

# NASCSA NEWS

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## NASCSA Hosts First Ever Webinar on Pseudoephedrine "White Paper"

On June 12, 2012 NASCSA, in conjunction with the University of Kentucky, School of Pharmacy, hosted a webinar to present its "White Paper" entitled "The Impact of State Laws Regulating Pseudoephedrine on Methamphetamine Tracking & Abuse" The webinar featured a presentation by Trish Freeman, PharmD and Jeffrey Talbot, PharmD from the University of Kentucky, to present their findings on the impact of state and federal laws and regulations on pseudoephedrine and methamphetamine trafficking and abuse. The webinar generated a large number of questions from participants and a lively discussion of the findings. The "White Paper" was the first commissioned by NASCSA on behalf of its members. A copy of the "White Paper" is found here. A copy of the presentation is found [here](#).

## Executive Committee Holds Midyear Meeting

Officers and members of the NASCSA Executive Committee met in Boston June 2-3, 2012 to conduct business and strategic planning on behalf of the organization. A more detailed description of the midyear meeting will be presented at the annual conference, however some of the major items discussed included:

- Preliminary discussion of an updated strategic plan for the organization;
- Discussion of potential resolutions at the annual conference;
- Program planning for the annual conference;
- Approval of future conference locations - 2013 conference (Oct. 22-25) at the Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri and 2014 conference (Oct. 21-23) at the Savannah Desoto Hilton in Savannah, Georgia;
- Approval of the purchase of LCD projectors

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## State Regulatory Developments

State Regulatory Developments is a monthly compilation by NASCSA of state regulatory actions related to pharmacy and controlled substances. State Regulatory Developments is located on the website [www.nascsa.org](http://www.nascsa.org) under "News."

## We Want to Hear From You?

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## Don't Forget - Dues Renewal Time

- for use at the conference;
- Approval of the purchase of items to promote NASCSA's new logo;
  - Future "White Papers"; and
  - Committee reports

## Second Round of PDMP Grants Awarded by NASCSA

NASCSA is pleased to announce that a second round of grants have been awarded as part of its 2012 Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) grants. Delaware, Michigan, North Dakota and Ohio were all awarded grants as part of the second round of funding provided this fiscal year by Purdue Pharma, LP to assist states with funding PDMPs for the purpose of operating and expanding such programs, and promoting the ability of state PDMPs to address the abuse and diversion of controlled substances. All PDMP grant awardees will be presenting information about their projects at the annual conference.

## NASCSA Committee News

NASCSA's committees have been working throughout the winter and spring on a variety of activities to serve our members. Following is a brief summary of activities of the various committees. For a complete list of committee members click [here](#).

**Membership** - The committee has established travel scholarship criteria to attend this year's conference and has already posted the application/materials so please make sure to apply. The committee will be reviewing applications and make its recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval next month. The committee will be working on a policy for placement of appropriate links on the website and will also be discussing the potential of creating a subject matter expert listing for members and others.

**Special Projects** - The committee evaluated a record number of applications for the 2012 PDMP grants, and will now be overseeing the submission of periodic spending plans/reports required of each state. The committee will ensure that helpful information about the respective projects will be presented in displays and/or presentations at this year's annual conference.

**Survey/Data** - The committee is overseeing the

As a small nonprofit organization, NASCSA relies on dues from its members to help support its operations and to continue to provide valuable services to our members. Please note that in order for states to be eligible for full participation in the organization, including voting, running for office, travel scholarships and our Prescription Drug Monitoring Program grant program, dues must be paid in full. application. Dues statements for this year (July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013) should have been received. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the office. If you need to update any information, please make sure to complete the membership

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periodic update of the "state profiles" page and is also conducting a survey of states related to the issuance of state controlled substances registrations for ultimate publication. A compiled final report summarizing the results will be available this fall. Please feel free to submit any ideas you might have for future surveys as the organization moves to fulfill its mission of becoming the central repository of information related to controlled substances on behalf of its members.

**Resolutions/Bylaws** - The committee has begun its work in identifying potential topics for consideration as resolutions to be presented at the annual conference. In addition, the committee will be reviewing procedures to ensure that the voting process for election of officers and Executive Committee Members and the operation of the business sessions are clear and transparent. Thus far, the committee has not identified any needed changes to the bylaws, however members are encouraged to review the bylaws and offer any suggested changes for consideration. A copy of the bylaws is found [here](#).

**Logo** - After nearly a year's efforts, the committee (with approval of the membership at the annual conference) finalized the NASCSA logo. Members will begin to see the incorporation of the new logo in a variety of materials over the coming months.

**Policies and Procedures** - Over the past year the committee has been working to ensure that a Policy & Procedures document is created in order to ensure that office operations are documented. It is expected this document will be finalized later this summer.

