

East Regional Meeting

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Portland, Maine

Alliance of States with PMPs/Brandeis University

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Today's Presenter: Daniel J. Eccher, MPH

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States and Groups Represented

- Vermont
- Pennsylvania
- New York
- New Hampshire
(unofficially)
- Maryland
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Bureau of Justice
Assistance, Dept. of
Justice
- Brandeis University
- Alliance of States with
PMPs
- John Eadie Consulting
- Simeone & Associates

Vermont

- Data back to July 2008
- Vendor: HID
- Data available to clinicians starting in April 2009
- Concerns about confidentiality
- Threshold reporting – “unsolicited reports” – first batch this summer

Pennsylvania

- Law Enforcement focus – no clinician access
- Data collection began in 1972; became electronic in 2000
- C-II only
- Vendor: Atlantic Associates
- Very limited use because of state law – active case needed

New York

- C-II through C-IV
- 1 million prescriptions per month
- Electronic since 1999
- ASAP 2007 format started January 2009; transition took a full year
- Moving toward online access/reporting

New Hampshire/Maryland

- NH: no legislation
- Narrowly defeated in 2007
- Privacy and funding issues
- Strategies for demonstrating need discussed
- MD: Bill with law enforcement focus vetoed
- New bill from work group due Dec. 2009
- Methadone Support System – free advice available to prescribers

Maine

- New Medical Examiner access for cause of death determination
- Medicaid access also new
- Vendor: Goold Health Systems (GHS)
- Working on aggregate data online reporting tool for the public to use
- Epidemiological analyses by USM pending
- UMaine clinician survey results in; report pending
- Test MOU for PMIX exchange with KY/OH now in place

Massachusetts

- New regulations last year: *ASAP 2005/2007* conversion authorized
- Analysis of ME data in the works (epidemiological focus)
- Moving towards a web based reporting system
- Providing training

Ron Simeone/John Eadie

- Performance Measures evaluation presentation
- 5 & 5, 10 & 10, 15 & 15 thresholds too high?
- Authentication issues presentation
- Wide variation between states on authentication procedures for data requesters; possible hurdle to advancing interstate data exchange

Pharmacist Access to Data

- Several pharmacy chains do not allow access to the Internet and, therefore, online PMP databases
- Some chains allow access in some states but not in others - inconsistent
- Several areas of influence discussed: boards of pharmacy, corporations, insurers, federal agencies

Prescriber Education

- VT – conference on opioid prescribing
- MD – working with CSAT to develop online course on opioid prescribing
- NY – “It’s the law!” signs remind to tell your provider about all prescriptions you receive
- MA – Nat Katz’s guidelines on opioid use and how to talk with patients
- ME – working with Maine Medical Association and other professional associations

Funding

- NY – official prescription program fees
- ME – new access for Medicaid integrity unit – possible cost savings
- PA – AG budget
- MA – fees for state controlled substance registration

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