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**To:** Veldran, Katherine <KatherineVeldran@gov.sc.gov>

**CC:** Patel, Swati <SwatiPatel@gov.sc.gov>

**Date:** 7/14/2014 9:58:09 AM

**Subject:** RE: Gov's RX drug abuse panel

**Attachments:** 2014-22 Establishing the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council.pdf

2014-22 Amendment adding Coroner to PDAP Council.pdf

IG Report SC Lacks A Statewide Prescription Drug Abuse Strategy.pdf

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**\*KV – Here is background info for you. See also highlighted portion for you to advise.\***

Following the Inspector General's Report entitled, "South Carolina lacks a Statewide Prescription Drug Abuse Strategy," the Governor established the Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council by Executive Order 2014-22 on March 14, 2014, which was later amended via letter on July 11, 2014 to add an additional member.

The purpose of the Council is to develop a comprehensive State Plan to combat and prevent prescription drug abuse. The State Plan is due to the Governor and the IG no later than October 1, 2014.

The Council is composed of eleven members:

1. Director Bob Toomey, Co-Chair – DAODAS
2. Dr. Louis Costa, Co-Chair – Board of Medical Examiners
3. CPT Frank O'Neal – SLED
4. Stefanie Corbett – DHEC
5. Director Holly Pisarik – LLR
6. Dr. John Whittington – Board of Dentistry
7. Sam McNutt – Board of Nursing
8. Addison Livingston – Board of Pharmacy
9. Beth Ann Young – Solicitor's Office
10. Bryan Amick – HHS
11. Rusty Clevenger – Coroner's Office

To date, the Council has held approximately four meetings, all of which are open to the public. As seen below, the Council's next meeting is today at 11:00 a.m. in Wade Hampton. Thus far, much of the discussion has been about data collection – finding gaps in the way pertinent information is being shared amongst state entities – which will then help the Council establish base line data and, after that, measurables.

*Background: The Governor's Office provides support when requested by the Council, such as assistance in securing a meeting location and in advising the notice to the press and public. In addition to that, we are monitoring the Council's progress and steering interested parties – such as pain doctors, anesthesiologists, pharmaceutical companies, and others – when approached directly to the Council, which has been welcoming to outside parties as active participants. Legislatively, the Council followed the PMP legislation closely during session and was glad to see it become law with the Governor's signature. Beyond that, I believe we'll know any recommendations for legislative needs closer to October when the State Plan is being formulated – it may be a good idea for the Council to meet with key legislators early this fall, perhaps in September, to receive buy-in and/or feedback?*

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine

**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 9:35 AM

**To:** Schimsa, Rebecca

**Subject:** FW: Gov's RX drug abuse panel

Can you email me a list of who is on this council?

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**From:** Patel, Swati  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 9:34 AM  
**To:** Soura, Christian  
**Cc:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Subject:** Re: Gov's RX drug abuse panel

Becca can give you full background.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 14, 2014, at 9:12 AM, "Soura, Christian" <[ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov](mailto:ChristianSoura@gov.sc.gov)> wrote:

From our website...

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## **Public Notice Of Meeting**

### **Governor's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council**

COLUMBIA, S.C. - The Governor's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council, established by Executive Order 2014-22 on March 14, 2014, will hold a meeting on Monday, July 14, 2014.

**WHO:** Governor's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Council

**WHAT:** Meeting to discuss the drafted outline of the statewide plan

**WHEN:** Monday, July 14, 2014 at 11:00 AM

**WHERE:** Governor's Conference Room, Wade Hampton Building, Statehouse grounds, Columbia, S.C.

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**From:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 9:10 AM  
**To:** Soura, Christian; Patel, Swati  
**Subject:** FW: Gov's RX drug abuse panel

Please advise.

KV

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**From:** Martha Casto [<mailto:MarthaCasto@scsenate.gov>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 14, 2014 8:49 AM  
**To:** Veldran, Katherine  
**Subject:** Gov's RX drug abuse panel

Katherine – I saw in a press release that the Governor’s Prescription Drug Abuse Council is to meet today. Can you tell me something about this? Are there legislative participants?

Thanks!  
Martha