National Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities

October 26-29, 2026

Holiday Inn By-the-Bay
88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine 04101

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2026	
3-5 p.m. Lobby	**Registration Desk Open**
4-6 p.m. Somerset Meeting Room	**NASCSA Executive Committee (open to all)**
Monday, Oct. 26, 2026	
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lobby	**Registration Desk Open**
7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Lobby	**Exhibit Area Open**
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Welcoming Remarks** • Eric Griffin, President, NASCSA, Ohio Board of Pharmacy • Bradley Hamilton, member and past president, Maine Board of Pharmacy, Past President, and current chairperson, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) of the Executive Committee
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Welcome from the State of Maine** • **Gordon H. Smith, Esq. Director of Opioid Response, State of Maine**
8:45 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Keynote Speaker** **Joseph Palamar, PhD, MPH, Professor, Department of Population Health, New York University Langone Health** Dr. Joseph Palamar is a Professor of Population Health at NYU Langone Health and Deputy Director of the National Drug Early Warning System (NDEWS). He has authored over 250 papers focusing on the epidemiology of drug use with a particular focus on new psychoactive substances and party drugs. He monitors drug trends and the emergence of new drugs based on data from surveys, poisonings, deaths, and drug seizures. He has received multiple-funded research grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse and commonly discusses new drug trends in the news to disseminate information as widely as possible.
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**PDMP Topic – State Advancements in Pharmacist Prescriptive Authority** **Presenters:** • Justin Wipf, Program Analyst, Colorado Prescription Drug Monitoring Program • Wendy Muir, Program Information Coordinator, Idaho Board of Pharmacy • Maggie Phelps, Program Director, Iowa Prescription Drug Monitoring Program • Mark Hardy, Executive Director, North Dakota Board of Pharmacy • Michael VanWagenen, Director, New Mexico Prescription Drug Monitoring Program
10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Lobby	**NETWORKING BREAK**

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Rescheduling Marijuana – What Does it Really Mean?** **Moderator:** Stella Bailey, Assistant Director for Controlled Substances, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services **Presenters:** • John J. Mulrooney, II, Former Drug Enforcement Administration Administrative Law Judge Partner, Belanger, Rae & Mullronney, PLLC) • Gillian Schauer, Executive Director, Cannabis Regulators Association
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.	**Lunch (on your own)**
1:15-2 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**NASCSA Business Meeting** • Alan McGill, Chair, NASCSA, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General • Eric Griffin, President, NASCSA, Ohio Board of Pharmacy
2-3:15 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Lessons Learned from Telemedicine and Controlled Substances (panel)** **Moderator: Scott Brinks, Founder and Chief Consultant, Brinks DEA Consulting** • Heather Achbach, Section Chief, Office of Diversion Control, US Drug Enforcement Administration • Greg Aul, Unit Chief, Office of Diversion Control, US Drug Enforcement Administration • Kyle Zebley, Chief Executive Officer, American Telehealth Association • Andrew Funk, Director of Member Relations and Government Affairs, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
3:15 – 3:30 p.m. Lobby	**Networking Break**
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**The Illicit Drug Landscape and the Response Strategy for Rural Maine** • Scott Gosselin, Drug Intelligence Officer, New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)
4:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Beyond the Counter: Navigating the Digital Future of Pseudoephedrine (PSE)** • Krista McCormick, Director, Strategic Accounts, Equifax Workforce Solutions, Public Safety • Matt Strait, Principal, Controlled Substance Strategies
5 – 6 p.m. Presidential Suite	**Hospitality Suite**
6 -8:30 p.m. Casco Bay Hall	**NASCSA Welcoming Reception**
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026	
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lobby	**Registration Desk Open**
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Somerset/Oxford Meeting Room	**Executive Committee (Sponsor Breakfast Meeting)**
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Lobby	**Exhibit Area Open**
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Legislative/Regulatory Update** • John Gilbert, Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara • Andrew Hull, Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara

9:30-10:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Policy and Regulatory Challenges for the Regulation of Medical Spas, Aesthetic Medicine and Unapproved Injectable Peptides** • Kevin Flaharty, Chief of Investigations, Ohio Board of Pharmacy • Sarah Pechnick, Managing Director, Guidepost Solutions
10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Lobby	**Networking Break**
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**NASCSA Business Meeting** • Alan McGill, Chair, NASCSA, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General • Eric Griffin, President, NASCSA, Ohio Board of Pharmacy
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**The State of the States: A Look Ahead with Controlled Substance Regulators – A Fireside Chat** **Moderator:** Sid Seal, Mississippi Board of Pharmacy • Alexandra Blasi, JD, MBA, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Pharmacy • Tyler Laetsch, PharmD., South Dakota Board of Pharmacy • Steve Schierholt, JD, Executive Director, Ohio Board of Pharmacy • Joe Fontenot, RPh, Executive Director, Louisiana Board of Pharmacy • Penny Vaillancourt, Director, Maine Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation
12:30 – 2 p.m.	**Lunch (on your own)**
Concurrent Workshops **2-4 p.m.[1]**	
Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**PDMP Topic #1: Public Facing Dashboards – An Epidemiologist Panel Discussion – 1 hour** **Presenters** • Jordan Shannon, MPH, Epidemiologist, KY CHFS - Office of Inspector General • Netrali Dalvi, Epidemiologist, Massachusetts Prescription Drug Monitoring Program • Katie Sullivan, Ph.D., Epidemiologist, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment **PDMP Topic #2: Opioids & Youth in Maine: Affected Others & Prevention – 1 hour** **Presenters** • Elisabeth Fowlie Mock, MD, MPH, FAAFP, Clinical and Policy Advisor, Maine Prescription Monitoring Program • Jennifer Marlowe, PMP & IT Project Coordinator, Maine Prescription Monitoring Program • Deborah Hagler, MD, MPH, FAAP
Connecticut Meeting Room	**Workshop 2 – The Case of the Missing Medications: Assemble a team, Develop a Plan, Solve the Case** **2 hour interactive session** • Alan McGill, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General
Rhode Island Meeting Room	**Workshop 3 – Industry Licensing and Reporting Breakout Session (Part I) (2 hours)** **Speakers:** • Darren Nathan, Compliance Lead, Pfizer, Inc. • MaryLou Schoonover, Assoc. Director, State Licensing & Customer DEA Compliance Program, Endo USA, Inc. • Machelle Neal, Principal, Regulatory Consulting, IQVIA • Shannon Moffett, Morris Dickson • Verónica Núñez Marrero, General Counsel, PharmaRegs

