



**NCPI Advisory Council
Conference Call Summary
March 13, 2006, 5-6 pm**

Participants: Beverly Nicholson RN, CNS (Chair), Kathy Keller, PharmD, Vicky Ferraresi, PharmD, Ann Gouré, Deborah Leary, Bill Marcus, Daryl Walker, Heather Krell, MD, May Sung

- Beverly welcomed new participant, Dr. Heather Krell, with the Pediatric Pain Clinic at UCLA and the Pediatric Pain Foundation, to the NCPI.

Follow-up Actions and Key Discussions:

- Web Site - Vicky Ferraresi and spouse Chuck Hakkarinen (NCPI webmaster) agreed to work on a review mechanism and guidelines to use in determining content for the NCPI website.
- Kathy Keller agreed to assist with developing these guidelines.
- Professional Education - Bill Marcus asked for volunteers to join the Professional Education Committee, especially those who are involved with regulatory and physicians with continuing education experience.
- Heather Krell agreed to volunteer for the professional education committee.
- Bylaws Workgroup Update – Beverly, Bill and May have made good progress on this project. A proposed draft will be shared at a later date based on the discussions of the March 10th conference call.
- Chinese Coalition for Compassionate Care Grant Proposal update – May shared that the California Coalition for Compassionate Care under the leadership of Judy Citko, Executive Director, will be submitting a proposal to the Lance Armstrong Foundation subsequent to the acceptance of a letter of intent to develop activities serving the Chinese community on end of life issues. More information to follow.
- CDOC Quality of Life Team Project: Cancer Pain Plan – Beverly shared information regarding her participation on the Quality of Life Team of the California Dialogue on Cancer. CDOC is the coalition of stakeholders responsible for overseeing the implementation of the state cancer plan that was developed in 2004. She has been charged to develop some strategies for pain management in the state cancer plan.
- Development of e-Newsletter and Poster Display Development – These projects will continue to a part of future NCPI activities.

New Business

- American Pain Society Cancer Pain Guidelines - Presentation & Discussion – Beverly reviewed some highlights of the PowerPoint presentation on the APS Cancer Pain Guidelines. The guidelines were developed by a panel of experts in pain management and could serve as a basis for an NCPI professional education program.
- It was recommended to purchase copies of the APS Cancer Pain Guidelines for each Advisory Council member.
- Beverly indicated that she will be sending out a survey to the Advisory Council to solicit their input in several areas. Responses to the survey will help guide the activities of NCPI and everyone's response is requested.
- AACPI Request for Proposals – Due April 15th – proposals could relate to three areas: professional education, patient education and Pain Initiative building. Provide suggestions in the survey.
- AB 2198 Pain Bill – Bill will continue to track the bill and update the group on this bill which simplifies the Intractable Pain Act and removes implications for pain meds and addiction issues.
- Pain Control Issues Update (Feb 2006) – May shared that the ACS National Government Relations Department (NGRD) is addressing pain control through two new projects. One is a grant to the Pain and Policy Studies Group (PPSG) at the University of Wisconsin, to evaluate federal statutes and regulations and update the 2003 publication, *Achieving Balance in State Pain Policy: A Progress Report Card*. A second project is the Palliative Care Action Project, which will involve a comprehensive review of websites and literature in the field of palliative care; then produce a report to identify the current state-of-the-field, including best practices and gaps in palliative care policy, programs, practice and education.
- AACPI Fund Raising Workshop - Report and Next Steps – Beverly will share a report at another time due to the shortness of time.
- ASPMN representation recommendation – Provide any suggestions in the survey.
- Suggest nominations in the survey for the following AACPI award:
 - AACPI Pain Initiative Champion Award
 - AACPI Excellence in Pain Management - Institution/Organization Award
 - AACPI Champion for Pain Relief - Public Awareness Award
- Next conference call scheduled for April 10, 2006, 5-6 pm, same call-in information.