

**Northern California Pain Initiative
Advisory Council Conference Call
May 10, 2004, 5-6 pm**

Summary Notes

Present: Donna Anderson, Dr. Kathy Keller, Dr. Mark Blum, Dr. Barry Cole, Judy Citko, Dr. Marcia Grant, Beverly Nicholson, Paul Riches, Rita Yakubik
Penney Cowan, May Sung

Absent: Mary Bennett, Dr. Andrew Bertagnolli, Dr. Diane Fink, Dr. Thurman Hunt, Deborah Leary, Dr. Don Lyman, Bill Marcus, Rhonda Nichols, Dr. Ben Rich, Tricia Wynne

Call to Order - Donna Anderson, Chair, called the conference call to order.
A draft summary of the April 12th conference call was reviewed and accepted.

Follow-up Actions:

- Donna Anderson reviewed the few comments that came back regarding the draft Strategic Plan. It will be revised based on those comments, but due to time constraints asked members to send additional comments to her or May Sung.
- Mary Bennett indicated that AACPI is willing to comp two registrations and provide a travel scholarship to get NCPI members to the AACPI Annual Meeting which will provide a good opportunity for networking and to hear outstanding speakers on pain management. May will send an e-mail communication to Advisory Council members to ask who would be interested in attending the meeting in New Brunswick, June 17-19, representing the NCPI.
- Penney Cowan shared that “Partners for Understanding Pain,” led by the American Chronic Pain Association, is declaring September as Pain Awareness Month (www.understandingpain.org). May will apprise Matt Bromley, AACPI, of this since they are asking for state CPIs that are declaring as well.
- May reported that NCPI will not pursue funding for “Power Over Pain” at the present time because of the dedicated staff time requirement of 20 hours per week. However, Kathy agreed to research with UCSF the possibility of student interns looking to do a project for credit.
- May will send out an email 24 hours before registrations are closed for the SB 151 audio conference to ask for any registrants who had a change of mind to participate so we can make space for those on the waiting list. Response has been phenomenal with over 400 requests to register.

- SB 151 materials (Paul Riches' PowerPoint presentation and FAQ) in PDF format will be sent to all registrants. Questions will be compiled by ACS and directed to the CA Board of Pharmacy for answers.
- Judy Nurse is on call to be Paul Riches' back-up presenter.
- After discussion, the three questions that were agreed upon to ask audio conference participants are: 1) number of people at the site, 2) location by county and 3) what discipline or specialties are represented.
- Members of NCPI Advisory Council are encouraged to talk about SB 151 in the course of the presentations that they make.
- Next conference call is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 5-6 pm. The conference call scheduled for June 14 is cancelled.