

**NCPI Advisory Group Conference Call
February 14, 2005 5p-6p**

Summary Notes (Amended & Accepted 3-14-05)

Advisory Council Members present: Donna Anderson, Vicky Ferraresi, Marcia Grant, Kathy Keller, Beverly Nicholson, Lori Reisner, May Sung

Other participants: Glenn Yokoyama, Ann Gouré, Cathy Dawson, Steven Rickards

May Sung called the conference call to order for Donna Anderson in anticipation of her delayed entry into the meeting. Review and acceptance of the summary notes from the January 10th meeting were completed at the conclusion of the formal agenda. Donna especially acknowledged Rita Yakubic for recording these minutes in the absence of Kathy Keller. Donna asks for other volunteers who might be willing to record the notes at future conference calls.

Chair's Report (Donna Anderson)

Donna reported that Rhonda Nichols has resigned from the NCPI Advisory Group to pursue other activities. Donna especially wanted to acknowledge how valuable Rhonda's input has been to establishing NCPI and thank her for her outstanding contributions. Rhonda had been coordinating the workgroup on Key Pain Messages. Tom Bookwalter, Ann Gouré, Kathy Dawson and Steven Rickards Ann Gouré reports that she will be having a meeting tomorrow with ACS (Government Relations) interns to follow up on discussions from the September planning meeting. Glenn Yokoyama agreed to participate and lend his expertise in this workgroup.

NCPI Logo (Donna Anderson)

Donna appreciated receiving lots of responses on the proposed NCPI logo. The majority felt that the cartoon figures did not convey the NCPI's vision. At this point, Donna asks for options: modify the present design or consider a new design. May reports that Miles Orkin has a new staff member who is a graphics designer. She offered to ask Miles if they would be willing to lend these services to NCPI. The committee agreed to this approach, giving a timeline goal of February 25th and the following features they would like to see conveyed by the design: pain alleviation, collaboration, Northern California, simple, direct and easily reproducible for correspondence of various types.

Website Update (Vicky Ferraresi)

Vicky reports that Miles gave Chuck feedback on installing the search engine. This will be done using Google, which does not charge non-profit organizations for searching capacity. The member's areas will be password protected, using the same logon for everyone, **nocanopain** (all lower case, one word), in accordance with the advisory

committee decision at the last meeting. There will be a section for posting minutes from committees and workgroups.

Since there was insufficient feedback from the previous questionnaire asking how members would like to be listed and to explore better times for the Advisory Committee monthly phone conference, it will be sent out again. Beverly recommended that specific criteria for links be established. She recommended a link to The American Chronic Pain Association. Vicky reports that current criteria include whether the site is legitimate, is their information reasonable, when was the site last updated, etc.? Donna asks that Vicky convey to Chuck how much we appreciate his work and contribution to NCPI.

NCPI members are urged to review the temporary website, which is being update continuously, to provide input prior to announcement of official online status.

SCCPI Update (Marcia Grant)

Marcia reports SCCPI met less than 1 week ago and spoke about the following topics:

- SCCPI plans to expand their mission to include non-malignant pain. This will take some time to work through.
- SCCPI has developed a position paper against the “physician-assisted suicide” legislation currently being proposed in CA. Beverly will be attending the California Coalition for Compassionate Care meeting on Friday. She will find out their position and report back to NCPI.
- No responses were received to SCCPI’s letter regarding difficulties with implementation of SB151. Judy Regotti, a certified hospice and palliative care nurse at TrinityCare Hospice, representing the California Hospice & Palliative Care Foundation, at the SCCPI board meeting reported on new major legislation addressing use of controlled substances for pain management.
- On considering a joint educational program between SCCPI and NCPI for 2006, Marcia reports that SCCPI’s biggest challenge at this time is to stay afloat financially as they are receiving less support than in the past. Executive Director Barbara Whitlatch is now less than half time. The Gala is their most important event, but does not raise any funds. The PRN course tends to break even, though this past year there was a small profit. EPEC costs them money to produce. Marcia notes that these issues will be discussed at the AACPI 16th Annual Meeting on June 9-11 in St. Louis, MO.

AACPI 16th Annual Conference (May Sung, Donna Anderson)

The AACPI 16th Annual Conference is June 9-11, 2005 in St. Louis, Missouri. May attended last year and has received an invitation from Mary Bennett this year requesting her and Donna to participate in a workshop on developing a state initiative, describing structure, challenges, etc. In addition, NCPI will receive one complimentary registration. Between AACPI and NCPI, registration and travel costs will be covered. Rhonda Nichols had tentatively volunteered and had been planning to participate in the workshop.

She had also suggested bringing a poster presentation highlighting the process/outcome of SB151. However, she will not be able to attend due to other commitments. May asks for committee members to seriously consider participating and to respond to her shortly. Lori Reisner reports that she may be able to represent NCPI at the conference. Donna reports that, on behalf of NCPI, she nominated May for recognition as a Pain Champion. Donna notes that there are other award categories, for which each of us should seriously consider nominations from among our colleagues.

Lance Armstrong Foundation Grant (Beverly Nicholson, Kathy Keller)

Beverly Nicholson reports that a final workgroup phone conference was recently held regarding NCPI's objectives and challenges in applying for this grant. With input from the various members involved, it was decided that the time frame was truly too short event to compose an adequate letter of intent at this time. However, the group felt that the idea was sound and could be further developed. Glenn Yokoyama suggested speaking with Lori Anderson in his office with the Health Policy Management Track at UCSF School of Pharmacy, also, Bob Ignoffo at Mt. Zion Oncology.

AB1782 (Judy Citko)

Discussion of this legislation is tabled until Judy Citko can be on the call.

Additional Business

CSHP wanted to bring to the Advisory Committee's attention Governor Schwarzenegger's intention to eliminate the currently existing 88 healthcare regulatory boards, consolidating and subsuming their responsibilities under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). At the current time the Little Hoover Commission is reviewing this. Individuals are urged to provide their input on this matter.

Thanks to Bill Marcus for creating the explanatory letter accompanying the Joint letter from the Pharmacy and Medical Boards on the Health & Safety Code section 11167 provisions and how they work in conjunction with federal law. This relates to the difficulty of getting the new controlled substances prescription form. Donna reported that in collaboration with NCPI, SCCPI also plans to send out these communications via their January newsletter.

Next Meeting

The next Advisory Committee conference call will be held at 5-6pm on Monday, March 14th. (Same time, same place, same numbers, different agenda).