



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
MINUTES

Date: Monday October 2, 2017
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Chair: Dave Bowen

Members Present (Officers): Karen Bailey, Vice Chair, Greg Nazareth, Treasurer and Dr. Jill Rosenthal, Secretary

Members Present (Directors): Dr. Samir Vakil, Dr. Anthony Silvagni, Dr. Lee Ann Brown, Dr. Daniel Gesek, Sally West and the Hon. Al Nienhuis

Staff: Robert Macdonald, Executive Director

DOH Staff : Becki Poston, Program Director, E-FORCSE

Guests: Jean D'Aprix, Chief Operating Officer, PRN

Call to Order

The chair called the PDMP Foundation Board of Directors conference call meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., Monday October 2, 2017.

Roll Call/Sunshine Law

Ms. Bailey provided the statement regarding the foundation operating under the state sunshine law. Following roll call she announced that a quorum was present.

Introductions

The chair introduced Ms. D'Aprix as a guest and welcomed her to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (July 14, 2017)

The chair called for the approval of the Board of Directors minutes from the July 14, 2017 annual meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Silvagni and seconded by Ms. Bailey to approve the minutes as distributed. The chair hearing no request for discussion called for a vote on the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Additional Agenda Items

The chair called for any additional agenda items. None were added.

Report of the Chair

The chair gave an update of his travels throughout the country and said that many states are interested in the status of Florida's PDMP. He said states are involved with some of the same problems that the Florida legislature will address in the next legislative session relative to increasing access to the information in the database by requiring mandatory registration and use for better patient management. He also said that there was discussion about the need to share information between states about patient's prescriptions of controlled substances. There was also support for more control over prescribing and dispensing of opioids by pharmacies.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Nazareth reported that as of September 25, 2017 the foundation had \$1,548,117 funds in Wells Fargo Bank accounts. He said that this included \$4,863 in the checking account; \$92,337 in the business savings account and \$1,450,876 in the brokerage account in FDIC insured certificates of deposit.

He said that of the monies in the savings account \$50,238 were restricted CVS/Caremark settlement funds. Another \$10,000 were restricted funds for use for PDMP education and promotional programs contributed by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The remainder of the funds in the business savings account of \$32,973 consisted of interest income, donations, reserve fund and foundation operating budget.

Mr. Nazareth then gave an update on the investments. He said that investment account managed by Wells Fargo Wealth Brokerage Services consisted of \$1,450,396 in two, one-year jumbo \$250,000 CDs; three, six-month jumbo \$250,000 CDs, and one, three-month \$200,000 CD. There was also \$479 in cash in the investment account.

He then updated the board on the status of the FY 2017-2018 through the first quarter of the year. He said that the fiscal budget of \$50,450 had expenses of \$20,958 from July 1 – September 30. He said that taxes and purchase of a new E-FORCSE display and information cards would be paid from the restricted accounts. The total monies remaining in the account for the remainder of the fiscal year are \$31,775.

The treasurer then discussed the IRS Form 990 2016 tax return. He said that from interest earned on investments that \$1,499 in Unrelated Business Income Tax was paid to the IRS. He said that money for these taxes were paid from the settlement funds in the business saving account.

Mr. Nazareth then informed the board that the CPA had recommended that the foundation pay 2017-2018 UBIT taxes on a quarterly basis via direct deposit. He said that Mr. Macdonald and the CPA were initiating this process and that the payments would be approximately \$362.25 per quarter.

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Macdonald provided a review of the current fundraising campaign. He said that the campaign began in June and has since raised \$34,250. He recommended that a letter be sent to the over 40,000 practitioners who are current users of the PDMP to seek their support. He would continue to work with the Department of Health to determine how this solicitation could be made without breaching confidentiality laws. He also recommended developing a Request for Proposal to forward to companies that continually contact the

foundation about doing a major fundraising campaign to target markets. He also said that he continues to make appeals on the PDMP Facebook page for persons to donate through credit card or PayPal payments.

Dr. Brown suggested that the foundation publish an e-newsletter or send press releases to all health care associations to seek support from these groups members. Mr. Macdonald agreed with that approach and said that he would develop a draft newsletter for distribution to all targeted professional groups.

