



*Supporting the State of Florida
Prescription Drug Monitoring Program*

Florida PDMP Foundation

Board of Directors

Conference Call

MINUTES

Date: Monday December 15, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Dr. Lee Ann Brown

Members Present (Officers): Hon. Al Nienhuis, Vice-Chair, Dr. Samir Vakil, Secretary, Greg Nazareth, Treasurer

Members' Present (Directors): Dr. Dan Gesek

Members' Absent (Directors): Dr. Noman Azeem, Dr. Christopher Watson, Dr. Kellyann Curnayn

Staff: Robert Macdonald, MS, Executive Director and Dr. Kelli Ferrell, Health Educator

Legal Counsel: Jason D. Winn, Esq

FDOH Staff: Mr. John Felton, Program Manager, E-FORCSE

Call to Order

The chair called the PDMP Foundation Board of Directors conference call to order at 6:32 p.m., Monday December 15, 2025.

Roll Call/Sunshine Law

The chair called on Dr. Vakil for the Sunshine Law statement and roll call. He read the Sunshine Law Statement and took the roll and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (May 7, 2025)

The chair called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the board conference call meeting on May 7, 2025. Sheriff Nienhuis moved that the minutes be approved and Dr. Vakil seconded the motion. Hearing no dissent, the chair declared that the minutes were approved.

Report of the Chair

The chair provided an update on the PDMP Foundation's involvement with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Overdose Data to Action Grant (OD2A). She said that during the first and second quarters of the 2025-2026 fiscal year the foundation staff in cooperation with the Florida Medical Association presented four webinars on two topics meeting criteria under the CDC OD2A grant. In the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the foundation will continue to provide the grant courses both live and through webinars. She recognized Dr. Kelli Ferrell, PDMP Foundation health educator, for her efforts in coordinating the grant course presentations with the speakers and the FMA.

Treasurer's Report

The chair called on Mr. Nazareth for the treasurer's report. He said that as of December 2, 2025, the Florida PDMP Foundation had \$731,930 in its Wells Fargo banking and brokerage accounts. He said that there was \$12,863 in the checking account, \$121,600 in the Platinum Savings Account and \$597,467 in the brokerage account which included a 6-month \$150,000 certificate of deposit and \$447,422 in cash. He also mentioned that as of this meeting the foundation had \$21,699 in accounts receivable from the OD2A grant funds for expenses incurred during the second quarter of the grant.

Mr. Nazareth then provided an update on the fiscal year 2025-2026 budget. He said that the approved budget was \$168,350 with total funds spent in 5 months of the fiscal year of \$64,370 for administrative services, projects and programs and office operations. This was 38 percent of the total budget.

In conclusion, Mr. Nazareth gave an accounting of the funds spent for the first two quarters of the OD2A grant. He said that the total grant budget was \$147,100 and that from July 1, 2025, through December 2, 2025, expenses paid for grant deliverables totaled \$55,536. To date 38% of the grant budget has been spent by the foundation on producing contracted deliverables.

Report from the Department of Health/E-FORCSE

The chair called on E-FORCSE program manager John Felton for his report. Mr. Felton provided an overview of the Bamboo Bridge enhancement to the state of Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program. He said several states were involved in similar bridge programs which Florida's would somewhat model. He said that once funding was secured that the pilot program would begin in January 2026.

Mr. Felton said that the Florida Department of Health was seeking funding support for the first six months of the Bamboo Bridge program from its non-profit fund-raising Direct Support Organization, the Florida PDMP Foundation. Based on the initial costs from January to June Mr. Macdonald said that \$312,500 would need to be allocated in support of the Bamboo Bridge pilot program.

Following Mr. Felton's presentation several board members had questions on the return on investment for costs incurred. The board also requested updates on the success of bridge programs in other states. Mr. Felton was also asked about funding for the Bamboo Bridge program after June 2026. He said that the Department would seek continued funding from The Harold Rogers grant and the state's Opioid Settlement funds. Board members were also questioning how Florida health care providers registered to use the PDMP database would be educated on how to utilize the bridge program to refer to care navigators.

Following further discussion the following motion was presented:

MOVED, that the Florida PDMP Foundation allocates up to \$312,504 from its brokerage account with Wells Fargo Bank to fund the Bamboo Bridge enhancement pilot program to the State of Florida Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (E-FORCSE).

MOTION SECONDED
MOTION ADOPTED

Following adoption of the motion Mr. Macdonald said that the remaining funds totaling \$284,963 in the foundation's brokerage account would be re-invested in Certificates of Deposit. He said the foundation's finance and investment committee would continue to manage the investment portfolio in conjunction with Wells Fargo Bank wealth management officers.

Report of Legal Counsel

The chair called on Mr. Winn for his report. She referred to the legal counsel's newsletter article which was sent to the board referencing the upcoming 2026 Florida legislative session as a good overview of what should be happening in the health care field. Mr. Winn asked if there were any questions regarding his article. He also said that he would monitor all legislative actions that might affect the foundation. The chair thanked Mr. Winn for his service to the foundation.

Staff Reports:

The chair called on Mr. Macdonald for his report. He said that beginning in January the foundation would again be heavily involved exhibiting at health care association conferences providing outreach and education about E-FORCSE to attendees. Mr. Macdonald said that he would be attending the following conferences: Florida Podiatric Medical Association SAM on January 29-31 at the Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World; the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association annual meeting February 6-7 at the Harbor Beach Marriott, Ft. Lauderdale; Florida Pain Society, April 23-25 at the Renaissance Hotel Sea World; and the Florida Dental Convention, June 25-27 at the Gaylord Palms, Kissimmee.

The chair called on Dr. Kelli Ferrell for her report. She said that she worked with the Florida Medical Association to present webinars on two topics funded by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Overdose Data to Action Grant. The webinars topics included "Integrated Pain Management Evidence

Based Therapies," presented by Dr. Debra Barnett and "Integrating SUD Screening and Diagnosis into Your Practice," presented by Dr. Colleen Bell. The two webinars were presented in September and December in the first two quarters of the OD2A grant.

Dr. Ferrell then said that Dr. Barnett would be doing live presentations at the February 2026 Florida Osteopathic Medical Association annual meeting and again in April at the Florida Pain Society annual meeting. Dr. Bell would also be scheduled to do a third webinar during the third quarter of the grant.

Dr. Ferrell then provided an update on the student education seminar. She said that the program featuring Becki Poston was set to begin at a conference at USF on February 11.

Mr. Macdonald then updated the board on the status of the re-design of the PDMP Foundation website. He said that communication specialist Maggie Thigpen was working with the Xcelerated Technology staff to finalize a draft of the new look PDMP Foundation website. Once the design is completed the staff will begin working on revision of the copy.

Mr. Macdonald then discussed the PDMP Foundation newsletter. He said that Ms. Thigpen was working on updating and re-categorizing the email distribution list to eliminate undeliverable emails. The next newsletter is set for publication in January.

Public Comments

The chair called for any public comments. None were presented.

Date of Next Meeting

The chair said that there needed to be a live meeting of the board of directors in the next six months. She said that at the last meeting it was recommended that the board of directors hold its live meeting in Tallahassee during the 2026 Florida legislative session which begins in January. She said that the following dates were offered for the meeting: January 26, February 2 and February 9. However, many board members could not travel to Tallahassee on these dates. Mr. Macdonald said that he would look at other possible dates in conjunction with health care association annual meetings as a possibility for a live meeting.

Adjournment

The chair called the adjournment of the PDMP Foundation board of directors' conference call at 7:19 p.m., Monday December 15, 2025.