



NCPI Advisory Council Conference Call
9/11/06
Meeting Notes

Attending: Cathy Dawson, Anne Gouré, Mark Blum, Kathy Keller, Beverly Nicholson, Lori Reisner, May Sung, Rita Yakubik, Darryl Walker

Standing Agenda Items:

Review of Summary Notes from August meeting – pending, as notes not yet received (with apologies from Kathy).

- Web Site Update - Vicky Ferraresi. Vicky is unable to join today, but Beverly reports that she had asked Chuck to put a link to the ACPS Nurse and Pharmacist Pain Awareness Kits in recognition of September as Pain Awareness Month. Not up yet for this specific item, but there is a general link to the ACPA on the NCPI website under the links tab. Also, May included the link below in this agenda.
- SCCPI Liaison Report - Marcia Grant / Glenn Yokoyama. Neither Marcia nor Glenn was able to attend today's call. Beverly will be attending the Gala and invites anyone else who is able to attend as well. (October 5th)

Old Business:

- Cancer Pain Teleconference Planning – Bill Marcus and Beverly Nicholson. Beverly reports that NCPI was successful in obtaining a Lance Armstrong Foundation Grant to provide a Fall and a Spring teleconference on the APS Cancer Pain Management Guidelines. Bill has attempted to contact Chris Miaskowski, but no response as yet. Lori Reisner offered to contact Bill for details and to ask Chris herself since she sees her frequently at UCSF. Alternative speakers were suggested. Scott Fishman – probably too busy. Lori Reisner and Mark Blum were volunteered and graciously agreed to consider this if Chris is unavailable.
- Bylaws Implementation Update – recruitment of Advisory Council members – see attachment. Beverly reminds the group that the Bylaws call for a maximum of 18 officers and committee chairs on the Advisory Council. Other members are also needed and encouraged. Susan Shinagawa approached May, volunteering to work with NCPI. Some concern was expressed over territory issues (she is from So Cal, would SCCPI mind?). Marcia and Glenn can be asked to bring this issue to SCCPI for their comment.
- Other Professional Education Committee Activities- Bill Marcus unable to attend. No other update to telephone conference at this time. Legislative news:
 - AB2198 on governors desk, waiting for signature
 - AB1745 pilot pediatric palliative care Medicare benefit on governors desk, too.
 - Write to governor to encourage that he sign these.
- Face to Face Meeting in Oakland Planning – Oct. 20th – Beverly Nicholson
 - Asks May what is needed from us. 1) Selection of Advisory Council. Main conference room is reserved. 2) Agenda building. Have a conference call to do this. Mark volunteered to assist. Rita suggested not having small breakout groups this time. Conference call for this will be 9.29.06 at noon to 1pm.
 - 3) Power Over Pain program speaker? Beverly reports that she and Steven

attended this at AACPI meeting. Invite a speaker to discuss this, broaden our perspective. Consider looking at this proposal again for a different approach? Massachusetts and Ohio groups did a train the trainer program to have volunteers go out various groups. Ronna Popkin is the AACPI person now in charge. May will contact her to see who might be available to talk at the FTF meeting.

- SCCPI Gala Attendance Oct. 5 – was discussed under SCCPI liaison report.

New Business

- September Pain Awareness Month Activities - group reports various activities:
 - See attached Nurse and Pharmacist Awareness Kit from the American Chronic Pain Association Web site: <http://www.theacpa.org/>
 - September activities – ACS Doc Talk on Cancer Pain - Mark Blum, I Can Cope Pain Module – Beverly Nicholson. These are posted on web.
 - Rita is doing part of a seminar for staff at Seton on September 28th. She volunteers to mention NCPI at that time. Perhaps some new members can be recruited.
 - Beverly mentions having some type of media release out about September Pain Awareness? Beverly will email Bill to see if some type of announcement regarding pain legislation is appropriate.
- Strategic Plan Update – May and Beverly. Need to look at it, match up activities, accomplishments. Kathy suggested we focus on accomplishments, realizing that we might have been too ambitious in the past. Cathy Dawson suggested spending some time at face-to-face meeting with new volunteers to on this to see where they might contribute.
- Regarding conference calls – plan to keep on schedule at this time. Next call will be 10.9.06
- Budget concerns: May says final budget will not yet be approved, but will provide some information to members on past fiscal year.
- Power Over Pain Campaign

The American Pain Foundation (APF) and divisions of the American Alliance of Cancer Pain Initiatives (AACPI), with the support of the American Cancer Society (ACS) and the American Society of Pain Management Nursing (ASPMN), have joined together to implement a grassroots effort called the Power Over Pain Campaign.

The Power Over Pain Campaign is designed to provide Pain Initiatives and other interested groups with tools to implement action-oriented public awareness campaigns on the state or community level. The goals of Power Over Pain are to:

- Make effective pain management a health care priority at the state and local levels
- Provide the public with practical information about pain and its management
- Empower patients and families to demand effective pain control
- Encourage health care professionals to become better informed about pain and its management

Announcements – Open Agenda

- Updates on CA Pain Legislation and recent DEA Actions – Bill Marcus had emailed membership recently with updates.

- May reports that she will join a call tomorrow with ACS national for update on pain and policy studies group – new report card will be released on September 26th and DEA FAQ update. May will report on this at next meeting. Cathy Dawson suggested we develop an NCPI position to tie in with ACS spokesperson for media comment.
- Chinese American Coalition for Compassionate Care Project Report - Judy Citko reported at last meeting that they had received a grant to address end of life issues for this community. Developing a speaker's bureau and a media campaign. No other update at this time.
- Other

Upcoming Conferences/Educational Opportunities

Mercy San Juan Medical Center “The Many Faces of Pain” conference for pharmacists and nurses (multiple dates) –for more information contact Beverly at bnicholson@chw.edu

September 27, 2006

Promoting Excellence in Pain Management & Palliative Care for Social Workers

Location: City of Hope, Duarte, CA

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Pain Resource Nurse Training Course

Location: City of Hope, Duarte, CA

September 6 – 8, 2006

UCSF Pain Management and End of Life Care

Location: San Francisco

November 15-17, 2006

Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Keller, PharmD 9.20.06