

**Government of the District of Columbia  
Department of Health**

**Prescription Drug Monitoring Program  
Advisory Committee Meeting**

**2201 Shannon Place SE  
WASHINGTON, DC 20020**

**WEBEX MEETING  
April 8, 2025  
10:05 AM—10:49 AM**

**Open Session Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER: 10: 05 am**

**PRESIDING: Aisha Nixon**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:**

<b>ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>		
	Aisha Nixon, MPT, CPM, Associate Director	PRESENT
	Justin Ortique, PharmD, RPh, CPM, Board of Pharmacy Executive Director, Program Manager Pharmaceutical Control Division	PRESENT
	Sithembile Chithenga, MD, MPH Board of Medicine Executive Director	ABSENT
	Vito R. DelVento, DVM, MS, Board of Veterinary Medicine Executive Director, Program Manager Animal Services Program	ABSENT
	Camesha Thompson, RN ACRN, Board of Nursing Executive Director	PRESENT
	Natalie Kirilichin, MD, MPH, Emergency Medicine Physician	ABSENT
	Sheri Doyle, MPH, Consumer Member	PRESENT
	Captain Shawn Rooney, Metropolitan Police Department	ABSENT
	Careen-Joan Franklin, PharmD, RPh, Pharmacist	PRESENT
	Sharon Hunt, L.I.C.S.W., Ph.D., State Opioid Treatment Authority	PRESENT
	Kimberley Heine, Forensic Toxicologist, QA/QC Program Manager	PRESENT
	Tayiana J Reed, Pharm D, MS, AAHIVP, RPH, Pharmacist	PRESENT
<b>PDMP STAFF:</b>	Reginal Bellamy, PharmD, RPh, Supervisory Pharmacist	ABSENT
	Monai Lowe, PharmD, RPh, PDMP Pharmacist	PRESENT
	Laurel Alcenat, MBA, Program Specialist	PRESENT
<b>LEGAL STAFF:</b>	Carla Williams, Esq, Senior Assistant General Counsel, PDMP Attorney Advisor	PRESENT
<b>VISITORS:</b>	Sahar Majid, Health Licensing Specialist (covering for Dr. Vito R. DelVento)	
	Justin Wood, DEA Representative	

## **Open Session Agenda**

### **Quorum: YES**

0408-O-01	<p><b><u>Welcome New Committee Members &amp; Introductions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ms. Aisha Nixon called the meeting to order and introduced our new committee member: Camesha Thompson, the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing.</i></li> <li><i>Ms. Camesha Thompson gave a brief background of herself. She's new to this position but now new to DC Health. She previously served as nurse consultant for School Health Services. She's also served as care coordinator and infectious disease case manager throughout DC, Maryland, and Virginia. She stated how happy and excited she is to be a part of the committee.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Chair Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ms. Aisha Nixon expressed that we are monitoring all of our Federal grants, since the PDMP is ran off federal funding. She doesn't think we'll be affected but they are monitoring all the updates. She mentioned that they are looking at other grant options just in case we lose funding.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Charge of the Committee</u></b></p> <p>The Committee shall convene at least two (2) times per year to advise the Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On the implementation and evaluation of the Program;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On the establishment of criteria for indicators of possible misuse or abuse of covered substances;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On standardization of the methodology that should be used for analysis and interpretation of prescription monitoring data;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In determining the most efficient and effective manner in which to disclose the findings to proactively inform prescribers regarding the indications of possible abuse or misuse of covered substances;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> On identifying drugs of concern that demonstrate a potential for abuse and that should be monitored; and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Regarding the design and implementation of educational courses for:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Persons who are authorized to access the prescription monitoring information;</li> <li>(2) Persons who are authorized to access the prescription monitoring information, but who have violated the laws or breached professional standards involving the prescribing, dispensing, or use of any controlled substances or drugs monitored by the Program.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Ms. Nixon
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	<p>(3) Prescribers on prescribing practices, pharmacology, and identifying, treating, and referring patients addicted to or abusing controlled substances or drugs monitored by the Program; and</p> <p>(4) The public about the use, diversion and abuse of, addiction to, and treatment for the addiction to controlled substances or drugs monitored by the Program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Aisha Nixon provided a brief overview of the Charge of the committee</i></li> </ul>	
0408-O-02	<p><b><u>Approval of December 2024 PDMP Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes</u></b></p> <p>(a) Minutes from the December 2024 Meeting</p> <p><b><i>Motion:</i></b> <i>Committee member Dr. Ortique made the motion to approve the December 2024 meeting minutes.</i></p> <p><b><i>Seconded by:</i></b> <i>Committee member Dr. Sharon Hunt</i></p> <p><b><i>Roll Call Vote :</i></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Justin Ortique votes in favor of the Motion</i></li> </ul>	Ms. Nixon

