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NATIONAL ONCOLOGY STATE NETWORK

STATE LEGISLATURE TEAM TELECONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2018

6:30am Hawaii/ 8:30am Alaska/ 9:30am Pacific/ 10:30am Mountain/11:30pm Central/ 12:30pm Eastern
Phone # 866-423-8755 and enter Passcode 858324# (*Officers add 7#*)

Present: Warren Fong, M.D. (Chair); Wendy Alfaro; Nichole East; Diane Gerards-Benage; Liz Hanpeter, AbbVie; Dawn Holcombe; Mariana Lamb; Nicette Short; Maria Sipala; and Amy Supraner.

Absent: Jose Gonzalez; George Malouly, Celgene; Chuck Miller, M.D.; Sedrick Spencer, Celgene; Carol Teal-Christner; and Tammy Thiel.

MINUTES

I.

State Cancer Caucus:

A. **California** –is formalizing (*Nicette*)

1. Nicette reported that things are moving along, she is continuing to reach out to stakeholders.
2. She is also coordinating an informal meeting for the first week of December to ensure everyone is on the same page.
3. She will then proceed with coordinating the Breakfast Caucus in January 2019, which will include both stakeholders and legislators.

B. **Florida** – is interested (*Amy/Maria*)

1. Nicette reported that she met with both Amy and Maria to discuss the possibility of creating a Florida Cancer Caucus. Similar to California, the goal will be to develop an oncology caucus in Florida, to establish a continuous line of communication and education with legislators regarding access to care for cancer patients.
2. Nicette will work with Amy and Maria on identifying key stakeholders and legislators who are sympathetic to oncology. Nicette will see if any of the California Legislators have colleagues in Florida that would be interested in participating as well.
3. Nicette will schedule a conference call with Amy and Maria within the next few weeks.

C. **Hawaii** – is interested (*Dr. Miller*)

No update has been provided.

Action:

Nicette will follow up with Dr. Miller to see if he needs any support.

D. **Illinois** – (*Diane*)

Diane reported that the first meeting was held on September 20th at the University of Chicago and twenty six people were in attendance, which included a mix of practice administrators, legislators, legislative aids and pharmaceutical (government relations) representatives. Representative Marcus Evans stated “that he learned a lot and looked forward to reassembling the same group after the November elections in Springfield”

State Cancer Caucus: (cont.)

- E. **Utah** – is formalizing (*Carol Teal-Christner*)
- F. Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC have existing Caucuses.

II. State Legislation:

A. Oral Parity Legislation -

Celgene is continuing to work on Oral Chemotherapy Parity in Idaho.

B. Opioid Legislation –

List of Opioid Legislation by State was distributed to the Team and is **attached**.

C. Step Therapy Legislation – (Attached)

1. New Mexico Law - just signed by the Governor in February 2018.

<https://legiscan.com/NM/text/SB11/2018>

2. California Law:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB339

Discussion:

Both of these laws were previously passed and just recently have been implemented, however, both will need to be updated in 2019. Nicette will look into the need for notifying other states of upcoming/pending legislation. This will most likely be a big issue next year.

D. Out of Pocket/Co-Pay Caps –

California

- AB1860 (\$200 cap extended to January 1, 2024).

- SB1021 (\$250 cap for 30 day supply extended to January 1, 2024).

Discussion:

Dr. Fong mentioned that the employers are unaware of the varying co-pay costs associated with the numerous tiers. So a \$5 co-pay for Generic and \$10 co-pay for Brand drugs seems good, until you get to tier 3 pricing.

Action:

Liz Hanpeter (Abbvie) mentioned that she works with the State Access to Innovative Medicines (SAIM) Coalition <https://www.saimcoalition.org/about-saim-coalition/> They have a rotating chair, and the chair is currently Tim Boyd from National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD). They are working on similar issues surround the educating of employers, etc. She offered to introduce NOSN to them, to see if we can work together.

III.

Next Teleconference:

November 14th at 6:30am Hawaii/ 8:30am Alaska/ 9:30am Pacific/ 10:30am Mountain/ 11:30am Central/ 12:30pm Eastern. The monthly **NOSN Partner call** with Industry Partners **immediately follows** at 7am Hawaii/ 9am Alaska/ 10am Pacific/ 11am Mountain/12pm Central/ 1pm Eastern.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52am.