

NCPI Advisory Council Conference Call  
December 13, 2004, 5-6 pm

**Summary Notes** (approved 1/10/05)

Advisory Council Members present: Donna Anderson, Judy Citko, Kathy Keller, Beverly Nicholson, Rhonda Nichols, May Sung, Vicky Ferraresi, Thurman Hunt, Bill Marcus, Rita Yakubik

Other participants: Ann Gouré

Not present: Andrew Bertagnoli, Mark Blum, Penney Cowan, Marcia Grant, Lori Reisner, Ben Rich, Tricia Wynne

**Audio Conference Update** (Beverly Nicholson)

Beverly reports on the status of the second SB151 audio conference. Judi Nurse, PharmD, Supervising Inspector at the CA Board of Pharmacy is happy to be the speaker. However, Patty Harris, Executive Director, had some reservations, especially regarding the date initially picked since Judi needed to be present at a board meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>, so December 14<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the date instead. The Professional Education Workgroup decided to use Kintera as the vendor for participant registration. So far ~45 phone lines have been reserved at a fee of \$20 each. A final count of the number of participants at each call site will be obtained. A confirmation email to registrants with the PowerPoint presentation was sent out today along with website link to the CA Board of Pharmacy and FAQ document from the CMA. Receipts and follow-up evaluation questionnaire will follow after the audio conference.

Important progress with this audio conference has been the collaboration with CMA, with Sam Roth publishing the audio conference announcement through CMA's website and SCCPI's collaboration in advertising this to their members following May's conversation with Barbara Whitlach to secure Betty Ferrell's support. This is a positive step to attempt to address concerns raised by SCCPI in their letter to the professional boards and agencies enforcing SB151.

Questions raised by the participants following the program may be answered by Dr. Nurse, time permitting. CMA also graciously agreed to respond to questions through their Health Law Information Specialist.

Special thanks goes to Beverly for "burning up the phone lines" to get this organized and to Bill Marcus for his ongoing work and support on this group project.

**Chair's Report** (Donna Anderson)

Donna reports on the successful completion of 7 goals in the 10-page NCPI Strategic Plan for 2005 – 2007. While the recommendation to include quantitative criteria for outcome measurements is highly desirable, it was decided to leave the plan in the more simplistic format, putting the measurements into the objectives, not into the goals themselves.

We were informed by Carolyn Gamble that the Aetna Foundation received and reviewed NCPI's concept paper, but responded that they were not interested in receiving a full proposal. May recommended that NCPI make more project-specific funding requests in the future.

## **NCPI Website Development** (Donna, Vicky)

Vicky reports that the 3 URLs were secured with a 10-year lease: ([www.norcalpain.org](http://www.norcalpain.org), [www.norcalpain.net](http://www.norcalpain.net), and [www.norcalpain.com](http://www.norcalpain.com)). Chuck Hakkarinen graciously submitted minutes from the Website Development Workgroup's last meeting. Chuck has provided an NCPI website mock-up at <http://home.earthlink.net/~norcalpain> which is not yet linked to the NCPI's web addresses, but is there for review and discussion at the next website development meeting. Members are strongly encouraged to view it and provide feedback on colors, suggest a logo, content, etc. Some suggestions from this meeting are to include a message board, a calendar of events and links to pain-related materials from the Board of Pharmacy, other agencies, palliative care and cancer pain links at ACS (Vicky is already working on this aspect). Bill Marcus emphasized that the NCPI website should capitalize on POSITIVE messages.

May reports the group is working toward including a description of NCPI and links between NCPI, SCCPI, AACPI and the ACS pain page on its website when the NCPI website goes live.

## **Pain Field Council Activities Update** (May)

May Sung has been representing NCPI on the AACPI Pain Field Council. Everyone is encouraged to plan to attend the AACPI National Meeting in St. Louis on June 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Feedback and participation is actively being sought for the Initiative Capacity Building round-table breakfast meeting on Friday morning. Please refer to May's email dated 12.3.04, forwarded from AACPI.

The council's second project is that they are currently seeking to develop criteria for including community resources in the national database. Pain resources for the community will be included in the Community Resources Directory (CRD), organized by zip code and information (but not specific recommendations) will be made available to callers contacting the NCIC 800 number (which is in Austin, TX).

Examples of included resources would be pain clinics, private and multidisciplinary pain programs, advocacy groups, patient support groups, pain initiatives, etc. Bill, Donna and Rhonda stressed for the group that the quality and consistency of each program should be rigorously assessed.

Next Conference Call - Monday, January 10, 2005, 5-6 pm