New Hampshire Opioid Overprescribing and Misuse Project Advisory Council (OOMPAC) – Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date:

March 11, 2019 – 9 - 11 a.m.

Action Items:

#	Description	Owner	Status	Target Due Date	Status / Resolution
1	Council access to secure data environment	C. Teixeira	Open	3/11/19	In process. Council members first need to provide valid ID. Once ID process is complete, MITRE will send a series of emails with procedures for access.
2	Guide on Opioid brands/Drug classes	Maryann	Closed	3/11/19	Guide provided on 3/11 for the Council to use as reference.
3	Guide on benzodiazepine drug classes	Maryann	Open	TBD	Will work on a guide for the Council to provide as reference
4	Council to choose a preferred method of electronic communication	Council	Closed	3/11/19	Determined that email is the easiest means of communication for the Council that abides by the NH Right-to-Know Law.
5	Council member bios	Council	Open	ASAP	Council members to email to Chris
6	PCF comments	Council	Open	4/8/19	Send comments to Chris before next meeting
7	Dave M. requested meeting with Data and Evaluation Task Force	Chris T. and Dave M.	Open	6/10/19	Chris to meet with Data and Evaluation Task

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					Force on June 10.

Key Decisions:

Decision to be made	Assigned to	Due date	Impact	Final Decision	Date of Decision	Who finally made the decision
Approval of February 11 meeting minutes	Council	3/11/19			3/11/19	9:06 AM Motion to accept minutes (Mike), Second by (Jennifer). Motion passes by acclamation
Change to Bylaw Sec. 6.3 to allow Council members to designate a substitute	Council/Governor	3/11/19		To be made by the Governor	3/11/19: Council	9:15 AM Motion to accept bylaw change (Lucy), Second (Kathy). Motion passes by acclamation
Change to Bylaw Sec. 3 to remove reference to federal members	Council/Governor	3/11/19		To be made by the Governor		9:20 Motion to accept bylaw change (Helen), Second (Michelle). Motion passes by acclamation

Agenda:

- OOMPAC meeting call to order; NH website page
- Vote to approve meeting minutes from February 11, 2019
- Review of OOMPAC bylaws
- Bio submissions from Council members
- Continue discussion of Performance Characteristic Framework (PCF) core questions
- Data sharing discussion
- Next steps

Discussion:

Call to Order

- Dave Mara called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

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Administrative Details and Logistics

- Dave Mara asked Council members to review the minutes of the February 11 meeting. With no comments or questions raised during the review, Dave asked for a motion to approve the minutes: at 9:10 AM, Mike Bullek made the motion and Jennifer Weigand seconded. Motion passed by acclamation.

- Chris Teixeira reviewed the agenda for the meeting and asked Council members to each provide a biography (a sample bio was handed out). Dave explained that the bios will be posted on the Council's new webpage, which also includes other information such as the executive order creating the Council, bylaws, meeting minutes, etc. Chris asked Council members to let him know if there are any issues with the format of the bios, and to email him their bios so he can combine them to provide to Dave for the website.

- Dave distributed a handout submitted by Richard Lawhern, a member of the public.

Review of OOMPAC Bylaws

- J.D. Lavallee handed out the Council's bylaws, and Dave asked for input on the bylaws. Discussion followed about modifying Section 6.3 to allow a substitute if a Council member can't attend. Alex Casale and Gil Fanciullo expressed that a specific designee would be acceptable so the person could be kept current with what the Council has done, for confidentiality reasons, etc. At 9:15 AM, Dave asked for a motion: Lucy Hodder moved, and Kathy Bizarro-Thunberg seconded, to amend the bylaws to allow one designated substitute for each Council member.

- J.D. discussed that the Council could specify the number of members needed for a quorum; currently, quorum is defined as a simple majority (e.g., 11 for a 20-member Council). After a brief discussion, the consensus was to leave the quorum as currently defined.

- Dave discussed amending the language in Section 3 to remove mention of federal officials as members, as there are no federal Council members (although federal partners do participate in the Council). At 9:20 AM, Dave asked for a motion: Helen Hanks moved, and Michelle Ricco Jonas seconded to remove mention of federal membership on the Council.

- Dave explained that bylaw changes must be sent to the Governor for review and consent. Dave will ask the Governor to approve and then he will amend the bylaws.

