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RE: PDMP FY19 Annual Report

Dear Hon. Soucy, Hon. Shurtleff, Hon. Sherman, and Board Chairs and Presidents:

In accordance with RSA 318-B:35, IV, enclosed please find the Annual Report for the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) for Fiscal Year 2019.

As set forth in the Report, PDMP registered users and queries increased during FY19. PDMP observed an increase in the number of delegates performing queries. The number of overall active users increased by 3%. PDMP will continue to prioritize increasing system access and use during FY20.

PDMP began an audit initiative beginning in June 2019. The prescriptions reviewed for the audit were between the filled dates of February 2019 and April 2019; the data reflects that there was a 30% incorrect prescription rate of the sampling for human prescriptions and a 100% incorrect prescription rate for the sampling of animal prescriptions. PDMP will be working to decrease the in-state pharmacy data error rate in FY20.

In FY19, controlled prescription counts declined by 6.8% overall. The number of prescriptions for opioids decreased; the prescriptions for amphetamines increased; and, the prescriptions for benzodiazepines generally remained level. PDMP data for FY19 demonstrated an increase in the prescription counts for medication assisted therapy.

The Centers for Disease Control recently awarded the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services a grant as part of the Overdose Data to Action Program. PDMP is a sub-grantee. PDMP will be working to increase the analytical capacity of the PDMP system for practitioners and Office of Professional Licensure (OPLC) staff. OPLC is also presently seeking legislative change to permit PDMP to integrate directly with electronic health records and pharmacy dispensing systems.

PDMP transitioned from the Board of Pharmacy to the Office of Professional Licensure and Certification effective September 27, 2019. Points of contact are Michelle Ricco-Jonas, PDMP Program Manager, michelle.riccojonas@oplc.nh.gov and Lindsey Courtney, Director, Division of Health Professions, lindsey.courtney.oplc.nh.gov.

Very Respectfully,

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