



*Supporting the State of Florida  
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program*

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## **Issuing Authority:**

The Florida PDMP Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) was established by the Florida Legislature in 2009 with the adoption of section 893.055(11), Florida Statutes (F.S.) The statute was amended by the legislature in 2018 as 893.055 (15). It is a Direct Support Organization under contract to the Florida Department of Health under the Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA). During the 2017 legislative session the law was amended to continue the foundation's operation from October 2017 to October 2027. It is a not-for-profit corporation created under Chapter 617, F.S. and is organized and operated as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Its board, of up to 8 members, is appointed by the State Surgeon General. The business of the Foundation is managed by the Board of Directors and its executive director.

## **Mission:**

The mission of the Florida PDMP Foundation, Inc. is to aid, provide supplemental funding, and promotional support for educational and outreach activities authorized by the legislature for the State of Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program known as E-FORCSE (Electronic-Florida Online Reporting of Controlled Substances Evaluation).

## **Results:**

In FY 2023-2024, the foundation continued its role as a Direct Support Organization under the Florida Department of Health contracted to support outreach and education programs for the state's prescription drug monitoring program to health care providers and law enforcement organizations. In addition, the PDMP Foundation was contracted by FDOH to implement sections of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A), a national Opioid education program.

Under the grant contract (COM6-A4), the foundation promoted and presented a peer-to-peer course on best practices for the use of the PDMP database directed at prescribers and dispensers of controlled substances and their designees at Florida Atlantic University in August 2023. The grant also provided funds to promote the live course in an E-Newsletter distributed to over 700,000 healthcare practitioners and staff.

The course is also offered live to health care organizations to include as part of the program at state or regional conferences. In addition, it is available online through the Florida Medical Association and CE Broker websites. Licensed MDs, DOs, Physician Assistants and DPMs receive 1.5 hours credit for course completion through the FMA website and dentists, pharmacists and nurse practitioners receive 1.0 credits toward re-licensure requirements with CE Broker.

As a part of its mission, the PDMP Foundation provided funds for staff to exhibit at state and regional conferences and trade shows. During the fiscal year, the PDMP Foundation/E-FORCSE exhibit was presented at the Florida Pharmacy Association,

Florida Society of Health System Pharmacists, Florida Medical Association, Florida Academy of Physician Assistants, Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Podiatric Medical Association, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, Florida Nurse Practitioner Network, and the Florida Dental Association conferences.

At the close of the current fiscal year, the PDMP Foundation had assets of over \$954,740. The approved budget for FY 2023-2024 was \$193,330. In addition, the foundation's allocation from the Department of Health for completion of OD2A grant deliverables was \$36,192. The foundation also contracted with the FDOH to administer the Harold Rogers JUA Grant with a budget of \$5,400.

## **Background:**

As a Direct Support Organization to the Department of Health E-FORCSE program the PDMP Foundation continues to actively provide supplemental funds to support controlled substance education programs for healthcare practitioners and law enforcement officials. This included presence at several state and regional healthcare and law enforcement conferences and trade shows.

The 2023-2024 board of directors had eight members appointed by the State Surgeon General. The directors were comprised of three physicians including the immediate past-president of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, the past president of the Florida Society of Pain and Neuroscience, and a family physician working in a hospital setting with a Masters in Public Health; a dentist who was past-president of the Florida Society of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons and current first vice president of the Florida Dental Association; a pharmacist representing a large pharmacy chain; the immediate past president of the Florida Sheriffs Association representing law enforcement officials; a doctor of podiatric medicine and past-president of the Florida Podiatric Medical Association and a nurse practitioner.

In addition to its support of E-FORCSE outreach and education efforts the foundation continued to make live and virtual presentations of its peer-to-peer education program on the best practices for use of the PDMP database. These programs were funded from the OD2A grant budget. The course covers the legislative intent of the PDMP, the role of the foundation, the legal and regulatory requirements for use of the database, the best practices for use of the database and prescribing and dispensing information that can be accessed from the database. The course continues to be offered live for physicians and podiatrists through the Florida Medical Association continuing medical education programs on its website. It is also available online for dentists, pharmacists, and nurse practitioners through CE Broker.

With the PDMP Foundation's support to the Department's PDMP, doctor shopping has been reduced by over 90 percent since 2011. Additionally, through the Foundation's efforts and support, E-FORCSE continues to be a major deterrent in reducing deaths due to overdose prescription drug-controlled substances.

## **Three Year Strategic Plan:**

The following is an overview of the Foundation's short-range strategic plan:

***In FY 2024-2025 the Foundation will be involved in the following activities to meet its goals and objectives:***

- 1) Provide restricted funds to support E-FORCSE implementation of educational and outreach programs adopted by the legislature in Section 893.055 (15), a.-g., Florida Statutes.
- 2) Enter into COMA 7 grant contract with the Florida Department of Health to fund the development, production and presentation of two 1.5 credit hour continuing education courses on pain management for acute, sub-acute and chronic pain in outpatient settings and screening and diagnosis of substance abuse disorders including opioid and stimulus use disorders. The courses to be presented quarterly by webinar, live and on-demand through the Florida Medical Association and CE Broker websites.
- 3) Update the peer-to-peer course on best practices for use of the PDMP database for online presentation to MDs, DOs, DDS/DMDs, DPMs, PAs, ARNPs, Pharmacists and Optometrists through the Florida Medical Association and CE Broker websites.
- 4) Continue publication of a monthly E-Newsletter to Florida Department of Health mailing list of health care practitioners providing Opioid education and PDMP operations information.
- 5) Maintain business relationship with Wells Fargo Bank wealth brokerage services to increase the foundation investment portfolio to ensure that there are sufficient funds for future E-FORCSE outreach and educational programs to promote the use of the state PDMP database.
- 6) Continue to promote E-FORCSE to health care practitioners, local government officials and law enforcement agencies through presence at major conferences and trade shows.
- 7) Develop educational programs for medical, dental, pharmacy, podiatry school students regarding the state PDMP and role of E-FORCSE.
- 8) Provide regular updates to the Foundation board involvement through conference calls and live meetings and establishment of various action committees.

