

**Following is the outcome of the workshop that concluded the Third Annual Unused Drug Return International Conference, October 23-24, 2006, in Portland, Maine:**

**Mission Statement:**

...to create a controlled, sustainable, environmentally responsible process for the collection and disposal of unused medicines.

**Driving Factors in order of Priority:**

1. Public Health and Safety
2. Environmental
3. Economic implications

**2007 Strategic Plan:**

The group that remained to attend the final workshop agreed with the need to create sub-committees or task forces to address specific challenges. Each task force needs a leader who will report on activity during the monthly conference calls. With the limited time available, we briefly discussed the following areas as possibilities:

1. General Awareness
  - School pamphlets that could educate children on the dangers of taking medicines and be able to bring home information to their parents
  - AARP
  - Faith based organizations
  - Trade organizations
  - We think we need branding and a logo for the national program. Community groups could use their own logos in combination to ours when advertising take-back events.
  - Website with appropriate search engine maintenance
  - 1-800# support for information dissemination
2. Funding
  - Potential partners, e.g. Rotary, NACDS
  - Use data collected so far as “proof of concept”
  - Charge a \$0.25/prescription surcharge
  - Manufacturer support
  - Partnerships that might defray costs because of benefits they receive (e.g. Drug stores hand out return kits and/or print the 1-800# on their prescription handouts)
3. Legislative and Regulatory
  - Not much discussion here, but the conference created good discussion of opportunities
4. Functional Execution
  - See the flow chart of potential return scenarios
  - What processes will we endorse?
  - What support will be required?
  - What resources exist in the market that could be used to execute?

5. \*Use of Governmental Support

- This was the final discussion and brought forward new thinking about potential approaches to creating a national program.
- Dr. Stevan Gressitt created a position paper which he read to the open session attendees. It was accepted by the group overall.
- The recommendation was made during this workshop that we send that position paper to ONDCP to see if we could gain support as part of the Drug Strategy at the federal level, as this is a national threat.
- It was also recommended that we approach other federal organizations in the same manner.