

THE ALLIANCE MONITOR_x

BJA Announces 2009 PDMP Grant Solicitation

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The FY2009 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program solicitation has been posted on the BJA website: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/prescripdrugs.html>

Accompanying the solicitation announcement is a FAQ document and a sample programmatic logic model.

Note new eligibility requirements: States which receive FY2009 enhancement grants will not be eligible to apply for enhancement funding in FY2010.

In addition, for enhancement applicants,

funding priority will be given to applicants who propose to implement information sharing with other state PDMPs.

If you have any questions regarding the FY2009 solicitation, you may contact Rebecca Rose at BJA at (202) 514-0726 or by email at Rebecca.Rose@usdoj.gov

The Alliance's Executive Board encourages all of its members to apply.

Alliance & Brandeis University Provide Assistance

Some of the Services Provided to States:

- Developing policy and information for PDMPs.
- Collecting and reporting performance measurements.
- Hosting regional conferences.
- Participating in interstate data sharing.
- Planning/implementing of new PDMP program.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) through the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is making available a host of training and technical assistance services to BJA grantees and other states who may be interested in planning, implementing or enhancing a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP).

Training and technical assistance will be provided by Brandeis University in partnership with the Alliance.

The Brandeis/Alliance partnership gives grantees and other states a single point of contact and provides readily available and tailored assistance.

The Alliance will soon be launching its own website and requests for technical assistance can be submitted electronically.

In the meantime, you may E-mail **Carol Prost** (Brandeis) at prost@brandeis.edu or **Adele Audet** (Alliance) at adele.audet@state.ma.us with program questions or for assistance.

The Alliance Elects New Executive Board

Although the Alliance has been around for 20 years, in 2008, it moved closer to becoming a formal organization by incorporating as a non-profit organization.

Newly incorporated, several other important steps needed to be taken by the Alliance, including developing bylaws, electing new officers, and creating an Executive Board.

During the 2008 Annual Meeting in Ft Lauderdale Florida, new bylaws were approved and a new Executive Board installed

Under the new bylaws the Executive Board consists of four officers and four members at large.

ALLIANCE E-BOARD

President

Adele Audete (MA),

Vice President

Katherine Ellis (CA),

Treasurer

Dave Hopkins (KY),

Secretary

Mike Wissel (MI).

The members at large are

Teresa Anderson (ID),

Don Vogt (OK), Charles

Thomas (AL) and John

Gadea (CT).

Grant Carrow(MA)

became the Past President

and Chair of the Executive

Board filling the vacancy

created when Jim Giglio

retired from New York

State service.

Interstate Sharing of PDMP Data

States will have the ability to implement an efficient electronic exchange of PDMP data with other participating states.

OVERVIEW & BACKGROUND

The Prescription Monitoring Information Exchange (PMIX) Project will assist states with PDMPs to develop and implement the ability to exchange PDMP data with other states in an efficient, secure and cost effective manner. The PMIX Project is sponsored by BJA and supported by the IJIS Institute. Project guidance is provided by the BJA/IJIS PMP committee comprised of representatives from 8 Alliance states, 6 industry members, BJA and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) with project management provided by the IJIS Institute.

The Alliance has been part of the PMIX Project from its inception and is proud to continue its work with our partners from BJA, DEA, and IJIS.

BENEFITS OF PMIX

The benefits of PMIX to states wishing to participate include:

- 1.** An efficient electronic exchange of PDMP data with other states.
- 2.** Data exchange among states while maintaining compliance with each state's laws.
- 3.** The exchange of data among states is performed in a secure manner utilizing state-of-the-art encryption standards.
- 4.** State specified formatting, restrictions and disclaimers of their data will be included in the data and reports sent to other states.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- 1.** Interested states should notify the Alliance of their interest.
- 2.** Review appropriate laws and regulations to determine what level of data exchange is permitted and/or identify needed changes to laws to allow for data exchange.
- 3.** Begin reviewing the PMIX Interface Control Document that provides technical detail on how to implement the interface to the PMIX Hub Server (Document available from the Alliance).
- 4.** Review the PMIX Cost Model to assist in estimating implementation and operation costs (Document available from the Alliance).