Mr. Macdonald then provided information about the status of the PDMP Online CE course. He said that there was a continued delay in finalizing the course content due to the governor's appointment of a new State Surgeon General. Due to the delay in production, the executive director said that the current course contents may need updating to add information about appointing a designee to obtain patient information from the PDMP database. He said that the FMA staff will work with Ms. Poston on course revisions and a new introduction. Mr. Macdonald said that should the legislature amend the current PDMP law to require mandatory use of the database and require continuing education for practitioners on controlled substance prescribing then the course would become a more valuable tool to educate practitioners on how to properly use PDMP in patient management.

The executive director announced that the State Surgeon General was in the process of the final review of the appointment of Angela Nelson as the 11th PDMP Foundation board member. Ms. Nelson is a senior executive at CVS/Caremark in Woonsocket, RI. She would replace Michael Ayotte who resign as the CVS representative in July.

He then reported that the foundation funded the purchase of a new E-FORCSE display and information cards for use in the exhibit booths at conferences and conventions. Mr. Macdonald said that the costs of these promotional materials was \$835 and would be paid from the restricted Polk County Sheriff's Office fund.

Mr. Macdonald said that he continues to update the PDMP Foundation website with the webmaster and provide updates on the Facebook page. He said there are over 200 followers of foundation activities on Facebook.

E-FORCSE Update

Ms. Poston provided an update on database operations relative to the number of users and patient prescriptions in the system. She said that there were over 40,000 practitioners registered to use the PDMP database with over 225 million patient records on file since its inception in September 2011. She also said that the department was receiving approximately 3.5M prescriptions uploaded by dispensers per month. Ms. Poston related that in 2016 over 15.6 million opioid prescriptions were uploaded into the system. The E-FORCSE program director said that due to the increase in controlled substance prescriptions the Department of Health anticipates moving its data over to a new platform which would have system enhancements and ultimately would interface with electronic health records. She said that the cost of the upgraded platform and additional features would be approximately \$1.3-\$1.5M. Funds for this project are being sought from the Governor's proposed 2018 budget.

Ms. Poston informed the board that the University of Florida was working on analyzing the current de-identified data for the PDMP 2017 Annual Report. She said that the annual report will be provided to the Governor and Legislature December 1, 2017.

Ms. Poston reminded the board that Governor Rick Scott has announced that during the upcoming legislative session, he will propose major legislation and more than \$50 million as part of his 2018-2019 recommended budget to combat opioid abuse in Florida.

The proposed legislation will include:

- Placing a three-day limit on prescribed opioids, unless strict conditions are met for a seven-day supply;
- Requiring all healthcare professionals that prescribe or dispense medication to participate in the Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, a statewide database that monitors controlled substance prescriptions; and
- Additional reforms to fight unlicensed pain management clinics, require continuing education courses on responsibly prescribing opioids, and create new opportunities for federal grant funding.

The proposed investment of more than \$50 million will include funding for:

- Substance abuse treatment;
- Counseling and recovery services; and
- The Florida Violent Crime and Drug Control Council.

Attorney General Response: Settlement Funds Management Fee

Mr. Macdonald reported that the letter reviewed by the board and approved by the Department of Health to seek an administrative fee for management of the CVS/Caremark settlement funds was forwarded to the attorney general's office for review. He said that he would provide an update to the board as soon as he received a reply on the matter.

United Stance Symposium on Opioid Epidemic

The chair said that the symposium scheduled in September at Nova Southeastern University was postponed due to Hurricane Irma. He said that the event was rescheduled for November 2, 2017 at the university. Chair Bowen acknowledged that he would attend the symposium and report back to the board on its proceedings.

Public Comments

The chair called for public comments. Dr. Vakil asked for clarification on the proposed legislation to limit prescriptions of opioid pain medication to 3 days for post-operative patients. Ms. Poston said that this was still in the discussion stages and that it may be expanded to 7 days with approval of the patient's doctor.

Announcements

The chair called for any announcements. None were made.

Date of Next Meeting

The board discussed meeting in January via conference call or during the legislative session in Tallahassee to address issues with key government leaders. The chair asked Mr. Macdonald to work on the possible dates and location to schedule the meeting.

Adjournment

The chair called for the adjournment of the PDMP Board of Directors conference call. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m., Monday October 2, 2017.