

Controlled Substances Prescribing Council

August 4, 2025

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

CHFS Training Room

Chair: Tricia Steward, Inspector General

Attendance

Quorum confirmed.

Key Topics & Discussions

Approval of Minutes

- May 5, 2025, meeting minutes approved without revisions.

Veterinary Reporting Update

- Ongoing conflict between regulation (902 KAR 55:110) and statute regarding reporting requirements for veterinarians.
- KBVE and CHFS OIG are in dialogue to resolve discrepancies. Legal and Secretary's offices are reviewing.

Q3 Quarterly Review: Ketamine Data

- Ketamine prescriptions increased by 62% over the last year.
- 75% were bulk ketamine powder; 6,000 were nasal sprays.
- Majority of prescriptions written by pain management physicians and APRNs.
- Likely compounded topicals often include ketamine, gabapentin, lidocaine, etc.
- Highlighted limitations in KASPER (e.g., no dose form, route of administration).

KASPER System Enhancements

- The council agreed KASPER needs improvements to better track topicals, compounded prescriptions, and liquid medications.
- Recommendation to explore ASAP standard updates for structured data collection.

Veterinary Dispensing vs. Administration

- Clarified: Only dispensed prescriptions to humans (e.g., pet owners) require reporting and not directly administered medications.
- KBVE raised concerns about rural vet practices lacking tech infrastructure to comply.
- The council stressed the importance of gradual implementation and balancing public safety with access to veterinary care.

Motion & Vote

- Motion passed to recommend revising regulation to match statute, requiring veterinarians to report dispensed controlled substances to KASPER.
- Vote: Majority approved; two members opposed.

Significant Questions & Answers

Q: Does KASPER capture compounded topical medications accurately?

A: No, not fully. Bulk powders are reported, but final formulation details are not included.

Q: Are veterinarians required to report every administration?

A: No. The statute requires reporting only for **dispensed** prescriptions, not direct administrations.

Q: Can KASPER be updated to identify prescriptions for animals?

A: Yes. A ticket has been submitted to include a species code and identify prescriptions written by veterinarians.

Q: Is ketamine used topically in pain management?

A: Yes, often in combination with gabapentin and lidocaine for neuropathic pain in compounded creams.

- **Q: What implementation timeline is realistic for veterinary reporting?**

A: KBVE suggested more than one year is needed, especially for rural practices. Council members emphasized flexibility but stressed urgency for public safety.

Next Meeting

Scheduled: October 20, 2025, at 3:30 PM

Focus: Draft and finalize the Council's annual report for submission to LRC and the Governor's Office.