**Missouri PSC Meeting Notes**

**May 9, 2019**

**Paint**

         Retailer letter and fact sheets are in process.

**Pharmaceuticals**

         Lelande reached out to the Board of Pharmacy, law enforcement associations, and will talk to poison control. Vivian will send him a list of stakeholders for additional outreach.

         Scott and Vivian provided legislative updates, including a quick overview of existing EPR laws, the states with active bills ([ME](http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280072911), [IL](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=349&GAID=15&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=114531&SessionID=108&GA=101), [OR](https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB3273)), and discussed implementation (CA, NY, WA, VT, MA) and associated challenges.

         Springfield has a strong coalition that’s been working on this issue for some time with collection events, local pharmacy involvement, and a group interested in a bill. They are collecting at six locations, and the sheriff’s office has incinerator on site. They want to expand beyond what they’re currently doing.

         Potential steps:

o   Develop data on costs and amounts collected so far (start with Springfield)

o   More education on program models (IL, ME, NY)

o   Conduct outreach with bill sponsors

o   PSI submit a grant to MARC for a stakeholder meeting and/or pilot

         Vivian provided an in-depth introduction to the key elements of pharmaceutical EPR programs.

         Scott described three approaches for developing a safe disposal program for pharmaceuticals

(study, resolve, full program bill).

         The group discussed options:

o   Voluntary isn’t adequate

o   A study is a lot of work if it isn’t subsequently acted on

o   A resolve would have to include detail

o   There is currently a lot of interest in medications and we don’t want to lose momentum or a potential sponsor

o   Would be good to have pilots and a stakeholder event in the fall – but there is an issue with the timing of grants *(funding is not available until January)*

o   Pursue a resolve or a full bill next session