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Harold Rogers PDMP National Meeting Highlights

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The 5th National Harold Rogers PDMP Meeting was a highly successful one as reported by attendees.

The Alliance, along with Brandeis University and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) would like to thank all those in attendance for a very successful national meeting. Well over 120 people were in attendance with 34 states represented.

The meeting featured two distinguished key note speakers, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director

Gil Kerlikowske and Congressman Harold Rogers. Acting BJA Director Jim Burch addressed the attendees on the first day.

The Alliance presented Congressman Rogers an award of appreciation for his support of PDMPs. Other notable events were meetings with BJA State Policy Advisors, and a live demonstration of a Prescription Monitoring Information Exchange (PMIX) between Ohio and Kentucky.

100% of those responding to the post-meeting survey indicated that the meeting

provided them with useful updates on issues affecting state PDMPs. Nearly all participants, (96%), reported that the meeting provided good networking opportunities.

90% of respondents reported that the meeting provided current information on other states' PDMP activities and that they were satisfied with the overall meeting experience. Informational materials presented by the speakers are available on the Alliance website at www.pmpalliance.org



Director Kerlikowske



Acting Director Burch & Congressman Rogers

BJA Announces Grant Awards

The Bureau of Justice Assistance announced the Harold Rogers PDMP Grant awards for FY 2009.

BJA received 26 applications in response to the PDMP solicitation, seeking a total of \$8,490,026 in funding. BJA made 15 awards for a total of \$4,944,639 in funding.

Based upon the funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 58% of the

applicants.

In the Planning Grant Category both **Maryland** and **South Dakota** were awarded funding.

Guam, Alaska, Florida, and Kansas were awarded implementation grants.

States receiving funding under the enhancement category included **Connecticut, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, North**

Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Utah, and Vermont.

The grant announcement and a map with state grant award information are posted on the Alliance website: <http://www.pmpalliance.org/resources>

BJA plans on posting the solicitation for FY 2010 in February of next year.



PDMP Center of Excellence

An exciting new BJA funded enhancement to the PDMP Training and Technical Assistance Center is the founding of a Center of Excellence (COE). This Center coordinated by Brandeis University will serve several functions including an informational clearinghouse and a forum for the exchange of ideas and fostering partnerships.

The COE will compile, organize, assess, and disseminate the wealth of information being generated about initiating and operating a PDMP. It will be a source of PDMP information to serve the interests of federal and state criminal justice, public health, medical, pharmacy, health profession regulatory, opioid dependence

treatment, other prescription substance abuse treatment, and patient constituencies. The COE will go well beyond a simple "pass-through" of existing information; it will add value by organizing the information, scientifically assessing its value, and supporting stakeholders in using the information to support their own systems.

The COE will aim to fill significant information and knowledge gaps regarding PDMP operations and effectiveness. For example, it will work with the Alliance to identify "Best Practices" that new PDMPs can use to guide their development and existing PDMPs can use to enhance their operations. It will encourage and evaluate innovative methodologies for improving PDMPs'. Likewise, it will work with PDMPs and BJA to

enhance performance reporting, examine reporting methods developed by state PDMPs for their own states that may expand the scope of current national performance measures, and work toward enhanced reporting by all PDMPs.

PDMPs wishing to collaborate with the Center of Excellence should contact:

Peter Kreiner, COE Principal Investigator, at pkreiner@brandeis.edu; or

John Eadie, CoO Director at JohnLEadie@aol.com

Annual Meeting of the Alliance

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Alliance was held in San Diego, California on October 19-20, 2009.

This was the first open meeting in the Alliance's history. Approximately 60 people were in attendance representing 22 states and territories, several federal agencies, and industry.

During the meeting, the membership re-elected the following officers: Adele Audet

(President), Katherine Ellis (Vice President), Dave Hopkins (Treasurer), and Mike Wissel (Secretary).

The Annual meeting included updates from the Drug Enforcement Administration, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Bureau of Justice Assistance and a presentation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A representative of each state provided a brief

report of their program, highlighting important issues and challenges.

Reports were given from the following Alliance committees: Model Act, Authentication and PMIX Governance.

Thanks to all for a great meeting!

California's (CURES) Has New Online System

The California Department of Justice, Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation Systems (CURES) launched their on-line Prescription Drug Monitoring Program system on September 15, 2009.

The CURES system allows licensed healthcare practitioners eligible to prescribe controlled substances, pharmacists authorized to dispense controlled substances, law enforcement, and regulatory boards who have pre-registered for access to the web based

system the ability to search patient prescription history information 24 hours a day.