Continue Discussion of Performance Characteristic Framework (PCF) Core Questions

At 9:25 AM, Dave asked to move to the next agenda item, continuation of the discussion of the PCF framework questions:

- Prevalence of opioid prescribing
- Volume of opioids prescribed
- Indications/procedures for which opioids are prescribed, including coding/reimbursement
- Patients receiving and filling opioid prescriptions
- Brands and formulations of opioids prescribed

- Opioid dispensing and related behaviors

Chris presented a slide showing each PCF question (a draft version of the full text of the PCF questions was emailed to Council members ahead of the meeting). Chris asked Council members if they had further questions/comments/input on each PCF question. He also reminded the Council that the questions will be easier to understand once they get access to and can explore the PCF dashboard.

Discussion of the PCF questions included the following:

- What is included in the term "volume" in the volume of opioids prescribed? Chris explained it includes all forms of a drug (pill, powder, liquid, etc.) converted to morphine milligram equivalents (MME) as much as possible.

- A handout was provided by Maryann Cooper and MITRE that shows opioid brands/drug classes with MMEs.

- How was the algorithm created? Chris explained that FDA and CDC/CMS guidelines were used.

- To increase understanding of analysis results for non-medical audiences, it would be helpful to convert MMEs to a more commonly understandable measure, such as number of Percocet or oxycodone tablets. Chris agreed to investigate this further.

- Is there a way to distinguish in the data between acute/chronic/terminal pain?

- Can the data show link back from a prescription to a medical/dental visit? Chris explained that not all the prescription data can be linked to a visit, e.g., perhaps the prescription resulted from a phone consultation, or due to gaps in the data sets.

- Is there reimbursement data for a full episode of care? The answer was no.

- What are the costs of prescriptions per treatment, given that there are large variations in the cost of opioids? Issues also include whether/what kind of insurance patients have.

- Travel and geographic issues were discussed, such as how far patients travel to fill prescriptions, patients going to multiple pharmacies, norms in data for standard travel, prescriptions written/filled out-of-state, and data sharing between states. Michelle explained that the NH Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) now includes when a prescription is filled by a pharmacy and when it is picked up by the patient.

- The rationale behind the PCF questions and the analysis results will vary, but the data drives the results analysis, and the rationales can be changed if needed.

Data Sharing Discussion

A discussion of data sharing began at 10 AM. Maureen Mustard explained how the Insurance Department collects, de-identifies, and reports data. Helen described what data the Department of Corrections collects and reports. Topics included the following:

- Several questions and discussions arose around merging various data sets, e.g., could corrections data be merged with all payer/all claims data, are there other examples of other data sets that could be linked. Chris explained that because some of the data sets are de-identified and can't be re-identified, merging data sets can be difficult or not possible.

- This led to a discussion of privacy laws in NH vs. other states that limit how data can be collected, reported, and used, and that legislative changes in NH could make data sharing easier and show the progress NH is making. For example, Senate bill 120, which is pending before the NH Legislature, would allow PDMP data to be shared and combined with other data to help explain the reasons for prescription drug prescribing changes and trends.

- Data sharing could also help with such issues as the relationships between street drug use/overdose deaths and prescription history, other public health issues such as infant mortality, maternal mortality, immunizations, and new substance use issues beyond opioids going forward.

- Examples of other states' efforts included Arizona, which has an interactive dashboard (Michelle provided a handout sample); Chapter 55 in Massachusetts, which combined 13 identifiable data sets; and Rhode Island.

- Even when data sets can't be linked, looking at them together can help validate trends and draw conclusions.

Next Steps

- Bios submitted to Chris.

- Holistic Analytics Environment (HAE) access – once the ID process is complete, Council members will receive a series of emails for training, reading and signing rules of behavior, and procedures for how to access the HAE. Chris reminded Council members that information viewed in the HAE cannot be shared or discussed publicly.

- Send Chris PCF feedback before the next meeting, including comments, questions to be added or removed, etc.

- Dave will reach out to other groups in NH, such as the opioids data task force, to learn what they are doing and see if they want to present at a Council meeting or otherwise share information.

Adjournment

Dave noted that the next meeting will be held April 8. Bob Quinn moved, and Kathy seconded to adjourn the meeting, which passed by acclamation. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Next Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

- Monday, April 8, 9-11 AM; Office of Professional Licensure and Certification, 121 South Fruit St., Concord, NH.

Attendees:

In Attendance	Name	Email
OOMPAC Members		

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*Indicates that the participant attended by phone or VTC.

J.D. Lavallee from the Attorney General's office attended. Assistant Attorney General Sean Gill attended in place of Gordon MacDonald; Maureen Mustard of the NH Insurance Department attended in place of Tyler Brannen. No members of the public or press attended.