

Overdose Prevention and Pain Management Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2018

Time: 1:30 to 3:30 PM

Location: Scientific Laboratories Building, Albuquerque, NM

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ernie Dole
Lynda Ann Green
Joanna Katzman
Michael Landen
Frances Lovett
Cheranne McCracken
Brandon Warrick
Jennifer Weiss-Burke

ABSENT:

Bill Barkman
Hank Beckerhoff
Jason Flores
Robert Geist
Steve Jenkusky
Wayne Lindstrom
Ralph McClish
Michael Pendleton
Clare Romero
Troy Weisler

Quorum: No

Other participants:

Harris Silver, Lisa Garcia, Chris Morehkos, Galina Prilouts kaya, Michael Pridham, Debbie Maestas, Sasha Poole, Shirley Scott, Eloy Martinez, Mayra Perez, Karen Edge, Susan Seefeldt, Evonne Gantz, Llewelyn Williams, Robert Rhyne, Chris Trujillo, Jim Davis, Ihsan Mahdi, Robert Audis, Nathan Otero, Luigi Garcia-Saavedra, Bill Wiese, Robert Rhyne, Annaliese Mayette, Melanie Goodman, Robin Swift, Steven Seifert, Roxanne Grajeda, Sharon Finarelli, Tiffany Wynn, Jacqueline Romero, Mark Clark, Leslie McAuren, Michael Zards, Victoria Wagner, Marcus Erickson, Arlene Brown, Peter Ryba

- I. Review of Agenda
- II. Review of June 22, 2018 Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
- III. Update New Committee Member Status:
Addiction Specialist-appointed
Department of Public Safety-appointed
Harm Reduction Specialist-vacant
Human Services Department-vacant
Third-Party Payer-vacant
- IV. 2017 Drug Overdose Data-Jim Davis
 - a. Revised population numbers 2010-2016, NM rate flat last 3 years. There is an increase in meth involvement and Alprazolam increase in overdose deaths. Alprazolam is the first time a benzo has been number one drug involved in overdose deaths. Rio Arriba County #1 by rate.
- V. Expanded Pain Survey Results-Ihsan Mahdi
 - a. BRFSS 2017 6,000-6,500 in NM. Increased ER visits for females, 55-64 year olds, rural, unable to work. People with well managed chronic pain used multiple treatment modalities.
- VI. Status Update Integrative Treatments for Pain-Harris Silver

- a. Working on brief report with recommendations by population and pain types. Suboxone is an option for alternatives for pain management. Asking for Medicaid coverage for Integrative Treatments and strategies for address rural areas with less access to services and meetings.

VII. 2018 Recommendations-Michael Landen

- a. Reviewed previous recommendations (spreadsheet) and looking for new recommendations.

VIII. Status Update Benzodiazepines

- a. Recommendations in progress
- b. Draft to be provided to the committee prior to the next Advisory Council Meeting

IX. Public Health Approaches to Substance Use Disorder

- a. ASTHO handout provided

X. Opioid Crisis Act-Melanie Goodman, Office of Senator Udall

- a. Presented handout and current strategies presented. The actual bill is 350 pages so a substitute bill has been submitted. Please contact Melanie for further conversations.

XI. Pharmacy and Health Plan Barriers to Opioid Dispensing-Joanna Katzman, Ernest Dole

- a. In addition to presentation there was discussion as to current difficulties getting prescriptions filled due to changes in Pharmacy Chain requirements (Walmart example). Explained that some pharmacies are using guidelines as actual rules and the challenges that pharmacies are being faced with due to the max quota of opioids being available. Chains are limiting what a pharmacy can get. Some patients that have changed insurance are being viewed as new patients and being dropped by pharmacies. Comments were made that we need to find a way to get pain patients treated and their prescriptions without these barriers. Council was encouraged to review recommendations and continue discussions.

XII. Narcan dispensing progress through-no update available

Next Meeting- October 19, 2018 @ 1:30 Scientific Laboratories Building Albuquerque, NM

Topic: Recommendations