***In FY 2025-2026 the Foundation will be involved in the following activities to meet its goals and objectives:***

- 1) Utilization of restricted funds to provide support to E-FORCSE staff in its implementation of educational and outreach programs adopted by the legislature in Section 893.055 (15), a.- g, Florida Statutes.
- 2) Continue to contract with the Florida Department of Health to provide deliverables for on-going Center for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) grants.
- 3) Maintain business relationship with Wells Fargo Bank wealth brokerage services to increase the foundation investment portfolio to ensure that there are sufficient funds for future E-FORCSE outreach and educational programs to promote the use of the state PDMP database.
- 4) Continue to promote E-FORCSE to health care practitioners, local government officials and law enforcement agencies through presence at major conferences and trade shows.
- 5) Develop new educational programs for health care practitioners related to the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances and its effect on Florida's population.
- 6) Develop educational programs for medical, dental, pharmacy, and podiatry school students regarding the state PDMP and role of E-FORCSE.
- 7) Increase promotion of the foundation and E-FORCSE activities on social media via SEO programs.
- 8) Provide regular updates to the Foundation board involvement through conference calls and live meetings and establishment of various action committees.

***In FY 2026-2027 the Foundation will be involved in the following activities to meet its goals and objectives:***

- 1) Utilization of restricted funds to provide support to E-FORCSE staff in its implementation of educational and outreach programs adopted by the legislature in Section 893.055 (15), a.- g, Florida Statutes.
- 2) Maintain business relationship with Wells Fargo Bank wealth brokerage services to increase the foundation investment portfolio to ensure that there are sufficient funds for future E-FORCSE outreach and educational programs to promote the use of the state PDMP database.
- 3) Continue to promote E-FORCSE to health care practitioners, local government officials and law enforcement agencies through presence at major conferences and trade shows.
- 4) Update educational programs for medical, dental, pharmacy, podiatry school students regarding the state PDMP and role of E-FORCSE.
- 5) Increase promotion of the foundation and E-FORCSE activities on social media via SEO programs.
- 6) Seek corporate support for the PDMP Foundation's role and responsibilities in support of E-FORCSE®.
- 7) Provide regular updates to the Foundation board involvement through conference calls and live meetings and establishment of various action committees.

**Certification of Direct Support Organization Contract Compliance:** Pursuant to section 893.055, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Health is authorized to

establish a direct support organization to help, funding, and promotional support for activities authorized by the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. Pending upon approval by the State Surgeon General the Department will enter a new two-year contract with the Foundation as a direct support organization. The contract is renewable on a biennial basis upon mutual written agreement of the parties. By July 31 each year, the Foundation must apply to the Department for certification that it is operating in compliance with the terms of this contract, pursuant to section 893.055(15)(c), Florida Statutes, and report the certification in the official minutes of a meeting of the Foundation. The Department has certified the Foundation is following the contract. (**See Attachment A.**)

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

**July 1, 2024**

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Florida PDMP Foundation, Inc. is to provide funding assistance and promotional support for educational and outreach activities authorized by the legislature for the State of Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program known as E-FORCSE (Electronic-Florida Online Reporting of Controlled Substances Evaluation).

***Code of Ethics***

The Board of Directors and staff of the Florida PDMP Foundation, Inc. shall abide by and conform to the following while serving in their capacity:

- 1) Will obey applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- 2) Will work within the legislative guidelines of a Direct Support Organization under contract to the Florida Department of Health.
- 3) Will uphold the Foundation's mission, goals, and objectives which it adopts and which are approved by the Florida Department of Health.
- 4) Will advance E-FORCSE with potential donors through use of various fundraising vehicles to seek financial support for the sustainability of the program.
- 5) Will protect, at all times, all entrusted assets (physical, digital, financial, proprietary informational, etc.) keeping them secure and providing them for public review upon official request.
- 6) Will not misuse or leverage to gain any entrusted asset by using it in any manner other than that which was intended by the entrustor, unless otherwise required by law.
- 7) Will exercise proper authority, sound judgment, due diligence and respect when dealing with donors, state government officials, private organizations, and the public.
- 8) Will not engage in or facilitate any discriminatory or harassing behavior.
- 9) Will recuse themselves from taking any action on any matter before the Foundation which may potentially be a conflict of interest.
- 10) Will act honestly, truthfully and with integrity always within the best interest of the Foundation as a Direct Support Organization to the Florida Department of Health.
- 11) Will, unless extenuating circumstances arise, attend all scheduled Foundation conference calls and live meetings as approved by the board and properly notified to the public.
- 12) Will ensure that all assets are designated only for the operation of the PDMP database and the Foundation.

13) Will follow nationally recognized fundraising guidelines to cultivate potential donors to seek their support for large gift donations.

**[ATTACHMENT “A” Certification Letter]**

**[ATTACHMENT “B” – IRS FORM 990]**



