

## Cook County Pharmaceutical Disposal Advisory Committee

Tuesday, November 10, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

(Virtual Meeting)

### Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Members: Patrick Flannery (Chairman), Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller, Commissioner Debra Shore (Metropolitan Water Reclamation District-Great Chicago), Peter Fotos (PhRMA), Percy Harris (Cook County Department of Public Health), Olga Lyandres (Public Member), Kevin Schnoes (Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability), Patricia Horne (Director, Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program) (ex officio).

Guests: Mary Rita Luecke, Justin Hart, Derrick Cabrera, Konstantine "Dean" Alonistiotis.

Meeting Called to Order. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Patrick Flannery. A quorum was present for business to be conducted.

Meeting Minutes July 23, 2019 Advisory Committee Meeting. Filed separately.

#### Old Business

SHERIFF'S PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM ACTIVITY (HORNE): The Sheriff's Program continued collections at permanent collection sites and conducted take back events beginning in June 2020 consistent with state and local COVID-19 Response rules. While collections are less than 2019, they remain consistent. Plans were made to move forward with the Mail Back Service, but the participating print shop has been closed for much of the year due to COVID-19. Efforts will be renewed in FY 2021.

DISPOSAL OF COVERED DRUGS (SHORE/HORNE): The Sheriff's Prescription Drug Take Back Program was notified this fall that Covanta Indianapolis, IN would again be available for no-cost incineration of unused medicine.

PERMANENT COLLECTION SITE GOALS (SHORE/HORNE): A goal of 50 pounds per location per month was set for 2020. Due to COVID 19, some sites were temporarily closed. However, thru October 2020, 30,540 lbs. were collected. This is 10,000 pounds less than last year. Numbers will likely rise thru the end of December. There are locations that are surpassing the 50-pound goal while many are not. Efforts are being made to work with those locations that are not meeting the goal. It is believed that broader advertising and public awareness is needed.

MAIL BACK PROGRAM (SHORE/HORNE): There were 150 completed requests for mail back envelopes in 2019, but only 11 came back filled with unused and unwanted meds. We have not advertised it in a way that would garner a more energetic response. The plan for the program is work with the United States Postal Service to issue a direct mail piece into targeted precincts with senior and disabled residents.

#### New Business

PROPOSED LEGISLATION (DEAN/HORNE/SHORE): There is an existing bill that was filed. Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz is the bill's sponsor. The bill did not incorporate the Sheriff's Take Back Program. As a