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NATIONAL ONCOLOGY STATE NETWORK

STATE LEGISLATURE TEAM TELECONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019

2:30pm HST/ 3:30pm AST/ 4:30pm PST/ 5:30pm MST/ 6:30pm CST/ 7:30pm EST

Present: Wendy Alfaro; LuAnne Bankert; Nichole East; Leslie Fox, Johnson & Johnson; Dawn Holcombe; Mariana Lamb; Caroline Merritt; Chuck Miller, M.D.; Nicette Short; and Sedrick Spencer, Celgene.

Absent: Warren Fong, M.D. (*Chair*); Diane Gerards-Benage; Jose Gonzalez; Liz Hanpeter, AbbVie; Ellen Ivey, Johnson & Johnson; George Malouly, Celgene; Maria Sipala; Amy Supraner; Carol Teal-Christner; and Tammy Thiel.

MINUTES

I.

State Cancer Caucus:

A. **California** – (*Nicette*)

Inaugural event of the California Cancer Caucus (CCC), scheduled March 19 in Sacramento, hosted by NOSN. Invitations to both Legislators and Stakeholders are being distributed on February 20th. Response has been overwhelmingly positive. UC Davis Cancer Center is giving a presentation on “Overview of Cancer in California and what that looks like.” Working on confirming another presentation on Pediatric Cancer Care.

B. **Connecticut** – (*Dawn/Amy/Maria*)

BMS and American Cancer Society held a breakfast, planning on using it as a spring board to pull interested parties together.

C. **Florida** – (*Amy/Maria*)

Dawn has introduced Amy/Maria to Michelle Smith-Flowers, she runs the Oncology Managers of Florida (www.omflorida.org). They have scheduled a conference call for February 26th and they are hoping she can provide some assistance in setting up the Florida caucus.

D. **Hawaii** – (*Dr. Miller*)

Dr. Miller reported that it is a work in progress. HSCO has hired a lobbyist. He is a local in Hawaii and been in the industry for approximately 15 years. HSCO is working with lobbyist to identify their top priorities. Nicette offered her assistance as well.

E. **Idaho** – (*Caroline*)

Still working towards creating a cancer caucus, identifying potential legislators and stakeholders. The Oral Parity Bill has a hearing set for next Monday, there is a big advocacy and public relations push. Medicaid expansion is a huge issue that is dominating the session.

F. **Illinois** – (*Diane*) – No report.

G. **Indiana** - (LuAnne)

First Dinner Meeting is scheduled for March 6th. A good amount of legislators and stakeholders registered (American Cancer Society, BMS, State Nurse Association).

H. **Utah** – (Carol) – No report.

I. **Wisconsin** - (LuAnne)

Just started looking into the creation of a cancer caucus. Will have more to report next month.

II.

State Legislation:

A. The Legislation StateTracker by CQRollCall.com.

Description: CQ provides legislative tracking and advocacy for access to all parts of the policy process. Turning the flood of legislative information and documents into a focused stream. The sophisticated bill tracker platform combines advanced searching and alerting tools with exclusive policy analysis and insightful data. Key features include: custom alerts, bill tracking, committee tracking, vote tracking, draft bill text. Everyone will receive a daily email from (CQ StateTrack Reports email@trendtrack.com) This email will cover legislation for the state(s) that you represent.

B. NOSN wants to ensure consist legislation across state lines and is continuously monitoring the following legislation.

1. Oral Parity Legislation -
2. Opioid Legislation –
3. States with Step Therapy/Fail First legislation currently in place: AR, CA, CO, CT, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MD, MN, MO, MS, NM, NY, OH, OR, TX, WV, WA.
4. Out of Pocket/Co-Pay Caps – Oregon and Nevada. Sedrick will email to the NOSN Office.
5. Co-Pay Accumulators -
6. Off-label law – California and Connecticut have very old legislation.
Add in language “will be consistent with what Medicare considers to be appropriate compendia.” That way new legislation isn’t needed.

Action:

1. The Partners on the call were asked to send the NOSN Office their version of the Off-Label Law, so that everyone could compare to make notes of where they are not consistent.
2. Everyone will email their state legislation cycle to the NOSN Office.
7. Drug Recycling – New Mexico/California
8. Right to Shop Legislation – Oklahoma
9. Increase the age for smoking to 21 –
10. PBM’s - three bills pending in Hawaii. Dr. Miller will forward to the NOSN Office.

III.

New Business:

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IV.

Next Teleconference:

A. The next teleconference is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 20th** at 7:30amHST/8:30amAST/9:30amPST/10:30amMST/11:30pmCST/12:30pmEST. The monthly NOSN Partner call immediately following.

The meeting adjourned at 4:59pm.