

INSPECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington Street, Room W064
Indianapolis, IN 46204

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2015

William Cover, R.Ph., President, Indiana Board of Pharmacy, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and declared a quorum **in accordance with IC 25-26-13-3(d)**, pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office of the board at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: William Cover, R.Ph., President
Indiana Board of Pharmacy
Eugene Kochert, R.Ph.
Senate Appointee
Charles Shufflebarger, M.D.
House Appointee
Doug Carter, Superintendent
Indiana State Police
Jerome Adams, M.D., MPH, Commissioner (arrived 10:05am)
Indiana State Department of Health
Gary Jacobi, R.Ph.
Senate Appointee
Andrew Trobridge, M.D.
House Appointee
Matthew Whitmire, J.D., Director
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Office of the Attorney General

Staff Present: Ted Cotterill, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Michael Brady, Director INSPECT
Professional Licensing Agency
Kristin Schwartz, Communications Specialist
Professional Licensing Agency
Gordon White, J.D., Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Cover opened the meeting by thanking everyone for participating in this working group.

Mr. Cover explained the reason for the Pledge of Allegiance and requested that all stand for the pledge.

Mr. Cover then began the meeting by giving a general overview and background information on why the oversight committee is meeting and defined the scope of the committee's purpose.

Mr. Cover then asked that everyone introduce themselves as this is important for establishing a good working group. He also stated he wants this to be an open forum.

Introductions:

William Cover – is a pharmacist from Middlebury Indiana and is a graduate of Purdue University. He is a firm believer in what INSPECT does for practitioners

Gordon White – has been the legal advisor to the Board of Pharmacy for the past twenty (20) years.

Gary Jacobi – lives in Greenville Indiana and is now retired, but was a pharmacist for the past forty (40) years.

Doug Carter – was appointed by Governor Pence in 2013 as Commissioner for the Indiana State Police. He believes INSPECT is a valuable tool and hopes it will continue to be utilized more.

Charles Shufflebarger – E.R. physician at Methodist and he went to Indiana University.
Eugene Kochert – retired three years ago as a pharmacist and he also graduated from Purdue University.

Matthew Whitmire –is a member of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit and indicated he was happy to be participating.

Andrew Trowbridge – is a pain specialist in private practice and worked with the ISMA taskforce.

Mike Brady – was with ISMA for two (2) years and is an Indiana University graduate. He has been the INSPECT Director for four (4) days.

Jody Edens – has been the Assistant Board Director for the Pharmacy Board for six (6) months and was previously with the Medical Licensing Board for ten (10) years.

Kristin Schwartz – is the Communications Specialist for Indiana Professional Licensing Agency and has been with the agency approximately five (5) months.

Ted Cotterill – is the Board Director for the Indiana Board of Pharmacy and has been with them for approximately six (6) months.

Mike Brady said INSPECT is a useful tool for healthcare and law enforcement and it will stay that way. He introduced the INSPECT staff: Amanda Garret and Bill Woodruff work specifically for INSPECT. Greg Fredenburg, Eric Burton, Maureen Bennett, Mike Minglin and Debbie Fry work closely with the INSPECT team. Debbie Frye thanked everyone for coming to the meeting to help advance the program and look at next steps.

INSPECT History and Overview

Bill Cover noted that everyone should keep to the task of the committee. He reviewed the history of INSPECT and an overview of the program. Since technology has advanced significantly, INSPECT has moved from being a solely investigative tool to being an impactful healthcare tool as well. He mentioned moving to the Appriss vendor for the front-end interface, which brings expertise and sophistication to the program, ensuring INSPECT is top-notch. He also mentioned the imminent switch to 24-hour reporting for pharmacies. The Board of Pharmacy oversees the program, ensuring integrity of operation and utilization, and PLA supports the program operations, providing resources and legal guidance. INSPECT is now funded by CSR fees, a change that indicates the General Assembly's support and valuation of the program.

INSPECT Oversight Committee

Bill Cover shared the formation and mission of the INSPECT Oversight Committee. He applauded the Legislature for having a well-balanced and widely representative group. The mission of the group is to evaluate the INSPECT program and work together to give recommendations to the INSPECT program and the Board of Pharmacy about how to make the program even better. Everyone on the committee looks at prescription drug abuse from a different angle, and each perspective is needed to address the issue in a collaborative and effective manner.

The committee is statutorily required to have at least one meeting per year. That requirement has been fulfilled, but the committee will meet more often to address the drug crisis facing the state and the nation.

Committee Discussion

Superintendent Carter urged the committee to avoid getting bogged down in bureaucracy and instead focus on developing action items that can lead to meaningful improvements for the INSPECT program.

Commissioner Adams suggested that there should be a balance between data security and access. He also requested that the committee be provided with a financial report of the INSPECT program.

Dr. Trobridge mentioned the other side of data security involving the end-user. His concern was for doctors reporting their suspicions about a patient and experiencing repercussions. He wants to see more meaningful communication about what doctors could do with the data. And what mechanisms are available for reporting suspicious patient behavior.

Eugene Kochert reminded the committee that the purpose of the INSPECT program is to prevent drug abuse and prescribers and pharmacists need to recognize that moving forward.

Dr. Shufflebarger believes the INSPECT program provides tremendous value. He emphasized the importance of having readily available access in the clinical setting to enhance INSPECT's effectiveness.

Dr. Trobridge indicated that he would advocate for mandated use of INSPECT when prescribing for acute pain.

Bill Cover suggested that new prescription rules need to be written for mid-level providers in order to close loopholes.

Commissioner Adams stated that INSPECT should not be under ISDH, but he would like to see a more robust MOU between the two agencies. He also mentioned that mandatory enrollment would be essential.

Matthew Whitmire suggested that INSPECT should be focusing more now on pushing data to practitioners rather than pulling data.

Gary Jacobi mentioned the need to train prescribers more thoroughly in pain management as another way to address the overdose problem in the state. Superintendent Carter suggested compiling a fact sheet for INSPECT usage that could be distributed among practitioners and law enforcement to increase awareness and usage of the program.

Mark Reinbold, ISMA, addressed the committee, emphasizing the need for data integrity. He suggested that ISMA could share information about INSPECT usage with its members to help increase awareness of the program. He indicated that ISMA would not support mandatory use at this time.

Bill Cover requested that the next meeting of the INSPECT Oversight Committee be scheduled for December 8th at 9 am.

The committee adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

There being no further business the INSPECT Oversight Committee adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

William J. Cover, R.Ph., President