4:30 – 6 p.m. Presidential Suite	**Hospitality Suite**
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026	
7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lobby	**Registration Desk Open**
7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m. Lobby	**Exhibit Area Open**
Concurrent Workshops **8-10:00 a.m.**	
Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Workshop 1 PMIX (Prescription Monitoring Information eXchange) open to all (1 hour – 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.)** 1. PMIX Executive Committee Meeting 2. PMIX Education Committee presentation
Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Workshop 1A– Prescription Psychedelics (1 hour – 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.)** • Kate Reynolds, Director of Research, Rocky Mountain Poison & Drug Safety • Matt Strait, Principal, Controlled Substance Strategies • Ryan Ziegler, PA, Patient Advocate, Special Operations Association of America, Green Beret Veteran
Connecticut Meeting Room	**Workshop 2A – Facilitated Roundtable - The State Trifecta: Scheduling, Rescheduling or Descheduling (1 hour – 8 a.m. – 9 a.m.)** • Stella Bailey, Assistant Director for Controlled Substances, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Use Services, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services • Larry Houck, Director, Hyman, Phelps & McNamara
Connecticut Meeting Room	**Workshop 2B – Substance Use Disorder Treatment in Corrections and Why It Matters (1 hour – 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.)** • Alane O'Connor, DNP, Addiction Director, Franklin and Somerset County Jails • Sgt. Ryan Close, Franklin County Sheriff's Office
Rhode Island Meeting Room	**Workshop 3 – Industry Licensing and Reporting Breakout Session (Part II) (2 hours)** **Speakers:** • Darren Nathan, Compliance Lead, Pfizer, Inc. • MaryLou Schoonover, Assoc. Director, State Licensing & Customer DEA Compliance Program, Endo USA, Inc. • Machelle Neal, Principal, Regulatory Consulting, IQVIA • Shannon Moffett, Morris Dickson • Verónica Núñez Marrero, General Counsel, PharmaRegs
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Lobby	**Networking Break**
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Controlled Substances Hot Topics Roundtable** **Moderators:** • Eric Griffin, Director of Compliance and Enforcement, Ohio Board of Pharmacy • Sid Seal, Senior Compliance Agent, Mississippi Board of Pharmacy **Speakers:** • Andrew Funk, Director of Member Relations and Government Affairs, National Association of Boards of Pharmacy • Michelle Cope, Director, Federal & State Pharmacy & Regulatory Affairs, National Association of Chain Drug Stores • Will Dane, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, Healthcare Distribution Alliance

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**The Opioid Settlement – Now What?** • Regina LaBelle, Director, Professor, Georgetown University School of Health and The O'Neill Institute at Georgetown Law • Christine Minhee, J.D., Attorney & Founder, OpioidSettlementTracker.com
12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	**Lunch on Your Own**
2-3:30 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Update from the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration** • Heather Achbach, Section Chief, Office of Diversion Control, US Drug Enforcement Administration • Greg Aul, Unit Chief, Office of Diversion Control, US Drug Enforcement Administration
3:30 – 4:15 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Business Meeting** • Alan McGill, Chair, NASCSA, Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General • Eric Griffin, President, NASCSA, Ohio Board of Pharmacy
Thursday, Oct. 29, 2026	
7:00 a.m. – 11 a.m. Lobby	**Registration Desk Open**
7:15 a.m. – 8 a.m. Lobby	**Exhibit Area Open/Networking**
8:00 a.m. – 9 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Selected Case Studies/New Diversion Trends** **Moderator:** Alan McGill, Senior Supervisory Special Agent, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General • Adam Jankowski, Connecticut Drug Control • Rick Boettcher, Investigative Specialist, New York Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement • Sue Mears, RPh., Compliance Officer, Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals, & Licensing • Jack Beckley, Supervising Investigator, Office of the Indiana Attorney General
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**PMP Topic – Decedent Data** • Amber Daniels, Specialist, Michigan Automated Prescription System • Camille Farley, Chief Investigator, Utah Controlled Substance Database • Jessica Parmelee, Health Program Associate, Connecticut Prescription Monitoring Program
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 p.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**DEA's New EMS Rule Is Here: What Changes - and What's at Stake** • Mark Caverly, Senior Consultant, IQVIA • Amanda Ward, PharmD, MS, BCGP, DASPL, Sr. Consultant, Regulatory Consulting Services, IQVIA
11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Vermont/New Hampshire Ballroom	**Closing Remarks**

Note: Healthcare professionals who participate in this educational conference may request a statement of participation to submit to their appropriate accrediting organizations or state boards for consideration of credit. The participant is responsible for determining whether this activity meets the requirements for acceptable continuing education. Requests for a certificate of attendance after the conference can be made by contacting the NASCSA office.