California has approximately 185,000 practitioners registered with the DEA, and approximately 30,000 pharmacists registered with the California Board of Pharmacy. It will be a challenge to begin implementation of the new system for eligible users seeking to register for CURES.

Some of the special features implemented include: notification alerts and special

bulletins generated to select registrants; capturing prescriber reports of prescription theft and loss, a web application for reporting direct dispense controlled substances data and an automated error correction for all incoming reports of controlled substance prescription data.

For more information about the CURES system please visit:

<http://ag.ca.gov/bne/cures.php>

Did You Know.....

Maine proposed rule changes.

The Maine PMP is exploring changes to its rules to allow the program to provide data to MaineCare (Medicaid) and the Chief Medical Examiner for cause of death determination. Another proposed rule change would increase the reporting frequency from every two weeks to weekly for all dispensers.

DEA has registrant data online.

The DEA Office of Diversion Control has a great feature on its website. The site allows user to view the registration population counts for a state. The site shows how many practitioners have DEA licenses, how many pharmacies a state has, the number of hospitals, and the number of narcotic treatment programs. The site may be accessed at: <http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drugreg/pop/index.html>

4 States moving towards

implementation. The states of Florida,

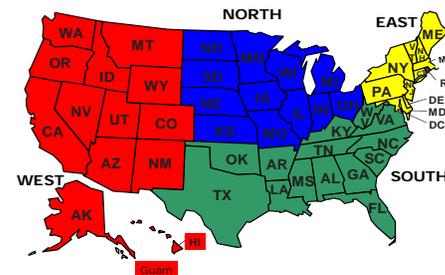
Kansas, Oregon, and Minnesota are all moving forward with plans to implement their programs within the next year. This will bring the number of operational programs to 37.

Sign up for the Alliance Listserv.

The Alliance website now has a form you can use to sign up for our listserv. You will receive the Alliance newsletter and other valuable information. Please pass this along to other colleagues who may be interested. Simply go to the Alliance's homepage and click the link under Newsletter.

Regional Meetings in 2010. The highly successful Alliance's Regional Meetings are returning again in 2010. There will be two Regional Meetings one in the South and one in the West. States in these regions wanting to attend will have expenses paid by Brandeis through the BJA Grant. Other interested states may also attend these regional meetings. The Alliance has established a West and South

Regional Planning Committee and both committees have begun meeting. Dates will be announced soon.



DEA provides state regulatory agencies access to their DEA Registration Database at NO COST to the states. States can download the information weekly. For more information PMPs should contact Rick Boyd, Chief, Registration and Program Support, Office of Diversion Control at Richard.A.Boyd@USDOJ.GOV

SAMHSA Awards NASPER Grants

On August 11, 2005, the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting Act of 2005 (NASPER) was signed into law. Under NASPER a formula grant program for state prescription monitoring programs (PMPs) was created to be administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The intent of this grant program is to foster the establishment or enhancement of state PMPs to ensure that health care providers and law enforcement officials have access to accurate, timely prescription history information. In addition, the expansion and establishment of PMPs has the potential to increase the early identification of patients at risk for addiction.

In March 2009, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009 appropriated \$2 million for NASPER grants for the 2009 fiscal year. The announcement of the NASPER solicitation was released on July 2, 2009, with a July 27, 2009 deadline for application submission.

SAMHSA received 13 NASPER grant applications. Twelve of the applications received by SAMSHA were for enhancing existing programs and one application was for a new program implementation.

Grants were awarded to all 13 states who applied for funding. Awards were funded according to the following formula. Each state was awarded 1% of the funding available. The remaining funds were allocated to states by taking the number of pharmacies in that state and dividing it by

the total number of pharmacies in all approved states. This gave the percentage of the remaining funding that each state received.

Kansas was awarded funding to assist in establishing their PMP.

The following states were awarded funding to enhance their systems: **Alabama, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, New York, and Ohio.**



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Alliance/Brandeis Providing Assistance

The Alliance/Brandeis Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) continue to provide assistance to members and affiliated organizations.

If you are looking for information, training, or assistance, feel free to contact us. The TTAC will provide you with the information you need

and even contact other states to gather nationwide information.

The TTAC can help with: evaluation, costs, laws, regulations, vendors, advisory groups, education, and more.



More information can be found online at:
www.pmpalliance.org



ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER...

We hope you are enjoying the bi-monthly newsletter. Our intent is to provide our members and federal partners with news and information important to PMPs.

We want to hear from you and any suggestions you may have about information or reports you would like to see in future newsletters.

The next newsletter will spotlight another existing or newly implemented PMP.

Again, if your PMP 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 PMPs and the people involved in their operations



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