

New Hampshire Opioid Prescribing Advisory Council (OPAC) Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

December 9, 2019, 9–11 AM

Action Items:

Description	Owner	Status	Target Due Date	Status/ Resolution
Send final MITRE report to Council	Chris Teixeira	Open	12/13/19	In process. Chris will amend report and send final version to Dave
OPAC Report to Governor	Council	Open	1/6/20	In process. Council members to send Dave recommendations and other items to include in report; Dave to talk with Governor re: new date

Key Decisions:

Decision to be made	Assigned to	Due date	Final Decision	Date of Decision	Who finally made the decision
Accept revised MITRE report	Council	N/A	Report approved as amended at 12/9 meeting	12/9/19	Council; Michael moved and Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg seconded. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.
Next steps to complete OPAC report	Council	TBD	Council members to send input to Dave; report to be finalized at 1/6/20 meeting	12/9/19	Council; Lucy moved and Michael seconded. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

Agenda:

- Welcome and call to order
- MITRE Final Summary Report
- OPAC Report to the Governor

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- Closing remarks and adjourn

Call to Order

Dave Mara called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM, once a quorum was reached. He noted that he will send Council members the minutes from the previous two meetings for review and approval at the next meeting.

MITRE Report to New Hampshire

Dave asked if there were any additional issues or comments related to the revised version of MITRE's summary report. Bob Quinn asked that adjustment be made in the section about doctor shopping to clarify that the large number of out-of-state prescribers in the data set represented only two percent of the opioid prescriptions written. Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg noted that not all the changes discussed at the previous meeting were reflected in the revised report. In particular, she felt there needed to be more explicit caveats about the limitations of the data, and how the data is not yet actionable since it needs further validation by the Council. She also felt that mentions of the Program Integrity Task Force need to be revised throughout, since there is no formal task force. Andrew Chalsma noted that the PCF is mentioned before it is described. At 10:15, Dave asked for a motion to approve MITRE's report as amended during the meeting; Michael Auerbach moved and Kathy seconded. The motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

OPAC Report to Governor

Dave explained that he used the recommendations from MITRE's report as the initial basis for the recommendations in the OPAC report, and then added inputs he received from several Council members. He noted that he would like additional recommendations from Council members, and would like to add a section about OPAC's plans for moving forward. Lucy Hodder noted a need for primary care doctors/medical staff and community law enforcement to meet regularly so that information can be shared in an integrated way. She noted that medical boards/hospital chief medical officers/hospital chiefs of staff represent an untapped resource for non-disciplinary information sharing/prevention. Bob mentioned that it is difficult to know how much doctor shopping is taking place given the PDMP, but that fraud is still occurring. Michelle Ricco-Jonas noted that the PDMP is about to roll out a new patient-level report for providers to help identify patients who may be doctor shopping, and she offered to share a template of the report with the Council.

Dave asked for a motion regarding next steps for OPAC's report. Lucy moved and Michael seconded that members "bombard" Dave with comments and meet again to finalize the report; the motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 6. Dave reminded the Council that there can be no back and forth about inputs via email, and that the goal is for the Council is to complete the report during the next meeting. Dave will talk with the Governor about extending the report's date.

Next Steps

Chris will send Dave a final clean copy of MITRE's report incorporating comments from the meeting. Council members should send Dave additional recommendations and input for OPAC's

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report; he will ask the Governor for a further extension so the report can be finalized at the next OPAC meeting.

Adjournment

Dave called for a motion to adjourn; Michael moved and David seconded; the motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

- Next regular meeting scheduled for January 6, 9-11 AM.

Council Members:

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Persons appearing before the Council:

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*Indicates participant attended or presenter appeared by phone or VTC by prior arrangement and with Council approval.