

MINUTES
HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

- DATE:** Monday, January 28, 2013
- TIME:** 9:00 A.M.
- PLACE:** Room EW20
- MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood(27), Vice Chairman Perry, Representatives Hancey, Henderson, Hixon, Malek, Morse, Romrell, Vander Woude, Rusche, Chew
- ABSENT/
EXCUSED:** None.
- GUESTS:** Russell Westerberg, Rocky Mountain Power; Raeleen Wetson, Westerberg & Associates; Jen Visser, Gallatin Public Affairs; Elizabeth Criner, Pfizer; Kerry Ellen Elliott, Idaho Association of Counties/Idaho Public Health Districts.
- Chairman Wood(27)** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Perry** made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2013, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**
- RS 21820:** **Chairman Wood(27)** announced that **RS 21820** has been removed from the agenda at the request of the sponsor.
- H 16:** **Mark Johnston**, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, presented **H 16**. The Board of Pharmacy is required to maintain the state's Prescription Monitory Program (PMP) for data on dispensed controlled substances, collating it into patient profiles and making the data available to authorized users. The PMP identifies illegal activity and assists in avoiding the inappropriate use of controlled substances. This legislation assures pharmacists and prescribers can share information on the PMP report.
- Responding to questions, **Mr. Johnston** stated that they have been in contact with a software provider for the Indiana PMP, which is similar to the program envisioned for Idaho. Authorized users receiving the link would sign in and then be at the report page. There would be no private information displayed. The Board of Pharmacy has jurisdiction to provide the data, but it is up to the provider to make the final dispensing decision. Any dispensing abuse incidences would be referred to the licensing board. The provision to cooperate or not cooperate is provided to avoid calling attention to valid serious health care issues. Reports are sent to law enforcement when illegal activity, such as forgery, is identified. Mr. Johnston said that there are several available companies to develop the program, three of which already contract with the state. The hope is that one of three instate companies will be able to bid lower than the \$20,000 estimate and create the program.
- Rep. Rusche** provided an overview of the current information exchange methods between providers, which include phone calls and sticky notes at nurses desks. The new method is more secure and provides data to find drug seeking patients and where they are going in their search.

Mr. Johnston further responded to questions that data on any controlled substance dispensed in or into Idaho is collected from all prescribers, except veterinarians. The data base is just for controlled substances, so it would have questionable effectiveness for drug interaction issues, which the health data exchange system addresses.

Chairman Wood(27) stated that, as an Emergency Room Physician at a hospital located on a major Idaho interstate, he often encounters drug seeking behavior and people coming in to get prescriptions for resale on the black market, with high activity at night and on weekends. This is a major step forward in controlling this criminal activity and drug seeking behavior of our citizens.

MOTION: **Rep. Chew** made a motion to send **H 16** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation.

For the record, no one indicated their desire to testify.

VOTE ON MOTION: **Chairman Wood(27)** called for a vote on the motion to send **H 16** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote. Rep. Chew** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

ADJOURN: There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Representative Wood(27)
Chair

Irene Moore
Secretary