

# NOSN

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## STATE LEGISLATURE TEAM TELECONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2019

7:30am Hawaii/ 8:30am Alaska/ 9:30am Pacific/ 10:30am Mountain/11:30pm Central/ 12:30pm Eastern

Present: Wendy Alfaro; Nichole East; Diane Gerards-Benage; Dawn Holcombe; Mariana Lamb; George Malouly, Celgene; Chuck Miller, M.D.; Nicette Short; Maria Sipala; Amy Supraner; Carol Teal-Christner; and Tammy Thiel.

Absent: Warren Fong, M.D. (*Chair*); Jose Gonzalez; Liz Hanpeter, AbbVie; and Sedrick Spencer, Celgene.

### MINUTES

#### I.

##### State Cancer Caucus:

###### A. **California** – (*Nicette*)

**Update:** Nicette reported that things are moving along. The first informal meeting was held on December 13<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento. There were representatives from MOASC, ANCO, NOSN, UC Davis, American Cancer Society/Cancer Action Network, Children’s Hospital, Susan G. Komen, and American Lung Association. The main purpose of this first meeting was to introduce stakeholders and establish goals and set structure for education and collegiality. The group had suggested creating a Mission Statement for the Caucus, once it is finalized, it will be shared with the team. Overall, it was a very good meeting with a great deal of engagement and enthusiasm from the stakeholders.

###### **Action:**

Nicette will update the list of Legislators impacted by cancer; finalize the mission statement; work with stakeholders on first round of presentations; and work on planning the first event with members tentatively scheduled for mid-March. The full report is attached.

###### B. **Florida** – (*Amy/Maria*)

**Update:** Amy and Maria reported that they are currently facing some difficulties with getting multiple stakeholders on the same page, and have since decided to work with Dawn on establishing the Connecticut Caucus first. (*Apparently, Astellas had started laying the groundwork for a Cancer Caucus back in 2016 and it was suddenly abandoned for another project.*) Since Connecticut only has a 90-day legislative session, it might be slightly easier to start there.

###### **Action:**

George will ask Sedrick for the name of his counterpart in Connecticut and provide that to Dawn. Nicette also offered to assist Amy, Dawn and Maria as well. Dawn will also need financial assistance for this as well. Nichole will email the names of pharma companies that might be willing to support.

###### C. **Hawaii** – (*Dr. Miller*)

**Update:** Dr. Miller reported that it is a work in progress. HSCO is working on hiring a lobbyist. He is a local in Hawaii and been in the industry for approximately 15 years. Nicette offered her assistance as well.

**I. State Cancer Caucus: (cont.)**

**D. Illinois – (Diane)**

**Update:** Diane reported that the next meeting is scheduled for April 30, 2019 and the overall goal is to brief members of the Illinois General Assembly about relevant legislative issues and build collaboration among members and key stakeholders. The briefing will include a performance by Pat McGann who will bring his personal story with cancer to life. The full invitation is attached.

**E. Utah – (Carol)**

**Update:** Carol reported that they are searching for a lobbyist, which has proven to be rather difficult. However, they are currently reaching out to the newly appointed legislators. She does not expect to be up and running until next year.

**II. State Legislation:**

**A. Continuous monitoring of the following legislation.**

1. Oral Parity Legislation -
2. Opioid Legislation –  
No new legislation yet in California, however, Cures had become effective on October 1, 2018, so there will probably be suggested tweaks to the legislation. Currently, looking for patient stories of hindered access to care issues due to Cures. California has a new governor and he is interested in a Single Payor System and its going to be a busy legislative session with a focus on health care.
3. Step Therapy/fail first Legislation in place: AR, CA, CO, CT, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, NM, NY, OH, OR, TX, WV, WA. 2019 efforts: DE, GA, MA, ME, OK, RI, WI.
4. Out of Pocket/Co-Pay Caps –
5. Co-Pay Accumulators -
6. Off-label law - (*not all states have this*) – California, Hawaii and Connecticut do. However, Connecticut's law is outdated and needs to be revised.
7. Drug Recycling Law (*similar to NM*) – Jose mentioned that the legislation is in draft and that he would share it with the group.

**III. New Business:**

**A.**

**IV. Next Teleconference:**

- A. The next teleconference is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm HST/ 3:30pm AST/ 4:30pm PST/ 5:30pm MST/ 6:30pm CST/ 7:30pm EST.** With the monthly **NOSN Partner call immediately following.****

The call adjourned at 9:54am-PST.