



**NCPI Advisory Council Conference Call
June 19, 2007 12 – 1 pm**

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CONFERENCE CALL SUMMARY NOTES

Present: Beverly Nicholson, May Sung, Bill Marcus, Janet Edrington, Judi Nurse, Annie Borgenicht, Kathy Keller, Daryl Walker, Mark Blum.

Kathy Ellis was invited to join, but was unable to attend today.

I. Review of Meeting Notes May reports one correction to the notes of 5/15: Alecia Sanchez signed in late to call so should be added to attendees.

II. Standing Agenda Items

- SCCPI Liaison Report - Marcia Grant / Glenn Yokoyama
 - Kathe Kelly not able to join, no other reports though had two excellent reports during the last two meetings.
- Web Site - Vicky Ferraresi
 - Kathy will have info on UCSF Pain Course forwarded to Beverly for distribution and possible inclusion on website.
 - Bill asked if highlights of recent articles on related matters could/should be posted/review posted on the NCPI website. Such articles might be the recent piece by Tina Rosenberg in the Sunday NY Times on “When is the pain doctor a drug pusher?” Others are, “The most dangerous man in Oregon” and “Strategies to stop abuse of prescription drugs.” Annie suggested a link instead of being redundant, as these are also available on the APF website. Beverly stated this may be something that will attract readers to our website. Mark offered to look at articles to review and comment.
Action item: Forward articles to Beverly who will forward to Mark Blum for review and possible posting.
 - Kathy reports receiving a contact to CNN for a Pain Management piece with Hugh Downs. Annie indicates that Power Over Pain may be interested in pursuing this. Kathy will forward the contact.
- Upcoming Conferences/Educational Opportunities
 - ASPE PainWEEK will be held in September 6-9, 2007 in Las Vegas.
 - UC Davis Medical Center: Alternative and Integrative Medicine for Pain Management, October 7-10, 2007 in Hawaii

III. Old Business

- Regulatory Affairs Committee
 - **NCPI 2007-08 Activities Priority #1:** Communication/outreach to Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) to build a working relationship. – Bill Marcus
 - Bill wants to pursue training for law enforcement and looking at CA statutes that need to be improved. There is sufficient turnover at the various agencies (licensing boards, BNE, etc.) that there is a loss of

memory and understanding of the pain issues. This leads to backsliding regarding pain policy interpretation and enforcement.

Action Item: Beverly suggests this be added to the agenda for the face-to-face meeting in August, but calendars have changed. She will send out another ballot with remaining choices.

Bill was just invited by a group called “Inflection” to participate on a panel to work on prescription drug abuse. He will be seeking advice and input from the group on this.

- Cancer Pain Guidelines Teleconference and ASPI Lance Armstrong Grant Follow Up – Beverly Nicholson is looking at evaluations to report on outcomes.
 - CD and Book Distribution – May Sung reports that Dr. Chris Miaskowski’s PowerPoint is synchronized with audio. 300 copies are being made. 150 copies are being brought to ASPI meeting. Will purchase 100 additional copies of the book for promotion and distribution. Special thanks to Diana Ngo, staff assistant, who volunteered to put together the CD on her own time as a learning opportunity. Following ASPI annual meeting, the group can discuss how the additional CDs and book combination can be promoted and distributed.

- Power Over Pain - Action Network Progress Report - Annie Borgenicht
 - ASAPF website has Newsweek article and letters to the editor. Kadian misinformation was corrected by Will Rowe. Marsha Stanton has also been working on a letter to the editor to correct this misinformation.
 - NY Times article not as well balanced as should be according to Annie. As a person in pain who needs her medication to function, she is drafting and will share her letter to the editor with us.
 - Annie reports that there is a new national pain policy that will be replacing HR 1020. Details posted on ASAPF website. May reports that the national ACS office has been taking the lead in supporting this and has already signed on. There are 4 basic actions that they endorse. They would like all affiliated state pain initiatives to sign on in support as well. May recommends that we all look at this, and as a project of the ACS, she would formally like us to support this. Beverly asks how we should proceed? May will check with ACS National Government Relations to determine what action should take place, as the date has passed. Bill provided website:
www.painfoundation.org/action/npcpaBillSummaryApril2007.doc
 - Annie also reports that there are other good items on the website including announcement of an upcoming web course in June.
 - Annie’s sister is a pain management physician who has sent her some good news items about increasing interest in pain research at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and an article about Thomas Quinn, MSN (Oncology nurse for 25 years) from Mass General: MGH Cares About Pain Relief, the intersection of pain management and addictive illness is a new website that will be launched to coincide with the ASPI meeting this week. Bill found more information about Thomas Quinn on the web. He is on a Pain Action committee with Penney Cowan.
 - Bill reports that there is a website by Dr. Alex Deluca at www.doctordeluca.com that contains a large archive of a variety of pertinent articles.

- PPSG Report Card Press Release Plan – Beverly – wanted to speak with Alecia regarding the report card release set for July. ACS and NCPI will need to talk more about positioning and press release.
- ASPI Annual Meeting, June 21-23, 2007, Boston, Massachusetts – Beverly Nicholson. May announces dinner reservations for Friday, June 22 at Avila Restaurant for all who are able to make it at 7 pm.

IV. New Business

- Face to Face Meeting in September – Beverly Nicholson will re-send ballot.
- National Pain Policy Act 2007 Endorsement – May Sung clarifies that sign-on to the Consensus Statement was supposed to be by June 7th for introduction of the bill. National ACS wanted Pain Initiatives that are affiliated with the ACS to sign on, so is likely that we will be represented.

V. Presentation – California Coalition for Compassionate Care Judy Citko, JD, Executive Director

- Beverly asked Judy if we can reschedule her presentation as the time is now short. Judy graciously agreed. Next time the presentation will be first on the agenda.

VI. Announcements – Open Agenda

Next Conference Call: July 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Keller