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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), F.S. It is a Direct Support Organization (DSO) under contract to the Florida Department of Health (Department) 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 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 Foundation 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 2024-2025, the Foundation continued its role as a DSO under the Department contract to support outreach and education programs for E-FORCSE® to health care providers and law enforcement organizations. In addition, the Foundation was contracted by the Department 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 (COMA7), the Foundation promoted and presented two continuing education courses via webinars and live presentations. One course presented information on the management of pain, focusing on dissemination to health care practitioners who treat acute, subacute and chronic pain in outpatient settings. The second course dealt with the screening and diagnosis of a substance use disorder, especially opioid use and stimulant use disorder intended for health care providers across a range of specialties. The two courses educational presentations were developed by the Florida PDMP Foundation education committee and staff and the two course presenters. The Florida Medical Association produced the webinars and offered the two courses live as part of its annual meeting program.

The OD2A grant also provided funds to promote the courses in an E-Newsletter distributed to over 700,000 Florida licensed health care practitioners and staff. In addition, it is available online through the Florida Medical Association (FMA) and CE Broker websites. Licensed allopathic physicians (MDs), osteopathic physicians (Dos),

physician assistants (PAs) and podiatric physicians (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 Foundation provided funds for staff to exhibit at state and regional conferences and trade shows. During the fiscal year, the Foundation/E-FORCSE® exhibit was presented at the Florida Pharmacy Association, Florida Society of Health System Pharmacists, Florida Medical Association, Florida Sheriffs Association, Florida Podiatric Medical Association, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Osteopathic Medical Association, Florida Nurse Practitioner Network, and the Florida Dental Association conferences.

At the close of the current fiscal year, the Foundation had assets of over \$847,000. The approved budget for FY 2024-2025 was \$153,450. In addition, the Foundation's allocation from the Department for completion of OD2A grant deliverables for the fiscal year was \$157,970.

## **Background:**

As a DSO to the E-FORCSE® program the 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 health care and law enforcement association conferences and trade shows.

The 2024-2025 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 Master's in Public Health; a dentist who was past-president of the Florida Society of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons and is the current president-elect of the Florida Dental Association; a pharmacist representing a large pharmacy chain; the 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 developed and coordinated the presentation of six webinars and one live presentation of topics related to opioid prescribing and diagnosis of substance abuse disorders. These programs were funded from the OD2A grant budget. The courses are also offered on demand to physicians, podiatrists and physician assistants 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 Foundation's support to E-FORCSE®, 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 2025-2026 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., F.S.
- 2) Continue to provide deliverables under the OD2A grant contract with the Department 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 are to be presented quarterly by webinar, live and on-demand through the FMA and CE Broker websites.
- 3) Develop and produce in cooperation with the Florida Medical Association and the Department a basic educational seminar about the operation of the state of Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program for presentation to students in health care programs at the university level. This would include medical, dental, pharmacy and podiatry students.
- 4) Continue publication of a monthly E-Newsletter to Department mailing list of health care practitioners providing Opioid education and E-FORCSE® 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 E-FORCSE® 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) 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, F.S.
- 2) Continue to contract with the Department to provide deliverables for on-going 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 E-FORCSE® 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 their effect on Florida's population.
- 6) Continue to promote educational seminars for medical, dental, pharmacy, and podiatry school students regarding the role of E-FORCSE®.
- 7) Increase promotion of the Foundation and E-FORCSE® activities on social media via search engine optimization (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 2027-2028 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, F.S.
- 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 E-FORCSE® 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 seminars for medical, dental, pharmacy, podiatry school students regarding the 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 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 DSO Contract Compliance:** Pursuant to section 893.055, F.S., the Department is authorized to establish a DSO to provide funding and promotional support for activities authorized by E-FORCSE®. Pending upon approval by the State Surgeon General, the Department will enter a new two-year contract with the Foundation as a DSO. 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), F.S., 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, 2025

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Florida PDMP Foundation, Inc. (Foundation) 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 Foundation 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 (DSO) under contract with the Florida Department of Health (Department).
- 3) Will uphold the Foundation's mission, goals, and objectives which it adopts, and which are approved by the Department.
- 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 in the best interest of the Foundation as a DSO to the Department.
- 11) Will, unless extenuating circumstances arise, attend all scheduled Foundation conference calls and live meetings as approved by the board and properly notified the public.

12) Will ensure that all assets are designated only for the operation of the E-FORCSE® 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]**