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Please Update Your Info!

Members are asked to take a few minutes to view [state profiles](#) and let us know of any changes for both state controlled substances authorities contacts as well as Prescription Monitoring Program information. You can use the "contact us" form to provide any updates on the same page.

Additionally, please let us know if there are changes in address, titles, phone numbers and staffing changes (both departures or new hires).

And as always, we are always looking for news from all of our members including sponsors.

NASCOSA Members Assist DEA in Establishment of Aggregate Production Quota

Section 306 of the Controlled Substances Act (CSA) requires the Attorney General to establish production quotas for each basic class of controlled substances listed in schedules I and II, and for the list I chemicals ephedrine, pseudoephedrine, and phenylpropanolamine. This function is

President's Message

It was so good to see everyone at the conference in San Antonio. For many, this was the first in person event since the pandemic started. The last couple of years have been trying to say the least. Like many organizations, we had to adapt in a virtual environment. Joe Fontenot and the board did a great job leading us through these trying times. Our executive director, Kathy, always works hard, but she went above and beyond to keep NASCOSA going. New life was breathed into the webinar series as Kathy became a zoom master. The committees worked hard on fresh content that inspired and educated.

As an association, we also want to acknowledge and thank our sponsors. NASCOSA relies on both their financial support as well as their participation. So many of our sponsors also serve on committees. Active and engaged for the betterment of all. Their ideas and participation is invaluable. We could not do any of this without them. In a time when the limits of budgets are tested, our sponsors remained, and we are grateful for their support.

All of our committees never missed a beat holding meetings each month as they saw to the work of the association. Just as the drug epidemic did not stop, neither did we. All of us together as an association dedicated to making the lives of our loved ones, friends, family, and community better.

So many of you took the time to comment on the success of the annual conference. The program committee did a fabulous job making this conference one of the best in recent memory. This is a great reminder of what can be achieved when we work together.

I was excited to see the many friends and colleagues I have come to know over the years at conference. And encouraged by the new members and first-time attendees. This is always good, and I hope to see more of this in the coming years.

I am looking forward to working with the executive board and all of you on this year's events. Excited at what the future will hold for NASCOSA and more importantly, us as friends and colleagues.

On behalf of the executive board, wishing you a safe and happy holiday season. We look forward to seeing you all at our next conference.

Warmest Regards,
Alan McGill, President, NASCOSA

delegated to the DEA. In March 2021, DEA sent a letter to NASCSA requesting assistance in obtaining PDMP data for the purpose of establishing its aggregate production quota, pursuant to 21 CFR 1303.11(b) (6). NASCSA, in collaboration with Bamboo Health, established a reporting framework that could be utilized by approximately 40 state, county, and territorial PDMPs. In an effort to encourage participation by all state PDMPs, Bamboo Health has provided a sample of the report and specifications for use by any state who wishes to help the DEA meet their statutory requirement. Please see the attachment for more information. Check back shortly for contact information for technical guidance from Bamboo Health. Thank you to all of the states who have assisted or plan to assist the DEA in fulfilling their obligation.

The Report can also be found on our website [here](#).

Year	DEA Aggregate Production Quota (APQ) Report					Download Friendly
2020						
Summary Metrics						
	FENTANYL	HYDROCODONE	HYDROMORPHONE	OXycODONE	OxycODORONE	Grand Total
Total Prescriptions	8,785	65,005	16,965	233,059	2,239	326,459
Total Patients	1,106	28,229	4,955	54,560	230	81,277
Total Quantity (g)	905	24,638	4,551	187,633	8,070	220,396
Prescriptions Exceeding 240 MMEs Daily						
% DDMH > 240 Prescriptions	0.09%	0.00%	2.67%	1.33%	11.48%	1.17%
DDMH > 240 Prescriptions	8	0	442	3,120	257	3,827
DDMH > 240 Quantity (g)	0	0	458	15,973	760	17,190
DDMH > 240 Patients	5	0	81	337	22	435
Prescriptions Paid by Cash						
% Cash Prescriptions	5.40%	4.87%	5.33%	5.34%	4.87%	5.24%
Cash Prescriptions	474	3,164	883	12,482	109	17,112
Cash Quantity (g)	22	846	206	8,765	157	9,996
Cash Patients	136	1,949	442	5,669	34	7,931
Prescriptions for MPE Patients						
% MPE Prescriptions	12.15%	5.71%	14.07%	12.11%	9.42%	10.92%
MPE Prescriptions	1,067	3,714	2,331	28,326	211	35,649
MPE Quantity (g)	25	1,469	589	19,054	214	21,311
MPE Patients	248	1,547	624	8,068	41	5,779
Prescriptions with Combined Metrics						
% Prescriptions in Diversion Metric	16.82%	10.26%	19.96%	17.83%	23.54%	16.42%
Prescriptions in Diversion Metric	1,478	6,687	3,240	41,797	527	53,619
Quantity in Diversion Metric (g)	48	2,282	1,010	41,091	1,011	45,411
Patients in Diversion Metric	358	2,972	1,006	10,054	87	12,884

NASCSA conducts ASAP Survey

State Prescription Monitoring Programs recently participated in a survey regarding which version of ASAP standards they were utilizing or planning to move to in the coming year. Attached please find the survey results which can also be found on our website [here](#).

NASCSA Committee Assignments

The NASCSA Committee assignments are almost complete and if you would like to be part of a committee do not hesitate contacting the NASCSA office.

