



**NCPI Advisory Council Conference Call**  
**4/17/07**  
**Meeting Notes**

**Attending:** Glen Yokoyama, Penney Cowan, Judy Citko, Ben Rich, Thurman Hunt, Mark Blum, Beverly Nicholson, Vicky Ferraresi, Lori Reisner, Daryl Walker

**Standing Agenda Items:**

- ❑ Notes from the March 20, 2007 call were approved.
- ❑ Web Site Update - Vicky Ferraresi.
- ❑ SCCPI Liaison Report - Glenn Yokoyama reported on the SCCPI educational activities for the year including the Pain Resource Nurse and Pain Course for Social Workers. The Gala will not be held this year due to financial priorities. He thanked ACS for the \$5000 grant SCCPI received.

**Old Business:**

- ❑ NCPI 2007 Priority #1 - Communication/outreach to the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement to build a relationship and develop education programs. Bill Marcus is not present on the conference call. He has communicated with Beverly that he is very enthusiastic about this project and indicates that it can be done with minimal cost. Several individuals have volunteered to be on the committee. Daryl Walker reports that Kathy Ellis from CURES has agreed to serve on the NCPI Advisory Council.
- ❑ NCPI 2007 Priority #2 – Explore teaching pain management differently to health professionals. Beverly Nicholson led discussion regarding this idea and asked the group to think about how we might promote this idea. Brain storming ideas included the following
  - Collaborate with other organizations, existing pain teams at teaching institutions
  - Identify existing models such as palliative care fellowships
  - Do a literature search
  - Vickie shared her experience with training a Pharmacy resident and a 2<sup>nd</sup> year pharmacy student in hospice care. She received a grant from the Hospice Foundation to support this project.
  - Glenn discussed a potential funding source providing seed money through a grant, but proposals are due soon.
  - The group discussed existing training programs in palliative care such as the Stanford Palliative Care Program and the UC Davis West Coast Palliative Care Center.
  - We will continue to brainstorm regarding this concept.
- ❑ Follow up from Cancer Pain Guidelines Teleconference- Beverly Nicholson indicated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference again presented excellent content. However, the number of participants was lower than targeted in the grant. Therefore, we will be able to distribute a CD and the APS pain guideline books using funds from the grant. The group discussed ideas for distribution of the CD. Ideas included sending an e-mail to participants in the

conferences, sending e-mail to pain organizations, and a news release about the CD. Vicky Ferraresi will put an announcement on the NCPI web site. We will most likely be able to distribute these materials free. Beverly indicated that we are still working on summarizing the evaluations from the second conference.

- ❑ Power over Pain Action Network– Annie Borgenicht indicated that she is still working on making contacts with persons in pain and others who might support her in this effort.
- ❑ ASPI Annual Meeting June 21-23 in Boston, Mass. NCPI will support Bill Marcus, Annie Borgenicht and Beverly Nicholson in attending by paying registration and other expenses as the budget permits. Judy Citko will be attending as well with support from the California Coalition for Compassionate Care.
- ❑ Pain Forum Representation – Beverly Nicholson announced that Bill Marcus will be representing NCPI at these meetings.
- ❑ AB 2198 Update – Bill Marcus will discuss future plans for proposed legislation to further improve California regulations at the next conference call. The group discussed briefly.

**New Business - None**

### **Announcements – Open Agenda**

- ❑ The question of what NCPI membership might mean or look like was briefly discussed. Beverly Nicholson suggested that this item be saved for the next Face-to-Face meeting that we hope to hold in the late summer or fall.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Nicholson, RN, CNS  
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