The sixth meeting of the Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee was called to order by Advisory Chair Tom Martinec at 11:00 a.m. (CST). The following members of the Advisory Committee were in attendance: Tom Martinec - Chair, Kristen Bunt, Maureen Deutscher, Margaret Hansen, Amy Hartman, Amy Iversen-Pollreisz, Steve Lee, Jon Schuchardt, Robert VanDemark, and Brian Zeeb. Advisory Committee members not in attendance were Sara DeCoteau, Chris Dietrich, Kari Shanard-Koenders and Senator Jim White.

Support staff in attendance included: Sharon Chontos, Melissa DeNoon, Amanda Nelson, Rachel Oelmann, Susan Sporrer, Laura Streich and Tiffany Wolfgang.

Guests included: Mark East (South Dakota State Medical Association), Danielle Hamann (Avera Health), Tyler Klatt (South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners), and Marty Link (South Dakota Department of Health).

**September 13, 2017 Minutes Approval.** The September 13, 2017 Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee minutes were approved via e-mail.

**PDMP Update.** Melissa DeNoon provided an update of the SD Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (SD PDMP). The prescriber mandated registration has been successful – 95% of required prescribers have access to PMP AWARxE versus 55% prior to the mandate. The pharmacist registration has been consistently strong since project launch. Pharmacist registration is currently at 86% of South Dakota pharmacists. Prescriber queries continue to outpace pharmacist queries with the average number of queries per month for January 2017 through October 2017 being 6,874 and 6,173, respectively.

Of the three major health systems in the state, one has integrated PDMP into their EMR. Funding remains to integrate one of the other systems; integration timeline to be determined in early 2018. Funding is pending for the third system integration.

Based on Senate Bill 4 (2017), the SD Board of Pharmacy will provide an annual report to the SD Legislature for the 2018 Legislative Session. Appriss Health, the PMP AWARxE or PDMP platform vendor, has increased the capacity for pulling data for reporting by adding Tableau to their package. The SD Board of Pharmacy will leverage this additional capacity to better understand data trends and inform key constituents. Melissa noted the third quarter 2017 report indicated opioid prescriptions were declining.

Through funding from DOH via the CDC, two enhancement packages are being purchased for SD’s PMP AWARxE platform, Clinical Alerts and Prescriber Reports. These enhancements will evolve the PDMP into more effective tool aiding practitioners in clinical decision making and positively impacting patient care.
The SD Board of Pharmacy has implemented a drug take-back program in collaboration with Assured Waste Solutions MedDrop Program. They have funding to implement 15 receptacles. To date, there are receptacles in Chamberlain and Milbank, and Webster, Pierre, Martin, De Smet, and Sioux Falls are the next planned sites.

**SDSMA Provider Education.** Mark East and Dr. Robert VanderMark, SD State Medical Association (SDSMA), provided an update on provider education on opioid prescribing, recognizing and treating opioid addiction, and PDMP history and operations. The SDSMA President, Dr. VanderMark, has conducted information sharing sessions with all of the twelve SDSMA districts. Dr. VanderMark and Mark feel that the sharing sessions are facilitating positive dialogue and are increasing awareness of opioid prescribing rates statewide among physicians.

Formal education content is being refined and will be finalized early 2018. SDSMA recently launched content on its webpage (www.sdsma.org/web/Rx_Drug_Abuse) specific to providers and patients as part of its contracted work with DOH.

Mark acknowledged Melissa DeNoon, SD Board of Pharmacy, and Tiffany Wolfgang, SD Department of Social Services, for providing resources for the webpage and education content.

**Naloxone Distribution Project.** Marty Link, SD Department of Health provided an update on the emergency crisis response through naloxone distribution funded by the State Targeted Response grant. Twenty-six (26) trainings sessions in eight regions across the state have been held to date. Sessions are designed as train-the-trainer, so those attending the DOH-hosted sessions will be training within their home communities. As of the end of November, 430 individuals in the state have been trained. Individuals trained include emergency response personnel, police, sheriff’s offices, Department of Correction personnel, DCI agents, and BIA representatives. The training feedback has been positive to date. The Naloxone/Narcan is being distributed to individuals/offices as they attend the training, and a reorder mechanism is in place. DOH is the lead on this project via funding through DSS from the State Targeted Response grant.

**Dashboard.** Amanda Nelson, SD Department of Health (DOH), explained the collaboration between DOH and SD Department of Social Services (DSS) to develop a statewide dashboard to monitor prescription opioid trends. The five primary measures at this time include:

1. Drug related deaths including all drugs and opioid only (SD Vital statistics (primary cause only))
2. Hospitalization/ER visits due to drug-related causes cross-tabulated by patient gender and age (SD Association of Healthcare Organizations)
3. Number of opioid prescriptions filled and prescriptions per day (SD PDMP)
4. Number of people seeking treatment for opioid use disorder (DSS STARS database)
5. Rates of opioid misuse (National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH))

The goal is to issue print-based one pager to inform legislative session dialogue in January 2018, followed by integration into the DOH web content. DOH has purchased Tableau to facilitate data visualization via its DDPI funding.
**Media Campaign.** Laura Streich, SD DOH, reported a joint DOH/DSS RFP for media/public awareness was issued 12/4 seeking content design and media campaign partner(s). Efforts will be supported by both the DSS SAMHSA STR-Opioid grant and DOH CDC DDPI grant. Interim funding through DOH is being leveraged to launch a small media buy mid-January 2018, using CDC-developed media campaign materials.

**SAMHSA STR-Opioid Grant Update.** Tiffany Wolfgang, SD DSS, reported that in addition to the updates above, the following efforts are in progress:

*Prevention.* The three Prevention Resource Centers were contracted dollars from the State Targeted Response grant conduct town hall presentations and deliver opioid awareness education to youth across the state. To facilitate these, each of the PRCs issued mini-grants to some of their affiliated community coalitions. A total of 14 mini-grants were issued. In addition to this work, materials/videos targeted to Native Americans will be developed in collaboration with a to-be-selected partner (RFP draft is complete pending final leadership review; anticipate issuance in December).

*Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT).* A RFP is in progress for technical assistance, implementation plan development, and supporting training services.

*teleECHO.* A RFP is in progress (in alignment with MAT efforts) to increase professional competency, case management, and case staffing through teleECHO.

*Treatment Education.* Preliminary plans are to move forward with a learning collaborative model with capstone in-person training in conjunction with the annual South Dakota Addiction and Prevention Professionals Conference in September 2018. Other conference venues will be leveraged through the learning collaborative as they are identified. Education is focused on addiction professionals within the communities across South Dakota.

*Call Center.* A RFP was developed and issued seeking a partner to provide enhanced recovery support through call center expansion/enhancement of services, including one- and two-way texting services. RFP selection is anticipated early part of 2018.

SD DSS was recently notified the second year of funding for the SAMHSA STR grant has been approved.

**2018 Legislative Session.** SD DOH and SD DSS will offer to provide legislators with an update of the implementation progress of the SD Opioid Road Map objectives during the upcoming legislative session. Kristen Bunt, SDAHO, noted there may be some legislative activity regarding prescription opioids. SDAHO and SD DOH will monitor and report back to this Committee.

**Closing Remarks.** The Opioid Abuse Advisory Committee recognized Representative Craig Tieszen for his contributions to the State of South Dakota and specifically to this Committee.

Sharon Chontos, facilitator, will reach out to the Committee members and support staff to schedule the next meeting in 2018. In the interim, contact Tom Martinec or Sharon with questions or concerns.