

## **Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse**

August 24, 2017  
Minutes

The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse met on August 24, 2017 at 2:00 PM, EST in the Indiana State Government Center South Building, 402 W. Washington Street, Conference Rooms B & C

**Present:** Governor Eric Holcomb, Chairman Jim McClelland; Dr. Jerome Adams; Honorable Mary Beth Bonaventura; Superintendent Doug Carter; Commissioner Rob Carter; Mr. Daniel Evans; Director Deborah Frye; Mr. Aaron Negangard (Attorney General Designee); Deputy General Counsel Sharon Jackson; Director Larry Landis; Mark Keen, Department of Education; Senator Jim Merritt; Director David Murtaugh; Representative Matt Pierce; Director David Powell; Mr. Jacob Sipe; Mr. Micah Vincent; Dr. Jennifer Walthall; Representative Cincy Ziemke  
**Absent:** Senator Greg Taylor

### **Call to Order**

### **Jim McClelland, Chairman**

Chairman McClelland called to order the third Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse at 2:00 p.m. with all members approving minutes from the May 2017 meeting.

### **The Face of Recovery**

### **Brandon George**

Mr. George a personal testimonial on his road to recovery. He commended the Governor for signing the Ban the Box legislation and spoke about a need to change the stigma around medicated assisted treatment.

### **INSPECT Announcement**

### **Governor Eric J. Holcomb**

Governor Holcomb thanked members of the commission for their leadership and efforts to fight the opioid epidemic. He mentioned that their work is what it will take to implement comprehensive actions to combat substance use disorder community by community in Indiana. The Governor thanked Chairman McClelland for connecting and coordinating efforts around the state. He announced that Indiana will become the 7<sup>th</sup> state to join a statewide integration project with no cost to the healthcare facility or the individual provider.

INSPECT, the Appriss Health technology, will provide:

- One-click access to important patient information
- Up-to-date and efficient access to data
- Better information and education for patients
- Reduction of the misuse of prescription drugs
- Improved patient care

Governor Holcomb proceeded to thank Senators Charbonneau, Crider, Houchin and Merritt, and Representatives Kirchhofer, Pierce and Ziemke for their work in the legislature.

### **Deborah Frye, Professional Licensing Agency**

Director Deborah Frye gave details regarding INSPECT. She thanked Governor Holcomb and the commission for their leadership. Director Frye explored the history of the INSPECT PDMP system and the process of integration to this point. She explained the great benefits of using

INSPECT to improve patient safety and improve communication between the physician, patient and pharmacist. Director Frye explained the 3 year integration initiative funded by the state.

**Senator Erin Houchin**

Senator Houchin emphasized the effect of the drug epidemic in Indiana and across the country. She said we must crack down in every way possible, including decreasing our prescribing rates. Then she noted Indiana has the 8<sup>th</sup> highest prescribing rate and would greatly benefit from this integration. Sen. Houchin explained how INSPECT will allow doctors to check a patient's history and allow them to lead the effort in reigning in our prescription rates. She mentioned that her colleagues in the General Assembly will continue to work with Gov. Holcomb to make INSPECT as seamless as possible.

**Gina Huhnke, MD, Deaconess Hospital**

Dr. Huhnke said she is happy Deaconess can partner with the state to be pilot site for the integration of INSPECT. She reports that Deaconess operates 8 Inpatient locations, employs 617 providers, and treats over 100,000 patients in the ER per year. Dr. Huhnke said it's a huge benefit to patient safety and opens up a positive conversation. Furthermore, she mentioned the pilot program has increased access to information and has led to better identification of patients at risk.

**Presentation of Sagamore of the Wabash Award**

**Governor Eric J. Holcomb**

Gov. Holcomb presented Dr. Jerome Adams with the Sagamore award for his service to the State of Indiana as he begins his new position as the 20<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States. Dr. Adams accepted the award graciously and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve as the State Health Commissioner.

**Chairman McClelland called for a 10 minute break.**

**IHA Presentation**

**Brian Tabor, President, Indiana Hospital Association  
Kaitlyn Boller, Policy Analyst, IHA**

Brian Tabor and Kaitlyn Boller presented on the IHA's efforts to combat the opioid epidemic. They shared information on their substance abuse toolkit, and the importance of having prescribing guidelines and easy access to treatment. Mr. Tabor noted that staff education plays a big role in addressing substance abuse. Then, they outlined their work to engage in the community and gave the history of prescribing guidelines.

**Status Report of RFPs and Pilot Programs**

**Kevin Moore, Division of Mental Health and Addiction**

Director Kevin Moore reported on the 2017 legislation and the outcomes of the Recovery Works program. He then detailed the progress DMHA is making with the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures grant funding. Lastly, Director Moore explained the current state of inpatient and outpatient facilities around the state.

**ICJI Report**

**David Murtaugh, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute**

Executive Director David Murtaugh gave a report on ICJI's initiatives through the LCC's in local communities. He described the LCC's role in prevention efforts and stated that children can

aid in changing the culture of substance abuse. Executive Director Murtaugh also mentioned that ICJI and ISP partnered together to create a comprehensive guide of state resources for law enforcement and those people who are looking for help.

### **IPAC Presentation**

### **Dave Powell, Executive Director, IPAC**

Executive Director Dave Powell offered a presentation on the importance of enforcement as we look to solve the issues of not just the opioid crisis, but the drug crisis. He mentioned the rising dangers of the effects and the classifications of synthetic cannabinoids, cathinones, opioids, and another drug made to mimic LSD. Executive Director Powell presented a proposal to allow synthetic drugs to be penalized the same as Schedule I controlled substances and described the impact of the current penalty system. The last portion of his presentation focused on stopping the movement to legalize any form of marijuana, both medical and recreational. Further adding that he anticipates further legislation to be proposed and that major public health organizations have come out against legalization efforts. He concluded by outlining the harmful effects of marijuana use and hoping that the commission take a position on this issue.

### **Discussion**

Mr. Negangard asked if it would be appropriate for the commission to have a committee analyze the issues within Executive Director Powell's presentation. Mr. Negangard also voiced concerns about lengths of sentences and underage marijuana usage. Judge Bonaventura thanked Executive Director David Powell for his presentation. Mr. Negangard offered hope that the commission would be willing to take a stance on marijuana prior to the legislative session. Chairman McClelland said that there will be much more discussion on the topic and that there is a lot more to learn and digest.

### **Other Business**

Chairman McClelland directed members of the commission to focus their attention on a letter from the CDC. He noted that the CDC sent the letter to clarify the results of the recent study of syringe exchange programs published in the Task Force's Final Report in the fall of 2016. The letter states that the results were mischaracterized as evidence that the syringe exchange programs led to increased drug use. The Chairman asked for this to be noted in the minutes and said the CDC recommended revising the error in the report and consider adding their letter to the Final Report.

### **Meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.**

Next meeting November 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.