

**NCPI Advisory Council Conference Call
May 20, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by Beverly Nicholson, NCPI Chairperson.

Introductions

Attending: Beverly Nicholson, Kathy Keller, Penny Cowan, Kathe Kelly, May Sung, Glenn Yokoyama, Donna Kalaoukalani, Alicia Sanchez

Regrets: Judy Citko, Annie Borgenicht, Janet Edrington, Thurman Hunt, Vicky Ferraresi, Judy Nurse, Lori Reisner, Ben Rich, Katherine Ellis, Ann Goure, Steven Rickards

Review of Meeting Notes:

- Kathy distributed notes from meeting in March.
 - Corrections:
 - Alicia: Federal Pain Bills—S.B. reference in “Power Over Pain” section should be changed to S.R.

Old Business

- ASPI Annual Meeting—October in AUSTIN, TX
 - E-mail sent out looking for those interested in going. NCPI can defray the cost for two Advisory Council members
 - Penny and Ben will be speaking, Kathy Keller, Beverly Nicholson and May Sung will also be attending

New Business:

- ACS Can Grant (\$12,000)—Meeting planning, set-up and organization
 - Received grant, goals to reenergize Pain Initiative, to improve Pain Grade for California through efforts; committed to bring together stake holders, to discuss goals; will hold two meetings (Northern CA, Southern CA) in the fall
 - Grant must be used by the end of Dec. 2008
 - Beverly, Kathy Keller, May, Alicia met to come up with a DRAFT AGENDA
 - Must limit the amount of people attending meetings
 - Presentations in the morning by key stake holder groups in order to outline the state of affairs related to pain management, and the state of pain in California
 - Afternoon, hold round-table discussions including key stake holders, then come together for report-out and recommendations for action, with a paper to disseminate regarding recommendations and action plans as a result of meetings
 - Thoughts/concerns on meeting set-up:
 - 10-11:30 AM—seven people talking is too much for such a short amount of time (possibly a working lunch in order to get more people to speak?)
 - Key note speaker - agreed to be very helpful in laying out game plan and tone for what needs to happen in reaching goals

- Special Interest Round Tables—perhaps trying to shove a lot in too small amount of time, so adjust speakers in order to allow for time allotments might be necessary
 - Today’s conf. call goal: **Identify/categorize** the various stake holder groups when considering the morning and afternoon sessions
 - Special Interest Round Tables—different voices brought together – Penny suggests name change - “The Voice of the Public” to include disparities.
 - Alicia confused about approach: 1) round tables based on constituency groups, 2) round tables based on ideas/policy areas – should just be one or the other. Which would be more effective: Identify **issues** or **groups**? Morning seems to be group-oriented vs. the afternoon, which is issue-oriented. If issues are the focus, people could pick their concerns, but then it might be uneven or off-balance—people should be assigned.
 - Assign someone as coordinator for different areas throughout the meeting in order to contain the discussion and keep people from meandering from place to place; to determine those who will talk, and to either moderate or find someone else to moderate discussion
 - May suggests that between 5 and 10 people per round-table discussion, depending on how many people are set to attend
 - People from each constituency in each group in order to have everyone represented at every table (keep the conversation well rounded).
 - Morning: Expert speakers lay the groundwork for the afternoon.
Afternoon: groups break out to discuss the designated areas
 - Scratch original idea from draft agenda (for the morning)? – Instead, cover issues in the morning that will be addressed and discussed later on, which will be supervised by a facilitator
 - Categories
 1. Consumer/Public Perspective
 2. Physician Perspective
 3. Nursing Perspective
 4. Pharmacist Perspective
 5. Legal/Regulatory Perspective
 - Because it’s the political year... Should the *politician* perspective be included in the morning talks, perhaps has a lunch speaker?
 - Insurance aspects of Pain Management included in disparities issues
 - Are there legislative people who have worked in or around the area of Pain that could have an informed perspective on the issue?
 - Kathe:
 - Sheila James Qulle? – 23rd Senate District, Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, w/ For Grace. Aware of ‘Women in Pain Conference’; would be very friendly in helping promote this. Alicia has her Sacramento number.
- Division of Round Table Issues:
 - Healthcare Provider Practice

- Consumer/Public Awareness/Advocacy
- Regulatory/Legal
- Access
- Disparities

MAIN QUESTION: How do we help everyone in California who suffers from pain get the help they need? Within each group, discuss suggestions and implementation ideas in how to improve the overall grade of California with regards to pain mgmt (short term and long term).

- Next Step:
 - Make recommended changes and then get feedback from all advisory council members
 - Figure out dates and locations for meetings ASAP
- Beverly called Virginia Harold (Executive Officer for the Board of Pharmacy) about how best to approach the various professional boards about getting involved in the discussion meetings—she will follow up with Virginia.

Standing Agenda Items:

- Women In Pain Conference update—Kathe Kelly
 - 105 people registered for conference; with all guests and staff, attendance will be close to 125.
 - Already looking ahead to the Social Worker Pain and Palliative Care program, first of August. Also, the Pain Resource Nurse course, 17th year, City of Hope—SCCPI is moving ahead with all of these courses.
- ACS Staff Meeting in June update—May Sung
 - NCPI will make a brief presentation to ACS staff at conference
 - Staff meeting held annually to address programming for the new year.
 - Beverly* will talk about pain mgmt.; May would like Kathe to talk about the partnership between SCCPI and NCPI and the structure they are using to deal with pain management in California.
 - Able to secure with David Kessler*, expert on grief (published with Elisabeth Kübler- Ross), will talk about palliative care.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5 PM.