u></b></p> <p>(a) Minutes from the April 2023 Meeting</p>	
0815-O-03	<p><b><u>Welcome of the new committee members</u></b></p>	

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0815-O-06	<p><b>Grant Updates</b></p> <p><b>(a) Districtwide Gateway Integration</b></p> <p>A total of 96 health entities have connected to the DC PDMP through Gateway Integration in total since integration began in 2019.</p>	Dr. Ortique																																																																														

	<p><b>(b) District Addiction Consultation Services</b>  Launched July 2021  <a href="https://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/dacs/">https://www.medschool.umaryland.edu/dacs/</a></p> <p>District Addiction Consultation Services is a resource for providers. It is a substance use warm line operated Mon-Fri 9-5. Callers can ask general questions about behavioral health resources and referrals.</p> <p>Clinical questions are forwarded to a certified physician consultant who will return the call within 24 hours.</p> <p>PDMP staff members have collaborated with DACS staff to create an informational presentation on the program.</p> <p>As of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1,201 practitioners enrolled in DACS, and the program has received 90 consultation calls.</p> <p>DC PDMP staff plan to collaborate with DACS staff to host additional webinars, develop outreach materials, and prepare to launch a monthly newsletter.</p> <p><b>(c) Opioid Communications Campaign</b>  My Recovery DC  Ads began running in July 2021  <a href="https://myrecoverydc.org/">https://myrecoverydc.org/</a></p> <p>Many of the bus wraps, bus shelter ads, and interior bus cards have continued to run to date, at no additional cost to DC Health.</p> <p>Engage Strategies is currently in the process of revamping the campaign with new interviews and new promotional materials underway.</p>	
0815-O-07	<p><b><u>Presentation</u></b>  DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Program Updates(attached)  Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, CPM Executive Director/Program Manager, HRLA</p>	Dr. Ortique
0815-O-08	<p><b><u>Action Items</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opioid Fatality Review Board (OFRB) potential recommendation</li> <li>• Potential Future meeting date</li> </ul>	Dr. Ortique/ Dr. Watson
0815-O-09	Other news/highlights from Committee members	
Comments from the Public		
Motion to Adjourn the Open Session	<p>Madam Chair, I move that the Committee close the meeting.</p> <p>(Roll Call Vote)</p>	

This concludes the meeting.  
**Meeting Adjourned**