



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

Tentative Agenda of Storage and Disposal Workgoup Meeting Executive Order 29 Governor's Taskforce on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse

December 4, 2014
10AM

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- Welcome, *Chief Rick Clark, Jr. and Caroline Juran, RPh, co-chairs*
- Public Comment
- Approval of Minutes 1-2
- Review of Recommendations 3-7
 - Identify short-term actionable items
 - Policy or legislative recommendations
 - Identify long-term actionable items
 - Policy or legislative recommendations
- Discussion of presentation to full Task Force - December 16, 2014
- Adjournment

Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug and Heroin Abuse

Storage and Disposal Workgroup

**Meeting One,
November 12, 2014**

In attendance:

Co- Chair: Rick Clark, Chief of Police- Galax

Co- Chair: Caroline Juran, Executive Director- VA Board of Pharmacy

Staff: Teresa Gooch, Department of Criminal Justice Services

Delegate M. Keith Hodges, Virginia House of Delegates

Joe Flores, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Resources

Cynthia Hudson, Office of the Attorney General

Kevin Carroll, Virginia Fraternal Order of Police

Karl Coder, Drug Enforcement Agency

Amy Woods, HCA Healthcare

Deborah DeBiasi, Department of Environmental Quality

Kristina Morris, Department of Health

Scott Gordon, Chesterfield Police Department (Attending on behalf of Regina Whitsett-
Chesterfield SAFE)

Regina Sayers, Appalachian Agency for Senior Citizens

Kathy Sullivan, Blue Ridge Behavioral Healthcare

Sam Catron, 622 North

Welcome & Introductions

Overview- Caroline Juran: (attached powerpoint)

- **Workgroup mission:** To advance effective solutions that lead to safe storage and proper disposal of potentially dangerous prescription drugs (Slide 1)

Workgroup Objectives:

- Drop Boxes:
 - Increase the number of drug boxes or mail back programs throughout the Commonwealth.
 - Develop and maintain a locator map and marketing effort

- Need to explore: new federal regulations, box and disposal security, how to obtain, maintain, and transfer, optimal locations for convenience, costs of acquiring and disposing, mobile incinerators
- Take-Back Events
 - Encourage more events
 - Need to explore: Guidance for LE, destruction methods
- Education, Awareness, and Marketing:
 - Importance of proper storage and disposal of prescription drugs
 - Promotion of drop boxes and take-back events
 - Need to explore: utilizing pharmacists, hospitals, and doctors to educate, PSA's (DEA), pamphlets, promotional items

Meeting Adjourned- Next meeting TBD in Charlottesville.

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 29

WORKGROUP: STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

EO or Workgroup identified issue area	Recommendation	Action Steps	Fiscal Impact	Responsible Party	Deadline
Advance effective solutions that lead to safe storage and proper disposal of potentially dangerous prescription drugs.	1. Increase opportunities for patients to dispose of unwanted/unused drugs via drug take-back events <i>within the community</i> .				
	A) Increase awareness with law enforcement of the importance of holding or assisting drug take-back events.	1) Communicate with Virginia Sheriffs' Association, Virginia State Police, and Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police to encourage them to sponsor or assist with take-back events.	<i>Determine cost for marketing, staffing, holding take-back program, and destruction of drugs</i>		
		2) Provide list of resources – state web page on drug abuse and drug disposal options, list of approved incinerators for disposal, diversion information, links to DEA and other Diversion Prevention groups, Poison Control, Governors Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP); provide relevant links, e.g., The Partnership at Drugfree.org, SAAVY Initiative; develop mechanism to send notifications via social media to reach teens.	<i>Identify funding resources and/or opportunities for reducing costs</i>		
		3) Provide resources to help law enforcement properly dispose of evidentiary drugs that are no longer needed. Encourage law enforcement to develop guidance and training for their staff.			
		4) Encourage presentations by law enforcement that held successful take-back events to share lessons learned.			