2021 Annual Conference Recap

The 37th annual conference took place in October in San Antonio, Texas with attendees from over 31 states as well as industry representatives. In an effort to "go green" presentations are posted online and can be found [here](#).

Highlights of the 2021 conference include the following:

Election of Officers:

The following slate of officers and executive committee members were approved at this year's conference:

- Alan McGill (PA) -President
- Eric Griffin (OH) - Vice President
- Sidney Seal (MS) - Secretary/Treasurer
- Melissa DeNoon (SD) -Member at large
- Jason Slavoski (DE) - Member at large
- Rodrick Marriott (CT) - Member at large
- Stella Bailey (NC) - Member at large
- Joe Fontenot (LA) - Chair of the Executive Committee.

Biographies of the Executive Committee are found [here](#).

Adoption of Resolutions:

The membership voted to approve four resolution at the annual conference:

- Resolution 2022-01 - Encouraging State Controlled Substances Authorities to Review and Assess Their State Laws
- Resolution 2022-02 - Updating The Model Prescription Monitoring Program Act
- Resolution 2022-03 - Recognizing Larry Pinson
- Resolution 2022-04 - Recognizing Christie Frick
- Resolution 2022-05 - Recognizing Barbara Carter

Copies of these resolutions as well as all resolutions adopted by NASCSA's members can be found [here](#).

Revised Bylaws Passed:

Several changes to the bylaws were enacted by the membership, a copy of which is found [here](#).

2021 President's Award Recipients Recognized

At this year's annual conference, then President Joe Fontenot presented the President's award to two worthy recipients,

ASAP Summary Survey 11-29-2021

Survey Starts	65
Survey Submits	22

Which state or jurisdiction are you responding to on behalf of the Prescription Monitoring Program?

Total Responses	21
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Which version of ASAP is your PDMP currently using? (check all that apply)

Answer Choice	Response Count	Response Percentage
ASAP 4.1	6	27%
ASAP 4.2	10	45%
ASAP 4.2A	6	27%
ASAP 4.2B	1	4%
Other	1	4%
Not applicable	0	0%
Total Responses	22	

If you are considering moving to a newer ASAP version, when do you anticipate implementing?

Answer Choice	Response Count	Response Percentage
Less than 6 months	4	12%
6-12 months	7	33%
Greater than 12 months	2	9%
No plans to move to a newer version	7	33%
Not applicable	1	4%

Save the Date for NASCSA's Annual Conference!

It's hard to believe that plans are well underway for our 38th annual conference October 24-27, 2022. Due to circumstances beyond our control the conference will NOT be taking place in Birmingham, Alabama. Stay tuned for a location announcement in the coming weeks.

A Special Thanks to our Sponsors

NASCSA wishes to extend a very special thanks to our sponsors who help support NASCSA during the conference and throughout the year. A list of sponsors can be viewed [here](#).

NASCSA Needs Your Help

NASCSA is looking for your help on a number of items:

- Ideas for resolutions;
- Suggestions for speakers, topics, workshops for the annual conference;
- Suggestions for speakers/topics for future webinars and/or podcasts.

Christopher von Zwehl, Senior Vice President of Scripps Safe and **Mary-Lou Schoonover**, Manager, Customer Due Diligence, SOMS, at Par Pharmaceuticals. Since NASCSA did not hold its annual conference in 2020, two awards were presented.

Both Mr. von Zwehl and Ms. Schoonover were recognized for their many contributions to NASCSA and active participation and advocacy in promoting the goals and ideals of NASCSA.

Mr. von Zwehl sits on both the Membership and Education Committee while Ms. Schoonover serves as a member of the Membership and Program Committee.



Department of Justice Awards More Than \$300 Million to Fight Opioid and Stimulant Crisis and to Address Substance Use Disorders

Includes nearly \$30 million to fund Prescription Monitoring Programs

The Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) late last month announced grant awards totaling more than \$300 million to help combat America's substance use crisis, which has worsened during the coronavirus pandemic.

The announcement by BJA includes awarding nearly \$30 million to fund the Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program, which enhances the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies and public health officials to collect and analyze controlled substance prescription data and other scheduled chemical products through a centralized database administered by an authorized agency.

Please contact Kathy Keough at Kathykeough@nascsa.org with your suggestions.

NASCSA is on Twitter

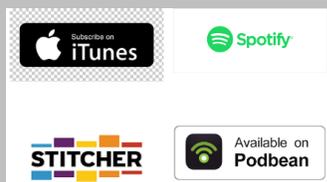
NASCSA is pleased to announce that it is now on Twitter and the number of followers continues to grow each month so please follow us at [@NASCSA](https://twitter.com/NASCSA).



Industry News

Scripps Safe, Inc., a national leader in narcotics transportation, storage and dispensing solutions, has been named a [2021 EMS World Innovation Awards Winner](#) at the annual EMS World Expo in Atlanta.

EMS World is the most influential and trusted voice among emergency medical services professionals.



Don't Forget to Check out NASCSA's Podcasts!

The Education Committee, chaired by Kari Shandard-Koenders, South Dakota Board of Pharmacy, reminds members of the availability of a number of exciting podcasts which are available [here](#) and on most platforms.

To view the full announcement click [here](#).



Sponsor Spotlight

A very special thanks to MDScripts and their terrific team for hosting and supporting NASCSA's website and database. For more information about MDScripts click [here](#).

