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Prescription Monitoring Bill Wins Support in Oklahoma House

The Red Rock SPF-SIG Program would like to educate the community on House Bill 1948 that has passed the House and how it is related to the prevention of opiate overdose. The Oklahoma House has approved prescription drug monitoring legislation, which is one of Gov. Mary Fallin's top priorities for the 2015 Legislature. In Fallin's State of the State speech, she called on lawmakers to pass a prescription drug monitoring bill that cracks down on "doctor shopping" and ensures that narcotics are not being prescribed to addicts.

According to the OBN website, the goal of the State of Oklahoma is to reduce prescription fraud, substance abuse, "doctor shopping", and other illegal activity related to pharmaceutical drug diversion. The Bureau works in partnership with pharmacies, practitioners and other health care professionals throughout Oklahoma to reduce prescription drug abuse. The PMP system provides secure access to OBN registrants, including pharmacies and practitioners who are in good standing. Regulatory and law enforcement agencies may also access the system. The PMP application provides continuity between practitioners, pharmacies, and state law enforcement to help prevent prescription fraud in Oklahoma.

Prescription drug abuse is the fastest growing drug problem facing America today. Prescription painkillers have been identified as a gateway drug to heroin abuse. According to the Oklahoma State Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the State of Oklahoma ranks ninth in the nation for deaths involving prescription painkillers. It also is one of the nation's leading states for prescription painkiller sales per person. Oklahoma adults in the age range of 35 to 54-years old claim the highest death rate for prescription-related deaths by overdose, with the most commonly involved prescription drugs being OxyCodone (Oxys), Hydrocodone (Hydros), and Alprazolam (Xanax).

One way to help decrease prescription sharing is to properly dispose of your unwanted or expired medications through the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) drop boxes.

Events Calendar

- March 10-Canadian County Coalition @12:00 at Youth and Family Services
- March 24- MPACT @12:00 at Mustang Methodist Church
- March 26-Yu-Can Coalition @ 8:00 am. At the Yukon Administration Building
- March 31-SPF Coalition @ 12:00 at Red Rock BHS in El Reno



Prescription drug package, Alprazolam (Xanax), Wednesday, March 26, 2014. Photo by Doug Hoke, The Oklahoman



Prescription Drop Boxes

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Helpful Websites

- * www.RedRockRPC.com
- * www.Drugfree.org
- * www.Ok.gov/odmhas
- * www.ok.gov/obndd
- * <http://takeasprescribed.org/>
- * <http://cc-han.com/>
- * www.facebook.com/redrockrpc



Canadian County Sheriff's Office

208 West Rodgers
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036
405-422-3187

Mustang Police Department

650 E. State Highway 152
Mustang, Oklahoma 73064
405-376-2488

Yukon Police Department

100 S. Ranchwood Blvd.
Yukon, Oklahoma 73099
405-354-1711

Piedmont Police Department

400 Edmond Road NW
Piedmont, Oklahoma 73078
405-373-1334



Prescription Sharing

Prescription drug overdose death rates have been increasing rapidly over the past decade; the misuse and abuse of prescription painkillers was responsible for more than 475,000 emergency department visits in 2009. There are stories from around the nation of people dying from overdoses on prescription pain medications. In 2008 more than 36,000 people died from drug overdoses and according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) 100 people die from drug overdoses every day in the United States. Although a variety of prescription drugs are abused, prescription painkillers (opioid painkillers) cause three out of four overdose deaths. Oklahoma is not excluded from the prescription overdose epidemic and in 2008 15.8 people per 100,00 experienced a drug overdose in Oklahoma.

It is important to understand the dangers of prescription drug misuse and prescription sharing to prevent

overdoses in the community you live in. Here are some steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones. Never take a prescription drug that is not prescribed for you, or share your prescription with a friend or family member. There are a variety of precautions that Doctors take to prescribe medicine responsibly, what may be safe for you could be harmful to someone else. Store your prescription medicine in safe places or in boxes that can be locked. This will eliminate the possibility of your child or teenager taking your prescription medication. Lastly, dispose of your prescription medication appropriately by using the prescription drop boxes located throughout Canadian County. If you no longer need the medicine a way to safe guard against prescription drug misuse is to dispose of the unwanted medicine in a prescription drug drop box. Canadian County prescription drop

boxes continue to show they are successful in helping community members appropriately dispose of their unused prescription medicines. The appropriate disposal of prescription medication can reduce the occurrence of drugs being used non-medically and also keeps them out of our water systems. The drop boxes allow community members to dispose of their medications safely and anonymously. **There are four drop boxes in Canadian County located at the Sheriff's Department in El Reno, Mustang Police Department, Yukon Police Department, and the newest location Piedmont Police Department.** For more information on the prescription drop-off boxes or other locations, please contact OBN at <http://www.ok.gov/obndd/> or for more information on the appropriate disposal of prescription drugs or other substance abuse prevention strategies within Canadian County please contact Red Rock Regional Prevention Coordinator, Michelle Bugg at 1-405-422-8873.

