



Review of Brandeis University Prescription Drug Monitoring (PMP) Center of Excellence (COE) Technology Assistance

Client Agency

Brandeis University Prescription Drug Monitoring (PMP) Center of Excellence (COE)

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Dates Services Provided

Engagement Kickoff Meeting – October 2011

Working Meetings – As Needed

Overview of Technology Assistance Request

The IJIS Institute undertook this TA engagement on behalf of the BJA / IJIS Institute Prescription Drug Monitoring (PMP) Committee, with subject matter expertise provided by the Brandeis University PMP Center of Excellence (COE) (the “Client”).

- ◆ The purpose of the engagement was to recommend a uniform approach for the national PMP community to anonymize datasets from multiple states and reliably link records arising from the same patient in the combined dataset.
- ◆ The ultimate goal was to enable research examining combined PMP histories from multiple states without risking inappropriate or illegal exposure of private, protected health information.

Type of Technology Assistance Services Provided

A team meeting was held in early October 2011 to kick off the engagement. Biweekly status calls were held over the following months to report preliminary findings and pinpoint the scope of what could be reasonably accomplished within the bounds of the engagement. Working meetings with the client were interspersed to address technical questions and review proposed courses of action.

Overview of Observations and Recommendations

A copy of the TA report abstract can be found on the IJIS Institute website at http://www.ijis.org/publications/ta_reports.html. A copy of the full TA report is available to authorized personnel only and must be coordinated through the IJIS Institute staff.

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