

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

**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**2201 Shannon Place SE – 2ND FLR
WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

WebEx Virtual MEETING

**August 20, 2024
10:07 AM—11:14 AM**

Open Session Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: 10:07 am

PRESIDING: Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM, Associate Director

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:		
	Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, CPM, Board of Pharmacy Executive Director, Program Manager Pharmaceutical Control Division	Present
	Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM, Associate Director Interim Chair	Present
	Sithembile Chithenga, MD, Board of Medicine Executive Director	Present
	Vito R. DelVento, DVM, MS, Board of Veterinary Medicine Executive Director, Program Manager Animal Services Program	Present
	Ericka L. Walker, MSW, Interim Executive Director Board of Nursing	Absent
	Natalie Kirilichin, MD, MPH, Emergency Medicine Physician	Absent
	Sheri Doyle, MPH, Consumer Member	Present
	Captain Shawn Rooney, Metropolitan Police Department	Present
	Sharon Hunt, L.I.C.S.W., Ph.D., State Opioid Treatment Authority	Present
	Kimberley Heine, Forensic Toxicologist, QA/QC Program Manager	Present
	Tayiana Reed PharmD, MS, AAHIVP, ACE, RPh, Pharmacist	Present
	Careen-Joan Franklin, PharmD, RPh, Pharmacist	Present
PDMP STAFF:	Reginal Bellamy, PharmD, RPh, Supervisory Pharmacist	Present
	Laurel Alcenat, MBA, Program Specialist	Present
	Monai Lowe, PharmD, RPh, PDMP Pharmacist	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	Carla Williams, Esq, Senior Assistant General Counsel, PDMP Attorney Advisor	Absent
VISITORS:	Edward Rich, Senior Assistant General Counsel (covering for Carla Williams)	
	Jacob Cooper, Bamboo Health	
	Emily Donohue, Bamboo Health	
	Justin Wood, DEA	
	Latrice Herndon, MS, Executive Director Boards of Allied and Behavioral Health (Covering for Ericka Walker)	

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Quorum: Yes

0820-O-01	<p><u>Welcome & Introductions</u></p> <p><u>Chair Report</u></p> <p><u>Charge of the Committee</u></p> <p>The Committee shall convene at least two (2) times per year to advise the Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) On the implementation and evaluation of the Program; (b) On the establishment of criteria for indicators of possible misuse or abuse of covered substances; (c) On standardization of the methodology that should be used for analysis and interpretation of prescription monitoring data; (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; (e) On identifying drugs of concern that demonstrate a potential for abuse and that should be monitored; and (f) Regarding the design and implementation of educational courses for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Persons who are authorized to access the prescription monitoring information; (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; (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 (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><i>Ms. Aisha Nixon called the meeting to order and provided a provided a brief overview of the Charge of the committee</i></p>	Aisha Nixon
0820-O-02	<p><u>Approval of January 2024 PDMP Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Minutes from the January 2024 Meeting 	

	<p>Motion: Committee member Dr. Ortique made the motion to approve the January 2024 meeting minutes.</p> <p>Seconded by: Committee member Dr. Chithenga</p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Justin Ortique • Dr. Sithembile Chithenga • Dr. Vito R. DelVento • Sheri Doyle • Captain Shawn Rooney • Dr. Sharon Hunt • Kimberley Heine • Dr. Tayiana Reed • Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin <p><i>Motion carried; minutes approved</i></p>	
0820-O-03	<p><u>Welcome of the new committee members</u></p> <p><i>Ms. Nixon welcomed the two new committee members which include herself and Ericka Walker who is serving as the Interim Executive Director Board of Nursing</i></p>	

0820-O-04	<p><u>Report from Attorney Advisor</u></p> <p><i>No Report</i></p>																																																																																						
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	<p>(b) DC Gateway Integration Communication Campaign Spanned 4/29/24-7/1/24</p> <p>Consisted of 6 emails that were sent to registered AWAxE users who have accessed the DC PDMP in the last year via the web portal only</p> <p>The campaign resulted in 17 new integration requests in DC since the campaign launch</p> <p>(c) 2024 PDMP Administrators National Forum Occurred May7-9, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas DC PDMP staff had the opportunity to network with other PDMP Administrators and present on our program and grant related projects</p> <p><i>Dr. Justin Ortique provided some program updates on the PDMP compliance as of 8/2/2024 and the outreach activities since the January 2024 meeting.</i></p>	
0820-O-07	<p>Presentation DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Updates(attached)</p> <p>Bamboo Health Solutions Overview: Overdose Insights and Opioid Treatment Program Reporting Presented by: Jacob Cooper, Vice President of State Accounts, Bamboo Health</p> <p><i>Two presentations were done by Dr. Justin Ortique and Jacob Cooper from Bamboo Health. Dr. Ortique highlighted the charge of the committee and then presented on a few potential projects that included an enhancement to the advanced analytics package, potential reporting of OTPs to the DC PDMP as well as fatal and non-fatal overdose notification to prescribers within the DC PDMP. Mr. Cooper provided specific details on how Bamboo Health can support these projects. He further explained fatal and non-fatal overdose notifications and how Opioid Treatment Program data could be integrated.</i></p>	Dr. Ortique Mr. Cooper
0820-O-08	<p>Action Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDMP Advisory Committee potential recommendation(s) • Potential Future meeting date <p><i>Dr. Ortique asked the committee if there were any potential recommendations. The committee did not have any but Ms. Nixon mention that the potential projects that were presented on were great ideas. Furthermore, Dr. Reed stated that she could provide support in areas related to DHCF. Next Dr. Ortique provided the potential next meeting dates and they were determined to be as follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesday, 12/8/24-In person • Tuesday, 4/8/25-Virtual 	Dr. Ortique
0820-O-09	<p>Other news/highlights from Committee members</p> <p><i>Ms. Aisha Nixon provided the following updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DC Health fiscal year for 2025 begins in October. • Large number of boards will be going through the renewal period, so as far as compliance for the PMP, the number should go up by next meeting. • For licensure renewals, all the licenses issued in June will not expire in 	

	<p><i>two years anymore. It'll expire the last day of the applicant's birth month.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Health Occupations Revisions Act has been updated and passed on 7/19/24. This will change how the boards are operating. The boards will go from 19 to 15.</i> • <i>Some new professions will be required to register for the PMP.</i> 	
Comments from the Public	NONE	
Motion to Adjourn the Open Session	<p>Madam Chair, I move that the Committee close the meeting.</p> <p><i>Motion made by: Dr. Justin Ortique</i> <i>Seconded by: Dr. Tayiana Reed</i></p> <p>Roll Call Vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aisha Nixon</i> • <i>Dr. Justin Ortique</i> • <i>Dr. Sithembile Chithenga</i> • <i>Dr. Vito R. DelVento</i> • <i>Sheri Doyle</i> • <i>Captain Shawn Rooney</i> • <i>Dr. Sharon Hunt</i> • <i>Kimberley Heine</i> • <i>Dr. Tayiana Reed</i> • <i>Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin</i> <p><i>Motion carried</i></p> <p>(Roll Call Vote)</p>	

This concludes the Public Open Session of the meeting

Meeting Adjourned : 11:14 am