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The Alliance and the Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) are undertaking a project to establish a "State Profile" for each Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP).

Once completed and reviewed, these profiles will be available on the Alliance's website, www.pmpalliance.org.

The State Profiles will allow PMP administrators and other interested parties easy access to PMP protocols, procedures and implementation information.

The State Profiles will also enable the TTAC to readily respond to many informational requests without the need to conduct state PMP inquiries.

To facilitate the State Profile data collection process and save PMP administrators' time, the TTAC is culling information from previous surveys. Interns at the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Massachusetts Drug Control Program are preparing draft profiles with the available information. The drafts will then be sent to the PMP administrators to be reviewed for accuracy and to complete any unanswered questions.

John Eadie is leading the project and PMP administrators will be asked to return the final Profiles to him.

To date, most PMP

administrators have been provided their draft profiles for review.

For more information about this project, please contact John Eadie by email at johnleadie@aol.com or phone at 518-283-1624.

The Alliance and TTAC will conduct similar data collection projects in the future to provide timely and relevant information to PMPs, federal partners and other interested parties.

"PMP Administrator Forum" on Website Coming Soon



www.pmpalliance.org

The Alliance and Resonate, a web design company, are developing a new "PMP Administrator Forum" section on the Alliance website. Access to this section will require a User ID and a password assigned by the Alliance.

The "PMP Administrator Forum" section will enable states and territories to post and access information, data, and reports on PMP issues, as well as discuss PMP and related concerns in a private forum. The section will also enable the Training and

Technical Assistance Center to post reports and information on current Alliance projects and committees such as the Model Act, Authentication and Governance committees.

The new "PMP Administrator Forum" section is targeted for review and testing by the Alliance Executive Board in early January. Following Board approval, accounts will be created for each state. This will allow PMP staff to log into the "PMP Administrator Forum" section and make use of its resources.

Future plans for this section include an area for posting and sharing documents.

Questions about the "PMP Administrator Forum" section can be directed to Chris Baumgartner: cbaumgartner@pmpalliance.org

PMIX Phase III Extension Project

The BJA-sponsored, IJIS Institute Prescription Monitoring Information Exchange (PMIX) Phase 3 Extension project will commence activities in early 2010 and continue throughout the year. The project's primary purpose is to establish the capability to exchange real patient data between as many state PMPs as possible.

Based on the experience of states that allow access to PMP data, it is anticipated that the primary end users will be prescribers interested in obtaining information from other states **about** their patients.

Dispensed prescription records from "disclosing" PMPs will represent solicited responses to inquiries from "requesting" PMP systems on behalf of their users (i.e. prescribers). Both

request and response messages will flow through an intermediate PMIX Hub server which, in addition to routing message traffic, will help ensure consistent implementations across all participating states. These messages will require strong encryption of message payload data (request parameters or response records), since this data will represent protected health information (PHI).

The project will establish a new steering committee that will conduct regular meetings and provide technology and policy directions for the project. The first goal of the project will be to establish the encryption and authentication standards for state PMP systems to carry out secure exchanges through the PMIX Hub. These

standards will be distributed to the states in the form of an updated Interface Control Document describing precisely how to implement the required technology. As these activities are being carried out, states will be expected to be establishing the appropriate legal foundation (i.e. memoranda of understanding) to authorize and enable exchange of real patient data with other states. Once the technology and permission have been established to enable these exchanges between a pair of states, the capabilities will be deployed and tested in coordination with the PMIX Hub administrator, a staff member of the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. The first such exchange will be implemented between Ohio Board of Pharmacy and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

6th National Harold Rogers PDMP Meeting

The Alliance in cooperation with Brandeis University and the Bureau of Justice Assistance will host the 6th National Harold Rogers PDMP Meeting in 2010.

A planning committee chaired by Alliance Vice President, **Katherine Ellis (CA), and members Teresa Anderson (ID), Kathy Zahn (ND), and Deborah Brown (MS)** have

begun planning for this event.

The 2010 meeting will be held in the Washington DC area and is tentatively scheduled for June.

The Alliance would again like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2009 meeting. We look forward to providing another successful Harold Rogers PDMP National Meeting in 2010.

Please visit the Alliance website for more national meeting information as it becomes available.



Harold Rogers & NASPER 2010 Appropriations

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce that the President has signed an omnibus appropriations bill for the remainder of fiscal year 2010 that includes \$7 million dollars for the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.

BJA plans to release a PDMP grant solicitation in February of 2010. If you have questions about the Harold Rogers Program please contact Rebecca Rose at Rebecca.Rose@usdoj.gov or (202) 514-0726.