**Program** - The committee began work on this year's conference almost immediately after last year's successful program and is putting the finishing touches on the program to ensure that the most timely and pertinent topics are presented at the 2012 conference. The committee reviewed all comments from 2011 conference attendees and took them into account in designing the program. The program should be posted on the website next month.

### **From the States**

**New Hampshire** - New Hampshire became the 49th state to adopt legislation calling for the establishment of a Prescription Drug Monitoring

Program this week when Governor John Lynch signed the bill into law last week. For coverage of the bill click [here](#).

**Kentucky** - A new [law](#) in Kentucky bans entire classes of synthetic drugs, with the broader language intended to prevent producers from developing new formulation of products marketed as "bath salts" and "incense." Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear stated that the "measure will curtail underground chemists from tweaking a formula to get around a ban on a specific chemical substance and will go a long way toward protecting our communities and our families." Under the new law, offenders can be fined an amount double to the gain they would have made by selling the products. The law also "extends seizure and forfeiture laws to retailers who sell the items, makes sales a felony for a second or subsequent offense, and makes simple possession a misdemeanor" as indicated in the [press release](#) from Governor Beshear's office.

**New York** - New York state officials and lawmakers reached an agreement to strengthen the state's online prescription drug tracking system. A copy of the legislation is found [here](#).

#### Congress/FDA Examines Reclassifying Hydrocodone as Schedule II Controlled Substance

Aimed to help combat prescription drug abuse, an amendment to the FDA Safety and Innovation Act that would reclassify hydrocodone as a Schedule II controlled substance passed in the US Senate last month. The amendment is now with the US House of Representatives. In addition, advisors to the Food and Drug Administration will meet in October to discuss the risks and benefits of hydrocodone medications. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has been taking a closer look at rules for hydrocodone products since 1999. U.S. Senate legislation related to FDA user fees, S. 3187, passed May 24 with a provision to restrict access to hydrocodone drugs. A version passed by the House of Representatives, H.R. 5156, does not contain any such language. The two chambers are working out the differences in the bills. The FDA meeting notice is found [here](#).

#### News of Note

A number of NASCSA members are actively involved with the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) and received awards or were nominated to positions at the 108th annual meeting of NABP. Mark Johnston, RPh, executive director of the Idaho

State Board of Pharmacy, was elected to a three-year member term on the board of NABP. **Malcolm J. Broussard**, RPh, executive director of the Louisiana Board of Pharmacy, assumed the position of chairperson of the Executive Committee. In addition, the following members are continuing to fulfill their terms on the 2012-2013 NABP Executive Committee: **Lloyd K. Jessen**, JD, RPh, executive director of the Iowa Board of Pharmacy; and **Hal Wand**, MBA, RPh, executive director of the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy

NABP also honored leaders in the protection of public health at the 108th Annual Meeting. Each year, the Association presents awards to individuals who have worked with unwavering dedication to ensure NABP's continued service to the regulation of pharmacy practice and its efforts to assist the state boards of pharmacy in protecting the public health. Those honored leaders include 2012 Honorary President **Keith W. Macdonald**, RPh; 2011-2012 NABP President Malcolm J. Broussard, RPh; the 2012 John F. Atkinson Service Award recipient **Danna E. Droz**, JD, RPh.

## 2012 National Drug Control Strategy Focuses on Preventing Prescription Drug Abuse

The White House 2012 [National Drug Control Strategy](#) continues the administration's focus on substance abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery, including the prevention of prescription drug abuse. As noted in the White House [executive summary](#), the strategy includes continued efforts to address the prescription drug abuse problem designated as an epidemic by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Further, the strategy indicates that the "Administration has established a bold five-year goal - a 15 percent reduction in non-medical use of prescription-type psychotherapeutic drugs in the past year among people 12 years of age and older." In addition, the 2012 strategy provides a review of the progress made over the past three years, and presents the administration's "continuing efforts to reform, rebalance, and renew our national drug control policy to address the public health and safety challenges of the 21st century."

## Did You Know About NASCSA's Forum?

Members are encouraged to take advantage of the "Forum" site for members and others interested in a variety of topics related to controlled substances, prescription monitoring programs, trends, legislation and other issues. The Forum, located at <http://forum.nascsa.org> is also accessible from the main website [www.nascsa.org](http://www.nascsa.org).

The Forum requires a one-time initial registration to create a user name and password in order to post or subscribe and is moderated by volunteers. NASCSA has initially limited the number of "forums" included, however if you would like to suggest a new forum subject please send your suggestion to [KathyKeough@nascsa.org](mailto:KathyKeough@nascsa.org). Detailed instructions on how to use the Forum are also included on the site.

We hope you have enjoyed our latest edition of NASCSA News. This electronic newsletter is sent periodically to update and inform members and other interested parties of matters that may be of interest. If you have news items to share or other information that may be helpful to our members, please forward to me.

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