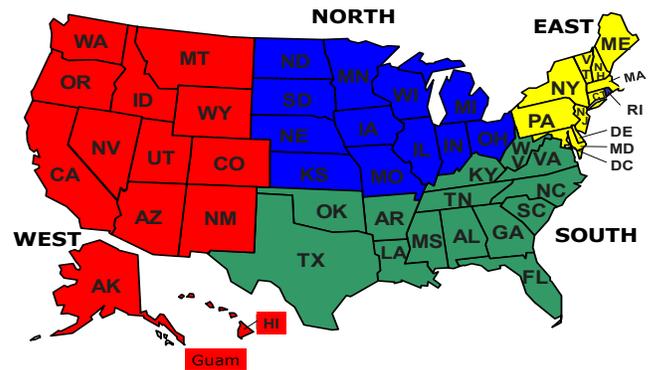
Alliance to Host Regional Meetings

The Alliance is planning to facilitate four regional meetings in 2009. The meetings will bring together neighboring states and non-grantees to address issues and needs particular to each region.

In planning the meetings, states were divided into four regions: NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, and WEST (See map on the right).

Alliance members volunteered to be on the four regional committees. Each committee will be responsible for developing an agenda and identifying a date and location (host state) for each of the regional meetings.

A report of each meeting will be produced and shared with Alliance members and our federal partners at our National Conference.



Regional Meetings Committee Members

The Board encourages members to contact their respective committee with any suggestions or ideas for making all of the regional meetings successful.

The members of each of the four regional committees are as follows:

WEST

Roseann Rodriguez (CO)
Teresa Anderson (ID)
Ron Klien (MT)

SOUTH

Charles Thomas (AL)
Patrick Knue (TX)
Cheryl Ruff (SC)

EAST

Adele Audet (MA)
Dan Eccher (ME)
Meika Zilberberg (VT)

NORTH

Mike Wissel (MI)
Stan Tylman (IL)
Josh Klatte (IN)

President Adele Audet wishes to thank the Alliance members who volunteered to be on the committees and looks forward to successful and informative regional meetings.

Did You Know. . .

Several Alliance members participated in a CDC meeting to discuss prescription drug abuse. The meeting was held in Atlanta Georgia on Dec. 2- 3, 2008.

The Alliance held its first official Board meeting on December 11, 2008. Items on the Agenda included establishing dues, filling the Past President vacancy and updates on the Brandeis/Alliance grant.

The Board meets monthly on every third Wednesday.

Dave Hopkins (KY) is Vice Chair of the BJA/IJIS PDMP Committee working on interstate sharing of data.

NAMSDL has developed a compilation of state's doctor shopper laws and prescription fraud statutes. Go to:

<http://www.namsdl.org/presdrug.htm>

Florida held a PDMP Forum on Jan.6, 2009 and from all accounts the forum was a success and Florida is moving ahead with its PMP legislation.

Oregon Board of Pharmacy held a conference on Electronic Prescription Monitoring Program on December 5, 2008. Some Alliance members were invited to attend and gave presentations of their PDMPs.

National PDMP Conference Planning

The Alliance is looking for “a few good members” to be on the Annual Conference Planning Committee.

If you are interested please call or email Katherine Ellis.

Phone: 916-319-8463
Email: kathy.ellis@doj.ca.gov

The Alliance and Brandeis University in cooperation with BJA are planning to host the Annual PDMP Conference. The conference is tentatively scheduled for sometime in late fall of 2009. The conference will be held in Washington, DC. The rapid expansion and development of PDMPs highlights the need for an annual conference. Similar to previous PDMP conferences hosted by NAMSDL, we plan to focus on issues relevant to our members. Invitees and presenters will include states with and without PDMPs and our federal and national partners.

Vice President **Katherine Ellis (CA)** will be chairing the national conference committee. Alliance members who wish to be on the committee and assist in planning the event should contact Katherine Ellis ASAP at [**kathy.ellis@doj.ca.gov**](mailto:kathy.ellis@doj.ca.gov).

ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

We hope you have enjoyed the first bi-monthly newsletter. Our intent is to provide our members and federal partners with the news and information important to PDMPs.

We very much want to hear from you and any suggestions you may have as to the information or reports you would like to see in the newsletter.

Future newsletters will also spotlight existing and newly implemented PDMPs.

Also, if your PDMP is doing something new or different please let us know and we will include it in future issues.

The newsletter is a great place to share information and news about PDMPs and the people involved in their operations. Keep the Alliance community informed by submitting information to us. Contact any of the Executive Board members.



Alliance 2008-09 Contact List is posted at:
<http://www.nasca.org/monitoring.htm>



ASPMP

Alliance of States with Prescription Monitoring Programs