The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) also received funding for the National All Schedules Prescription Electronic Reporting (NASPER) Program. NASPER was appropriated \$2 million dollars for 2010. SAMHSA plans to release a NASPER grant solicitation in February 2010.

If you have questions about the NASPER Program please contact Nick Reuter at Nicholas.Reuter@samhsa.hhs.gov or (240) 276-2716.

In Memory

Special Agent Jerry Walker (GA) It is with great sadness that we report the passing away of Special Agent Jerry Walker of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency. Agent Walker was working toward passage of prescription monitoring program legislation in Georgia. Jerry was a terrific colleague and will be greatly missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Did You Know...

The Alliance is planning a national meeting on the issues of Law Enforcement's use of PMP data. A planning committee has been established consisting of **Don Vogt (OK)**, **Pat Knue (TX)** and **Josh Klatt (IN)**. Plans are to conduct this meeting in late spring of 2010.

DEA has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to place carisoprodol as a C-IV controlled substance. Before the Notice was published, DEA received concurrence from HHS to control the drug. The proposed rule is available at: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-27583.htm>

There is an Alliance Listserv. Visit the Alliance website's homepage at www.pmpalliance.org and simply click the link under Newsletter to sign up for the Alliance listserv. You will receive the Alliance Newsletter and other valuable

information. Please let other interested colleagues know about the listserv.

Eastern Regional NIEM Practical Implementer's Course (January 26-28, 2010 - Ashburn, VA) This course will provide practical implementation strategies for data exchanges and methodologies for using NIEM. This is a great opportunity for technical staff at the state PMPs (or their vendors) to learn about the NIEM XML technology underlying the PMIX project.

For more information or to register go to: http://secure.ijis.org/niempi_ashburn_jan2010.aspx

DEA has classified three additional steroids as "anabolic steroids" under the Controlled Substances Act. The three steroids are Boldione, desoxymethyltestosterone, and 19-nor-4,9(10)-androstadienedione. These steroids and their salts, esters, and ethers are schedule III controlled substances. Further information is

available at:

<http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/fedregs/rules/2009/fr1204.htm>

The Alliance is working with NAMSDDL. The Alliance has been working with the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the IJIS Institute to develop a PMIX Hub that will provide a centralized system to facilitate the exchange of PMP data among states. As the project moves closer to production of the PMIX Hub, the Alliance wants to ensure that the states are able to implement a governing body that would be responsible for ownership, administration and operation of the PMIX Hub. The Alliance is working with the National Alliance for Model State Drug Laws (NAMSDDL) to identify governance structure options. This information will help the Alliance to develop a recommendation on how a PMIX Hub governing body can be established to ensure the states' ability to sustain ongoing operations, financial support and control of the PMIX.

Alliance to Host 2010 Regional Meetings

The Alliance is planning to facilitate regional meetings for the West and South regions in 2010. These meetings will bring together neighboring PMP and non PMP states to address issues and needs particular to each region.

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

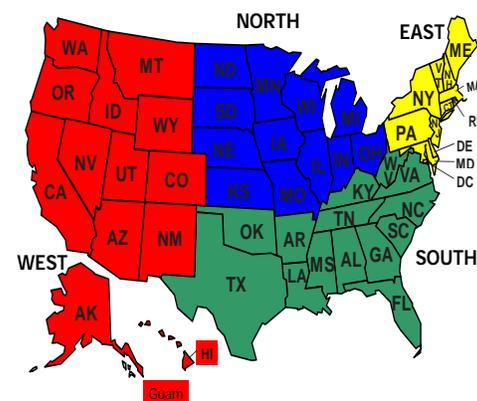
A report of each meeting will be produced and shared with Alliance members and our federal partners at our 2010 National Conference.

The two regions that will host meetings

in 2010 are the West and the South. If funding is available the East and North Regions will host meetings in 2011. States that are not part of the West or South Regions are welcome to attend either one of these meetings.

The West committee members are: **Teresa Anderson (ID)**, **Ronald Klein (MT)**, **Matthew Laidler (OR)**, and **Lisa Millet (OR)**. The West regional meeting is tentatively scheduled to held in May 2010.

The South committee members are: **Donna Jordan (AL)**, **Charlie Thomas (AL)**, **Cheryl Anderson (SC)**, **Pat Knue (TX)**, **Joe Fontenot (LA)**, and **Sarah Blakey (LA)**. The South regional meeting is tentatively scheduled to held in April 2010.



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Alliance/Brandeis Providing Assistance

The Alliance/Brandeis Training and Technical Assistance Center (TTAC) continues 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 welcome 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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