

Department of Consumer Protection
Response to Appropriation's Sub-Committee Questions
March 7, 2023

1. Provide historical vacancies for the ending and beginning of the year for the last few years.

Vacancies as of June 30th	General Fund Positions	Adult-Use Cannabis Positions	Sports Wagering & Online Gaming Positions	Total
FY 2020	10.5	0	0	10.5
FY 2021	8	62	31	101
FY 2022	34	26	15	75

2. Provide the hiring statistics from the last few years.

The number vacancies and hiring are constantly fluctuating throughout the year based on departure and hiring dates. Also, in many instances a vacancy is filled by an existing employee who receives an internal promotion. Due to the addition of online gaming and adult use cannabis, this often means that a general fund vacancy is created because an employee left their current, general fund position, to accept a position that is covered from other funding sources.

3. How was the DCP budget built in regards to the start date for the new employees?

For budgeting purposes, all vacancies are anticipated to be filled as of July 1. The actual start date will depend on a range of factors related to the amount of time necessary to complete the hiring process and the acceptance rate for job offers.

4. Can you provide details of what the three employees are doing in the prescription monitoring program?

These 3 positions were designed to perform the PDMP expansion (all pharmaceuticals and expand existing system) and to assist with the new credential for pharmaceutical sales representatives. These individuals will be working with the current PDMP vendor on the following:

- onboarding new data submitters
- analyzing error reports
- communication with delinquent submitters of data

- updating the website
- credentialing new users of the data
- creating the pharmaceutical sales representative credential and renewal
- identifying courses for the pharmaceutical sales representatives
- providing outreach and information for these individuals to be credentialed
- updating the contract with the PDMP vendor

5. Can you provide more details on how the prescription monitoring program works?

The current Prescription Monitoring Program collects prescription data for Schedule II through Schedule V drugs into a centralized database, the Connecticut Prescription Monitoring and Reporting System (CPMRS), which can then be used by healthcare providers and pharmacists in the active treatment of their patients. The purpose of the CPMRS is to present a complete picture of a patient's controlled substance use, including prescriptions by other providers. As a healthcare tool, the CPMRS is used to improve quality of patient care and to reduce prescription abuse, opioid use disorder, and overdose. This allows providers the opportunity to properly manage the patient's treatment, including referral of a patient to services offering treatment for substance use disorders when appropriate

6. Can you provide the job titles for the three new positions?

- Health Program Assistant 2
- Planning Analyst
- Office Assistant