

Electronic Prescription Records System Workgroup

August 2, 2018

Meeting Summary

Key discussion items include:

- Alice Middleton of the Hilltop Institute and Kevin Borchert of the Nebraska Health Information Initiative presented on elements of the Nebraska Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP), the first in the nation to require reporting of all dispensed medication prescriptions as of January 1, 2018 (presentation slides available [here](#)). The presentation highlighted aspects related to implementation, funding, cost, reporting, and access. Preliminary results include a notable increase in data reported and queried since Nebraska mandated that all non-CDS prescriptions be reported. Lessons learned and future opportunities were also shared with the workgroup.
- The workgroup reviewed draft discussion items (version 2 available [here](#)), which included grids to map out key considerations for each as they relate to benefits, barriers, solutions, and challenges. The approach for using this framework was explained with the goal to narrow the focus and scope of discussions, identify discussion topics for future workgroup meetings, and guide the development of recommendations. Based on input from workgroup members, it was decided to organize key considerations based on the perspective of the patient, provider/prescriber, and dispenser).
- The workgroup reviewed discussion item 3, *Resource impact of mandated reporting*. Members identified a preliminary listing of potential benefits, including downstream effects that could improve patient safety, patient counseling, and medication reconciliation. Kate Jackson of the Maryland PDMP noted benefits of having diagnosis code if that information were included in the prescription data, and suggested the workgroup consider this in its deliberations.
- Discussions among the workgroup identified a need to consider reporting of medical cannabis and desirability to close the gap in missing information from hospitals and long-term and post-acute care settings, such as institutional pharmacies.
- *Action Items: Review the draft listing of workgroup discussion items and provide feedback on key considerations for each quadrant of the grid. The draft listing is available [here](#).*
- *Upcoming Meetings: The workgroup will convene again at MHCC offices on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm EDT. Refer to the workgroup [web page](#) for meeting dates and times through the end of this year.*