	<p>B) Increase awareness with large groups that could benefit from a partnership with law enforcement to hold drug-take back events. Health care providers, communities, (public utilities, civic organizations, environmental organizations) long term care facilities, hospice programs, and funeral homes to partner with law enforcement to hold drug take-back events.</p>	<p>1) Reach out to health care providers to provide information to patients on how to properly dispose of unwanted drugs and to provide guidance on hosting a drug-take back event. This could include medical centers, LTC facilities, hospice programs, funeral homes, veterinary offices, poison control centers, etc. Work with EPA and DEA to identify and address obstacles potentially created by the Resource Recovery and Conservation Act (RCRA) for residents in LTC facilities to dispose of drugs via take-back events</p>			
		<p>2) Communicate with associations representing government groups, religious groups, schools, colleges, communities, AARP, public utilities, and environmental organizations to inform them of take-back events and how to hold them, provide OAG's guidance for hosting a take-back event, provide links to helpful resources. Find PSA's on the problems associated with diversion <i>and prescription drug/heroin abuse</i> , and make them available to the groups who want to hold a take-back event. Suggest combining collection events in communities with recycling day; recommend use of news media, community organizations, and schools to promote event.</p>			

	C) Increase awareness and identify resources for the public regarding the importance of proper storage and responsible drug disposal.	1) Encourage funeral homes, hospitals, and long term care facilities to educate families of decedents about take-back events and importance of proper disposal of drugs.			
		2) Develop online resource page for any person or entity to learn about prescription drug abuse and importance of proper disposal of drugs. This could be done through the GOSAP; provide relevant links, e.g., The Partnership at Drugfree.org, SAAVY Initiative; develop mechanism to send notifications via social media to reach teens	<i>Cost associated with technical assistance in developing and maintaining website</i>		
	D) Promote the development of a mechanism for alerting the public of drug disposal opportunities and upcoming drug collection events.	1) Within the developed online resource page, build in “locator” search capability to identify upcoming take-back events throughout Virginia. Encourage hosts of events to post event information on resource page.	<i>Cost associated with technical assistance in developing locator search capability and maintaining website</i>		
		2) Encourage community organizations and schools to promote upcoming local take-back events.			
		3) Notify media of upcoming events.			
	E) Identify any financial assistance available for programs.	1) Identify organizations, corporations, and businesses who might subsidize part of costs as service to community.			
		2) Offer Governor recognition of corporation and individual involvement.			

	F) Review OAG’s document, “Hosting a Successful Prescription Drug Take-Back Event” for possible revisions to best practices.	1) Encourage participating groups who initially developed the document to review for possible revisions			
	G) Explore feasibility of mobile incinerators	1) Identify legal and financial constraints	<i>Cost of mobile incinerator and trained operator</i>		
	2. Increase opportunities for patients to dispose of unwanted/unused drugs via drug collection sites <i>within law enforcement agencies</i> .				
	A) Increase number of law enforcement agencies participating as drug collection sites.	1) Contact Washington state and NADDI to learn of collection site best practices and costs.	<i>Determine cost for collection boxes and destruction</i>		
		2) Identify any currently participating law enforcement agencies in Virginia, identify best practices and costs.	<i>Identify funding resources and/or opportunities for reducing costs</i>		
		3) Communicate best practices and projected costs with law enforcement agencies and encourage participation.			

	3. Increase opportunities for patients to dispose of unwanted/unused drugs via pharmacy-sponsored mail back programs and collection boxes provided by pharmacies pursuant to DEA's rules.				
	A) Determine if state rules must first be promulgated to support federal rules for pharmacies utilizing mail back programs and installing collection boxes	1) Request legal guidance to determine if Board of Pharmacy must first promulgate regulations			
	B) Increase number of pharmacies offering mail back programs or installing collection boxes	1) Determine process for receiving, storing, transferring, and disposing of drugs	<i>Identify funding resources and/or opportunities for reducing costs</i>		
		2) Identify potential security concerns for collection site/patient and means of mitigating risk			
		3) Identify potential locations and increase their awareness of importance of providing disposal opportunities and process for implementing			
	4. Determine preferred methods for disposing of unwanted/unneeded drugs				
	A) Determine what impact federal disposal rules may have on existing drug disposal/take-back programs	1) Develop a guidance document explaining the various methods for consumer disposal to assist localities in determining the feasibility of each disposal method			