National Uniform Medication Program Update Dr. Dionne Benson Racing Medication and Testing Consortium

Embraced as an initiative in the Mid-Atlantic region

• Consists of:

- Controlled Therapeutic Substances
- Third-Party Lasix Administration
- RMTC Accredited Laboratories
- Multiple Medication Violation Program
- Endorsed by over 60 horse racing stakeholders

- Controlled Therapeutic Substances List
 - Majority supported by significant research done in the United States or abroad
 - Thresholds for 26 medications with dose, route, and withdrawal information
 - With few exceptions represent non-therapeutic residue levels

State	Current
Delaware	
Indiana	
Kentucky	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
New Mexico	
North Dakota	
Virginia	
California	
Illinois	
Minnesota	
Pennsylvania	
West Virginia	
Arizona	
Idaho	
Nebraska	
New Jersey	
New York	
Oregon	
Texas	
Washington	
Arkansas	
Colorado	
Florida	
Iowa	
Louisiana	
Ohio	
Wyoming	
Michigan	
Oklahoma	

- Controlled Therapeutic Substances List – Adoption Status:
 - Currently 8 states have implemented
 - Takes effect in West Virginia tomorrow
 - Another 4 states have commission approval
 - These two groups combined account for 52% of the 2013 handle*

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*All Thoroughbred and mixed Quarter Horse/TB Handle – figures courtesy of Equibase

- Controlled Therapeutic Substances List – Adoption Status:
 - Optimistic that Arkansas, New Jersey, New York, and Texas will also approve and implement the CTS before January 1, 2015
 - Total for states using the CTS would account for 78.4% of 2013 handle or \$8.53 billion.*

*Courtesy of Equibase



Third-party furosemide administration

- Goal is to get private veterinarians out of the stall on race day
 - Veterinarians under the control of the racing commission give furosemide
 - In some instances, private veterinarians are supervised by commission employees

State	Lasix Administrator
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Delaware	
Florida	
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
lowa	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Nebraska	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Dakota	
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Texas	
Virginia	
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wyoming	

Rules Passed Commission	
In Adoption Process	
Under Discussion	
Uncommitted	

- Third Party Lasix
 Administration
 - In effect in 12 jurisdictions
 - Several others are in process
 - Represents 40.6%
 of the 2013
 handle*

*Courtesy of Equibase

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RMTC Laboratory Accreditation

- Highest level of accreditation available to United States horse racing laboratories
- Goal is to ensure that all laboratories are operating at the same high level of proficiency
- 4 part process:
 - Document review
 - 2 successfully completed rounds of the External Quality Assurance Program – which is ongoing for accredited laboratories
 - Site inspection

State	Lab Accreditation
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Delaware	
Florida	
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
lowa	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Nebraska	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Dakota	
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Texas	
Virginia	
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wyoming	

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 Laboratory Accreditation

- In 2008, only 3 laboratories had any type of accreditation
- Zero laboratories were RMTC Accredited 2 years ago
- Currently, 5 laboratories are fully accredited with 3 additional that have applied
- Anticipate applications from other laboratories by the end of 2014

- Multiple Medication Violation Program
 - Adopted by RCI less than one year ago
 - Goal is to punish individuals who receive repeated medication violations and deter repeat offenders
 - Works similarly to a point system for driver's license violations
 - Crosses medication classes and political boundaries

State	MMV Penalty System
Arizona	
Arkansas	
California	
Colorado	
Delaware	
Florida	
Idaho	
Illinois	
Indiana	
lowa	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Maryland	
Massachusetts	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
Nebraska	
New Jersey	
New Mexico	
New York	
North Dakota	
Ohio	
Oklahoma	
Oregon	
Pennsylvania	
Texas	
Virginia	5
Washington	
West Virginia	
Wyoming	

Fully adopted for 2014 Races	
In Adoption Process	
Under Discussion	
Uncommitted	

MMV Program

- 6 states have currently adopted
- In consideration in many other states
- Important to have all states participating in this program

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- The industry is closer than ever to a uniform medication policy
- The state racing commissions, horsemen, and racetracks are working together to get these initiatives implemented
- As an industry, we need to continue to help those states that have not yet fully implemented this program



Questions?