

**NCPI Advisory Council Call
July 15, 2008**

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

Introductions

Attending: Beverly Nicholson, Kathy Keller, Penny Cowan, Donna Kalaukalani, May Sung, Glenn Yokoyama, Kathe Kelly, Mary Borrelli

Regrets: Judy Citko, Judy Nurse, Marcia Grant, Katherine Ellis, Alicia Sanchez, Lori Reisner, Janet Edgrington, Ben Rich, Thurman Hunt, Vicky Ferraresi, Annie Borgenicht,

Review of Meeting Notes:

None

Announcements:

- Beverly spoke with Mark Bloom, who retired from his palliative care position at Kaiser, and is leaving the NCPI Advisory Council
 - Gave names of some physicians, and she will follow up with those
- Pain Report Card—May Sung
 - Most recent released today and is available on the website (painpolicy.wisc.edu); third and the last for a while
 - Part of the project funded through ACS and the Pain and Policy Study Group at the University of Wisconsin
 - CA maintained a B grade—33 additional states at B level, 5 at an A level
 - Goal: by 2015: 50 states at B level, 10 of those at A level
 - Additional tools coming out from Study Group, as well as the National ACS government relations area
 - According to Aaron Gilson —23 of those states can now receive an A *only* through a repealing of restrictive or ambiguous provisions, California included
 - Tool coming out that will provide a state-by-state evaluation that will lay out numerous things that we can do to reach that A level
 - Have this information available for the fall meeting; Aaron Gilson could be keynote speaker, presenting where CA stands and what implementations can be made and have been made

Old Business:

- ACS Cancer Action Network Grant: Stakeholder Meeting this fall—main focus of today's call. Need to officially get the dates, times and other details nailed down
- POSSIBLE DATES:
 - Proposed Fridays: 11/7, 11/14, 12/5, 12/12—have to pick two meeting dates, two different locations

** **DISCUSSION**—individual attendance conflicts/alternate were reviewed.

Tentative Consensus:

- Dec. 5, 2008 was selected as the best date based on the availability of Advisory Council members. The original grant was to hold two meetings.

- May will check with CAN to see if we can revise grant to have one meeting
 - Sacramento was selected as the best location. Places to have the meeting were discussed. The grant money will cover having the meeting at a hotel.
- Time-line:
 - May will look at possible meeting locations
 - Invitations need to be given out (particularly to speakers) ASAP: around the first of Sept.
 - Kathy will spearhead the compilation of invitees (stakeholders), with additional help from the rest of the council members.
 - Previous stakeholders, new additions, then send out a Save-the-Date—emphasize the desire to find all willing participants so that there are more people who can contribute
 - Originally: 40-50 people invited to two meetings—now the meetings can most likely be much larger
 - Grant money most likely allows for reimbursement of travel. Must figure out how to budget the money towards those invited to attend meeting.
- The proposed meeting agenda was reviewed.
 - Everyone agrees that the format works.
 - Overall Focus of Meeting:
 - Beverly: “To reenergize our efforts and to focus on how we can improve California’s Pain Grade... from a B to an A... To talk about where we are now, where we’re going, and how we can make progress in all of our prospective areas of interest.”
 - May: Taking out all the negative provisions that reside within the current state policies that hinder the state grade overall—need to focus on policies and the perspectives surrounding that.
 - Policy makers *need* to be in attendance at the meeting.
- Possible speakers were discussed:
 - Aaron Gilson; May will follow up with him about meeting date.
 - Alicia is working on speaker for the working lunch—a Legislative speaker? Will possibly invite legislative *staff* that once worked with speakers on pain management issues so that they will already be informed.
 - Dave Thornton, Medical Board—was witness to the Pain Policy Act in CA, or perhaps someone else in the California Medical Association (for the 10:15 slot) to comment on the effect of the act after its passing.
 - Cynthia Ehnes, Dept. of Managed Health Care—has been speaking on issues of coverage and prior illness and complicated medical histories. If not her, perhaps someone in her department?
 - Lee Snook, physician involved with organized medicine and the CMA, etc.—been practicing P.M. in California for some time.
 - Cricket Barzai, Dean of CSU, Fresno—“politically savvy” could be a good contributor, identifying obstacles, etc.
 - Could SCCPI possibly contribute a Nursing perspective for the meeting?

- Penny Cowan has a commitment on December 5th and will be unable to attend. Penny was asked to identify potential speakers to address consumer issues at the meeting

In contacting the stakeholders, we need to discover what areas of CA's current policies are in question so that everyone can be informed in advance of what needs to be focused on.

- Beverly will send an email to the Advisory Council, asking to send recommendations to Kathy.
 - By the 3rd week of August, so the Save-the-Date can be sent by Sept. 1.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:15 PM.