

Policy, Insurance, Incentives Work Group
January 3 Minutes

Next meeting: March 6, 3:00-4:30 (**no meeting Feb**), Rm 401 Cannon Health Building

Present:

Kevin Balter, St. Marks hospital
Carla Cook, Molina Health Care
Jerry Shields, Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield
Erin Johnson, Utah Health Department
Kevin Wyatt, Division of Insurance Fraud
Ken Benson, Division of Insurance Fraud

Presentation:

Kevin Wyatt from the Division of Insurance Fraud gave a fascinating presentation on Prescription Drug related cases he has worked on and the growing problem in Utah. His powerpoint will be available under "Other Resources" on the Policy Work Group page of our website as soon as DIF has approved it.

Additional Resource:

National Association of Drug Diversion Investigators (www.naddi.org)

Discussion:

1. A generic letter is available explaining why to support Representative Daw's bill on real-time reporting for the Controlled Substances Database (Thanks to Kevin Balter for his help writing it!). This letter can be found under "Other Resources" on the Policy Work Group page of our website.
 - a. Personalize the letter and then send it to anyone you know who should know about the bill.
 - b. Don't worry about duplicate letters arriving to the same person (sometimes it takes several letters before someone will act).
2. Jerry Shields will give the update for the Policy, Insurance, and Incentives Work Group at the Advisory Committee meeting on January 23rd.
 - a. If there are any specific things you think he should mention, send them to erjohnso@utah.gov
3. Ideas of what needs to be done simultaneously with the passage of the Real-time Bill in order to make sure the CSDB has improved use:
 - a. Continuing education credits: for pharmacists and docs with info on laws, CSDB, how to use & access CSDB
 - b. New docs need orientation on CSDB
 - c. Give access to ancillary staff
 - d. Add training on CSDB as part of the requirement for real-time
 - e. Send mailer to every licensed prescriber with news about database updates

Assignments:

1. Everyone: Send the support letter for the Bill on Real-time reporting out!
2. Everyone: Send any items you'd like mentioned regarding this Work Group in our update at the Advisory Committee to Erin.