

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Action/Goal	Assigned to	Due
Review/Approve minutes				
Review action items				
Presentation	<p>Presenter today was Richard Tucker, Consultant with The Drug Education Consulting Group, sponsored by Ameritox Medication Monitoring Solutions. Rick is a former Assistant Special Agent in Charge with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Mr. Tucker received his Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Life from Georgia State University. His extensive experience in law enforcement includes 10 years as a police officer. Mr. Tucker's 25-year DEA career has included both domestic and international assignments. He speaks fluent Thai, and has held a variety of management and enforcement positions including investigations, intelligence and personal security.</p> <p>Mr. Tucker has presented to national and international audiences on a wide variety of topics, including undercover operations, demand reduction, illicit abuse of prescription medicines and intelligence. He has also instructed law enforcement professionals on issues involving conducting investigations of drug trafficking organizations.</p> <p>He is retired from his law enforcement career and engaged in consulting to the healthcare industry. Mr. Tucker's experience provides unique perspective on many issues including property crime, organized crime, and trafficking. He also provides perspective on the use of drugs at the local, regional, and international levels. This broad view provides compelling insight on many legal and enforcement issues.</p>			

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	Some items of note from his presentation: 75% of patients are not quite compliant; either they don't take what is prescribed, they take something that was not prescribed or both. He recommends that the first time a patient is prescribed a controlled substance, there should be a drug screen. The definition of an addict is people who do something that they know is not in their best interest.			
	When anonymous tips come in regarding patients suspected of being non-compliant with medication, a TE should be created. The patient should be called in for an office appointment for a drug screen and to talk about the allegations.			
	1% of providers are complicit with drug abuse.			
	Heroin use is increasing rapidly and is widespread. Now that the hydrocodone meds are more controlled, abusers find that heroin is easier to obtain than pills.			
	Handouts were provided by Ameritox, and questions were answered as time permitted.			
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.			
Next Meeting	November 19, 2014			