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Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Consultant

The Fund for Public Health in New York City (FPHNYC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to the advancement of the health and well-being of all New Yorkers. To this end, in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), FPHNYC incubates innovative public health initiatives implemented by DOHMH to advance community health throughout the city. It facilitates partnerships, often new and unconventional, between government and the private sector to develop, test, and launch new initiatives. These collaborations speed the execution of demonstration projects, effect expansion of successful pilot programs, and support rapid implementation to meet the public health needs of individuals, families, and communities across New York City (NYC).

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In response to increasing rates of opioid analgesic (OA)-involved overdose deaths, several interventions have been implemented aimed at reducing OA prescribing. In 2011, New York City developed and disseminated judicious opioid prescribing guidelines. Additionally, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene conducted three targeted provider educational campaigns using a public health detailing model to promote judicious prescribing of opioid analgesics. In 2013, the New York State legislature mandated prescribers to electronically review patients' prescription histories before prescribing a Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substance. Most recently, the Centers for Disease Control released guidelines for the treatment of chronic pain.

While some of these interventions were aimed at reducing the number of new patients exposed to OAs (e.g., the NYC guidelines and the prescriber detailing campaign), other interventions have had implications for patients currently prescribed opioid analgesics. For example, following the requirement to review patients' prescription histories before prescribing, individuals receiving prescriptions from more than one prescriber may have been abruptly discontinued from all opioid analgesic prescriptions. In addition, the Centers for Disease Control has become aware that their guidance regarding the prescribing of OAs is often misinterpreted, leading to clinicians' rapidly tapering OA regimes for patients on long-term opioid therapy.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

This is a contracted position. The consultant will work to create educational materials to support clinicians in using the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data as one tool to inform clinical decision-making. The consultant will host a live webinar series that will cover several case scenarios. This will serve to support clinical decision-making in complicated patient cases involving a history of continuous OA prescriptions and/or co-prescription of OA and benzodiazepines. Webinars will be offered for continuing medical education credit, and webinar attendees will have the opportunity to ask the consultant questions after the case presentations.

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Year 1

1. **Work with DOHMH to convene and facilitate** a PDMP clinical advisory group of NYC-based clinicians, including physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. The clinical advisory group will meet twice during the first six months of the initiative. The meetings will be to inform the development of clinical case education content for use in a webinar format.

2. **Develop** webinar content for two webinars. Webinar content should follow a case-review format and last approximately thirty minutes.

3. **Assist** with the development and dissemination of a "Dear Colleagues" letter inviting clinicians to participate.

4. **Promote** the webinar series through the contractor's professional networks.

5. **Host** two webinars using the Zoom platform, lasting approximately one hour each. Webinars will be structured to include a thirty-minute case-review and thirty minutes during which the contractor will answer questions submitted by attendees.

Year 2

1. **Develop** webinar content for three webinars. Webinar content should follow a case-review format and last approximately thirty minutes.

2. **Assist** with the dissemination of a "Dear Colleagues" letter inviting clinicians to participate in the webinar series.

3. **Promote** the webinar series through the contractor's professional networks.

4. **Host** three webinars using the Zoom platform, lasting approximately one hour each. Webinars will be structured to include a thirty-minute case-review and thirty minutes during which the contractor will answer questions submitted by attendees.

Year 3

1. **Develop** webinar content for three webinars. Webinar content should follow a case-review format and last approximately thirty minutes.

2. **Assist** with the dissemination of a "Dear Colleagues" letter inviting clinicians to participate in the webinar series.

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DELIVERABLES

1. A "Dear Colleagues" letter acknowledging challenges clinicians may be facing when making decisions around opioid analgesic-prescribing and promoting the upcoming webinar series.
2. A total of eight PowerPoint presentations, presented by the consultant in a live webinar format according to the following schedule: two in Year 1, three in Year 2, three in Year 3.

TO APPLY

To apply, send Resume, with Cover Letter, including hourly rate, estimated number of hours to complete the work as stated, and relevant qualifications, to publichealthjobs@fphnyc.org indicating "**PDMPConsultant_your name**" in subject line. We ask that you do not contact our staff directly and no phone inquiries please. Applicants who best match the position needs will be contacted.

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