



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

Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Committee Meeting

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2ND FLR.
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

WebEx VIRTUAL MEETING

**August 16, 2022
10AM—11:20AM**

Meeting Minutes

The meeting started at 10:02 am

PRESIDING: Dr. Jacqueline Watson

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	
	Jacqueline Watson, DO, MBA, DC Health Chief of Staff
	Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, CPM, Board of Pharmacy Executive Director
	Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM, Board of Medicine Executive Director
	Sheri Doyle, MPH, Consumer Member
	Captain Shawn Rooney, Metropolitan Police Department
	Lakisha Stiles, CPhT, Pharmacy Technician
PDMP STAFF:	Erica Loadman, PharmD, RPh, Pharmacist
	Uche Ekwomadu, MPH, MPharm. Public Health Analyst
	Enoh Nkeng, MPH, Health Licensing Specialist
LEGAL STAFF:	Carla Williams, Esq, Senior Assistant General Counsel, PDMP Attorney Advisor
VISITORS:	Vito DelVento, DVM, MS, Executive Director, DC Board of Veterinary Medicine
	Sharon Hunt, State Opioid Treatment Response Authority, DC Department of Behavioral Health
	Magye Loya, Project Manager, Bamboo Health
	Deondra Williams, Intern, DC Health

Welcome and Call to Order

The August 2022 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Committee meeting started with a call to order at 10:02 am and then a welcome note from Dr. Jacqueline Watson, Committee Chair.

Introductions

Dr. Watson proceeded with a roll call of the committee members and then request introductions from committee members, staff, and visitors. Committee members that were present introduced themselves, including Captain Shawn Rooney, Aisha Nixon, Dr. Justin Ortique, and Sheri Doyle, establishing a quorum. PDMP staff members who introduced themselves, include Erica Loadman, Enoch Nkeng, and Uche Ekwomadu. PDMP Attorney Advisor, Carla Williams, introduced herself. Visitors who introduced themselves, include Magye Loya, Dr. Sharon Hunt, and Deondra Williams. Dr. Watson requested for the cameras to be turned on. The committee welcomed a new member Captain Shawn Rooney from the Metropolitan Police Department violent crime suppression division. Dr. Watson congratulated Aisha Nixon on her new role as the Associate Director for the Health Professional Boards.

Committee members not in attendance:

- Natalie Kirilichin, MD, MPH, Emergency Medicine Physician

Late arrivals:

- Dr. Vito Del Vento joined at 10:09 am
- Lakisha Stiles, Pharmacy Technician and DC PDMP Advisory Committee member, joined at 10:07

Charge of the Committee

Dr. Watson reviewed the Charge of the Committee (listed in the meeting agenda).

Chair Report

Dr. Watson reported on the recommendation from the previous meeting to expand the advisory committee in order to have a comprehensive representation of subject matter experts who can help the committee meet its needs.

Approval of April 2022 PDMP Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Dr. Watson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 2022 meeting. Motion was made by Aisha Nixon to approve the April 2022 meeting minutes and seconded by Dr. Ortique. Motion passed on roll call vote, including present members Aisha Nixon, Dr. Ortique, Lakisha Stiles, Sheri Doyle, and Captain Shawn Rooney.

Report from Attorney Advisor

Carla Williams discussed proposed rulemaking to expand the advisory committee. Ms. Williams stated that the proposed rulemaking was under review by the Mayor's office and that the draft was being revised to address comments received from the Mayor's office.

Ms. Williams also discussed proposed legislation that would expand the Director's permissive disclosures authority. Ms. Williams stated that the proposed legislation had moved forward since the last meeting and anticipated the legislation would be presented to the council by the end of the year. Dr. Ortique stated the requested members to be added to the advisory committee include the executive director board of veterinary medicine, the executive director board of nursing, the director department of forensic science, the director department of behavioral health, and a MAT provider.

Program Updates

Dr. Ortique provided PDMP program updates related to user registration, statistics, compliance, and program outreach. Dr. Ortique noted a 20% increase in Advanced Practice Nurses Registration which is largely due to the recent registrations and increased outreach to new providers. Dr. Ortique equally mentioned a push to develop standard operating procedure (SOP) that would standardize the compliance process across the boards.

Dr. Watson questioned why there is less than 90% of physicians and physician assistants registered with the PDMP. Aisha Nixon responded by providing measures to increase PDMP registration including an automatic hold on the renewal for those physicians and physician assistants (MD, DO, PA) who are not yet registered and that they will have to register before the hold is removed.

Dr. Ortique stated that continuing education credits (CEs) are now offered by the District Addiction Consultation Service (DACS) following approval by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). Dr. Ortique mentioned working on the annual report to make it more user-friendly and anticipated publication within a few weeks.

Grant Updates

Dr. Ortique provided an update on recent program efforts in the promotion of PMP Gateway integration, and updates on the opioid communication campaign.

Dr. Watson suggested developing a separate tracking tool to show the percentage of hospitals and pharmacies integrated that is clear enough for easy tracking and used to set future goals. Dr. Loadman provided updates on the outreach efforts by the District Addiction Consultation Service (DACS).

Presentation: Overview of The Department of Behavioral Health's Substance Use Disorder Provider Network

Sharon Hunt, State Opioid Treatment Response Authority with the DC Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), delivered a presentation on the overview of DBH's substance use disorder provider network. Dr. Hunt specifically touched on the department of behavioral health's substance use disorder provider network as a whole (posted in the meeting agenda). Dr. Hunt noted a decrease in the use of Methadone

which could be explained by the lack of access to data due to Medicare coverage.

Dr. Watson solicited commentary from the audience following Dr. Hunt's presentation. Captain Shawn Rooney gave an overview of what the Metropolitan Police Department does in relation to the PDMP and gave some practical examples of what is experienced in the field. Captain Rooney stated that he is ready to provide information that is important to the PDMP. Dr. Watson mentioned some areas of opportunity in the collaboration with the Metropolitan Police Department, including outreach activities to local schools. Dr. Watson proposed a follow-up by Dr. Ortique with Captain Shawn Rooney for future presentations. Dr. Hunt mentioned DBH's existing partnership with the Metropolitan Police Department and stated the willingness to work with Captain Shawn Rooney to bridge existing gaps.

Advisory Committee Survey

Dr. Ortique provided feedback on the Advisory Committee survey and noted a low participation rate. Dr. Ortique shared a list of stakeholders for future outreach and presentations. Dr. Watson solicited from the public other stakeholders that could be added to the list.

Other highlights and suggestions from Committee members

Dr. Watson gave a brief review of the Advisory Committee and highlighted the importance of active participation by committee members. Dr. Watson requested an in-person meeting for the next PDMP Advisory Committee meeting

Board welcomes new members and guests

Dr. Ortique formally introduced new PDMP staff member, Uche Ekwomadu, as the PDMP Public Health Analyst. Dr. DeVento introduced himself as the Executive Director for the DC Board of Veterinary Medicine. Captain Shawn Rooney thanked everyone for allowing him to be part of the team.

Board selects next Advisory Committee meeting date

December 6, 2022 was selected as the date for the next Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion to Adjourn the Open Session

Dr. Watson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was made by Aisha Nixon to adjourn the August 2022 DC PDMP Advisory Committee meeting and seconded by Sheri Doyle. Motion passed on roll call vote, including present members Aisha Nixon, Dr. Ortique, Lakisha Stiles, Sheri Doyle, and Captain Shawn Rooney.