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Dr. Sharon Hunt votes in favor of the Motion</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Kimberley Heine votes in favor of the Motion</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Tayiana Reed votes in favor of the Motion</i></li> <li>• <i>Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin votes in favor of the Motion</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Abstentions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ms. Camesha Thompson</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms. Sheri Doyle</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Motion carried; minutes approved</i></p>	
0408-O-03	<p><b><u>Report from Attorney Advisor</u></b></p> <p><i>No Report</i></p>	Ms. Williams
0408-O-04	<p><b><u>Matters for Consideration</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to have support from the committee to create a Continuing Education (CE) training program for providers and dispensers registering for the PDMP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Motion carried: Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin</i></li> <li>○ <i>Motion seconded: Dr. Tayiana Reed</i></li> <li>○ <i>Roll call Vote:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Dr. Justin Ortique votes in favor of the motion</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Ms. Camesha Thompson votes in favor of the motion</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Ms. Sheri Doyle votes in favor of the motion</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Dr. Sharon Hunt votes in favor of the motion</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Ms. Kimberley Heine votes in favor of the motion</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Dr. Tayiana Reed votes in favor of the motion</i></li> <li>▪ <i>Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin votes in favor of the motion</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Motion carried</i></p> </li> <li>• Motion to support the recommendation to require CE training for initial licensing and licensing renewals for providers and dispensers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Motion carried: Dr. Justin Ortique</i></li> <li>○ <i>Motion seconded: Dr. Tayiana Reed</i></li> <li>○ <i>Roll call Vote: NO VOTING OCCURED ON THIS MATTER</i></li> <li>○ <i>Dr. Justin Ortique withdrew this motion</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Carla Williams stated that if it's going to be a CE training that it has to come from the boards and be added to the CE requirement for those professions. It should probably be stated as just a training (i.e. remove the CE part) that's required as part of registration for the PDMP program.</i></li> <li>• <i>Motion to support the recommendation to require training for initial registration with the PDMP for providers and dispensers.</i></li> </ul>	Dr. Ortique

- *Motion carried: Dr. Justin Ortique*
- *Motion seconded: Dr. Tayiana Reed*
- *Roll call Vote:*
  - *Dr. Justin Ortique votes in favor of the motion*
  - *Ms. Camesha Thompson votes in favor of the motion*
  - *Ms. Sheri Doyle votes in favor of the motion*
  - *Dr. Sharon Hunt votes in favor of the motion*
  - *Ms. Kimberley Heine votes in favor of the motion*
  - *Dr. Tayiana Reed votes in favor of the motion*
  - *Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin votes in favor of the motion*

*Motion carried*

0408-O-05

**PDMP Registration Statistics and Compliance Report**

Dr.  
Ortique

Licensed Professional	Number of DC Licensed Active Professionals	Number of Registered PDMP Users	Percentage of DC Licensed Active Professionals Registered with the PDMP
Physician	14,787	13,573	91.2%
Physician Assistant	1,251	1,136	90.81%
Advanced Practice Nurse	4,698	3,995	85.03%
Pharmacist	2,066	2,038	98.64%
Dentist	1,273	1,163	91.35%
Veterinarian	531	472	88.88%
Podiatrist	138	125	90.58%
Optometrist	212	200	94.48%
Naturopathic Physician	65	60	92.30%
VA Prescriber		285	
VA Dispenser		42	
Pharmacy Technician or Delegate	1,081	4	
Other (Licensing Board Investigator, Law Enforcement, Medical Examiner, Admin)		33	
Total	22,727	21,249	91%

