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Todd,

The PMIX Executive Committee would like to thank you for your feedback regarding the newly proposed schemas posted in September 2020. Below we have provided some feedback on the questions and concerns that you expressed. We hope that this information will aid you in understanding the new proposals, their foundation in the existing standards and the intent for the changes. The information outlined includes your comments in blue and the Committee's feedback in red.

- In the short amount of time that Tennessee has had to review these changes it appears this would impact Tennessee in a negative way with the current integrations, in addition to the interstate data sharing. Tennessee would need more time to meet with partner NABP and Tennessee's vendor for PDMP, Appriss, to formulate appropriate comments on the impact of these changes on Tennessee's ability to continue to fight the drug epidemic and share data with partners so that healthcare providers potentially get the most data available from other states on their patient. APPRISS resources have been actively engaged in the PMIX subcommittees for many years. Clay Rogers served on the subcommittee that developed the changes to the request and response schemas and unanimously recommended them to the Executive Committee. In addition, the metadata schema was largely based on the data provided in PMP Gateway log files. The intent was to allow this data to be exchanged in the transactions rather than received separately from the Gateway.
- In the future PMIX should directly communicate with PDMP State Directors as these proposed changes potentially impact every PDMP in existence. We agree and will be working on some additional communication and data sharing tools in the coming year.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions. We look forward to your joining the Executive Committee in January.

Sincerely,

Jean Hall, Chair

Chad Garner, Vice Chair

Stan Murzynski, Secretary