



NCPI Advisory Council Conference Call

January 20, 2009

4 –5 PM

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Summary Notes

I. Introductions

Present on call: Beverly Nicholson, May Sung, Penney Cowan, Kathe Kelly, Mark McGinn, Kathy Keller, Alecia Sanchez, Mary Borrelli

II. Review of Meeting Notes - deferred

III. Old Business

- Stakeholder Pain Forum Follow-up
 - Budget Report – Have about \$2000 remaining to get transcript done. In progress now.
 - Feedback – individuals on the call provided their impressions. Bev reports that although there were only a few evaluations turned in, 14 (76%) rated the conference as Excellent and 4 rated it as Good. There were very few criticisms, none serious. Some of the high points were the presentations by Penney and the persons with pain panel, the networking that occurred, education on CURES, and other resources to help clinicians and individuals. It was a unique opportunity for persons with pain to be heard and validated by a large group of caring medical professionals.
 - Plan for review of Transcription – Bev suggested splitting up sections for review. Transcriptionist is working on it this week, but is done from CD, so it's slow. Kathy Keller offered to help with completing transcription and review, but timing will be an issue since she will be gone from 1/27 through 2/7/09. Ben Rich was unable to be on the call but he had offered to help with reviewing the transcript. The suggestion was made to have the speakers and panel members review their sections for accuracy and comments.
- ASPI 2009 Conference Planning – Will be held in San Francisco, October 23-25, 2009. Ronna invited NCPI members to participate on planning calls this year, including Beverly and Glenn; Penney will represent ACPF on the planning committee again this year. The group is holding several calls close together in time to get it underway. Penney says they spent a lot of time on the theme, progress seemed slow; unable to get to all the agenda items on the first call; Saturday evening event will be discussed on future calls. Some suggestions were to add in extra time for networking and longer breaks. Also, recommended repeating some of the sessions. Email any thoughts to Bev or May. Kathe Kelly recommended that some of the issues that were brought up at the Pain Forum such as disparities, ethics, etc. would be useful topics for the 2009 conference. Bev reports that many of those have been suggested.

IV. New Business

- Advisory Council Membership – recommitment, new members
Bev reports having some discussion about getting new members and have prior members recommit or have a graceful exit strategy. Bev asked for recommendations for people on the Advisory Board. Some suggestions were Barbara Ward, Joan Jerzak, Mark Holtsman. We were low key about NCPI at the Forum, not wanting to overshadow the goal. But now would like to invite others to join us in some way. Kathy Keller suggested we open a level of membership that requires less commitment than being on the Advisory Council. Would need to offer them something of value to be a member.

Kathe Kelly shared about SCCPI; that their membership is free. Members obtained by sign up sheets at every educational event. Have 3 newsletters per year. Sent by mail or email. They maintain a community calendar. List articles in newsletter to further knowledge on pain and cancer survival. Also notify members of other educational opportunities like ELNEC and resources. Current membership is just under 3,000. Approx. 75% come from LA and surrounding areas. SCCPI receives very little in donations from members. Mostly comes from grant support that Kathe solicits.

Bev notes that better use and upkeep of our website would make it a better resource. Dedicated funding for dedicated personnel is probably the most challenging objective to maintain the organization. There was some discussion about how to go about restructuring NCPI – Kathy Keller says structure and function needs to come from the Advisory Council. Kathe Kelly reports that networking healthcare professionals together is a valuable offering from SCCPI.

- California Coalition for Compassionate Care (CCCC) membership – conference March 30, 2009 – first annual meeting since CCCC was reorganized. NCPI has a complimentary membership in CCCC and a complimentary attendance at this one-day meeting. The announcement was circulated to NCPI members via email recently.

V. Standing Agenda Items

- SCCPI Liaison Report – given by Kathe Kelly
Listed several courses on the schedule for 2009, including the ELNEC Pediatric course in Sacramento on Feb 21st and 22nd.
- Web Updates – trying to get Penney’s presentation slides and other information from the Forum on the website for wider access to the information. May is in contact with Chuck Hakkarinen.
- Upcoming Conferences/Educational Opportunities – Penney and Kathy Keller will be going to the American Academy of Pain Medicine meeting next week. No other conference announcements at this time.

VI. Announcements – Open Agenda

May reports need to get back with a report to Rebecca Kirsch. She and Alecia will keep Advisory Council informed of ACS-CAN's feedback.

Conference call was completed about 5 minutes early.

Next Conference Call: February 17, 2009, 4-5 pm