**\*Current as of 3/28/2025**

0408-O-06	<p><b><u>Engagement and Outreach Activities</u></b></p> <p>Outreach activities since the December 2024 meeting:</p> <table><tr><th>Date of Event</th><th>Name of Event</th><th>Type of Event</th><th>Topics Discussed</th><th>Audience</th><th>Number of Participants</th></tr><tr><td>1/22/25</td><td>DC PDMP Basics for Pharmacists</td><td>Webinar</td><td>DC PDMP</td><td>Pharmacist</td><td>123</td></tr><tr><td>2/13/25</td><td>Management of Opioid Use Disorder Update on Clinical and Regulatory Landscape</td><td>Webinar</td><td>Opioids</td><td>DC Prescribers and Dispensers</td><td>65</td></tr></table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Ortique went over the updated PDMP registration statistics and compliance. Pharmacists are the most compliant at the moment. Overall, we're doing well with the registration compliance. This data doesn't include the individuals who have the 90 day grace period to register. If we don't include those individuals, we're at about 93% overall (makes compliance data look a little better). He thanked Laurel and Dr. Lowe for their help with registration compliance.</li><li>• Dr. Ortique expressed that we had a good turnout at the January webinar with 123 participants. The webinar in February had great information but didn't have a great turnout as expected.</li></ul>	Date of Event	Name of Event	Type of Event	Topics Discussed	Audience	Number of Participants	1/22/25	DC PDMP Basics for Pharmacists	Webinar	DC PDMP	Pharmacist	123	2/13/25	Management of Opioid Use Disorder Update on Clinical and Regulatory Landscape	Webinar	Opioids	DC Prescribers and Dispensers	65	Dr. Ortique
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0408-O-07	<p><b><u>Presentation: PDMP Updates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr. Lowe presented a presentation on PDMP Updates since our last meeting:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ "No Specialty" Provider Notice/Prescriber Reports<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Reports are sent quarterly</li><li>▪ Notice to &gt;190 providers was sent on 1/31/2025 to register a "Provider Specialty" to enable receiving Prescriber Reports</li></ul></li><li>○ Gateway Integration<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Streamlines communication and data transfer</li><li>▪ Providers and dispensers can access PDMP through their EHR or Pharmacy System</li><li>▪ Last meeting we were at 138 integrations; we're now at 150 integrations. This increase is due to some ads that was ran from December to February on the PDMP website.</li></ul></li><li>○ Interstate Data Sharing<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ DC shares its PDMP data with 33 states, Puerto Rico and Military Health System</li></ul></li><li>○ Continuing Education trainings<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ DC PDMP has partnered with Howard University and DACS to offer a Continuing Education training for Pharmacists and providers.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	Dr. Lowe																		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The first live webinar training was held on 1/22/25. It was titled “DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Basics for Pharmacists”.</li> <li>▪ Next training is on 4/23/25. Titled “DC Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Basics for Providers”.</li> <li>▪ Training focused on PDMP education for Law Enforcement is scheduled for Summer 2025</li> <li>○ Findings and Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Many prescribers are not aware of the mandatory requirements to query the database and would benefit from formal PDMP training</li> <li>▪ Prescribers can successfully prescribe w/o querying the database, leading to potential in creased patient harm</li> <li>▪ There is currently no method in place to monitor prescriber access history</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
0408-O-08	<p><b><u>Annual Report Draft</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan on having the annual report done by the end of the month. Dr. Ortique expressed that he would like feedback from the committee. The committee will be given two weeks to give their feedback.</li> </ul>	Dr. Ortique
0408-O-09	<p><b><u>Next meeting Dates</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 19, 2025</li> <li>• December 9, 2025</li> <li>○ The next two meeting will be virtual.</li> </ul>	Dr. Ortique
0408-O-10	<p>Other news/highlights from Committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Hunt expressed that there is a lot of information that can be garnered from the PDMP. She expressed that it would be beneficial to have regular reports about certain medications and any other pertinent information</li> <li>• Dr. Hunt expressed that the data shared in the January LLDC summit was well received</li> </ul>	
Comments from the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No comment from the public</li> </ul>	
Motion to Adjourn the Open Session	<p>Madam Chair, I move that the Committee close the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motion carried: Dr. Justin Ortique</li> <li>○ Motion seconded: Dr. Tayiana Reed</li> <li>○ Roll call Vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr. Justin Ortique votes in favor of the motion</li> <li>▪ Ms. Sheri Doyle votes in favor of the motion</li> <li>▪ Dr. Sharon Hunt votes in favor of the motion</li> <li>▪ M. Kimberley Heine votes in favor of the motion</li> <li>▪ Dr. Tayiana Reed votes in favor of the motion</li> <li>▪ Dr. Careen-Joan Franklin votes in favor of the motion</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Motion carried</p>	Ms. Nixon



This concludes the meeting.  
**Meeting Adjourned at 10:49 am**

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