



STATE LEGISLATURE TEAM TELECONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019

6:30am-HST/ 8:30am-AST/ 9:30am-PST/ 10:30am-MST/11:30pm-CST/ 12:30pm-EST

*(Press *6 to mute and un-mute your line)*

Present: Warren Fong, M.D. (*Chair*); Wendy Alfaro; Patricia Alvarez-Sahagun, AstraZeneca; LuAnne Bankert; Leslie Fox, Johnson & Johnson; Jose Gonzalez; Dawn Holcombe; Mariana Lamb; Luis Lopez, City of Hope; Peter Mackler, City of Hope; George Malouly, Celgene; Chuck Miller, M.D.; Nicette Short; Maria Sipala; Tara Southwell, AbbVie; Amy Supraner; and Caren Sykes, Johnson & Johnson.

Absent: Nichole East; Diane Gerards-Benage; Liz Hanpeter, AbbVie; Ellen Ivey, Johnson & Johnson; Caroline Merritt; Sedrick Spencer, Celgene; Carol Teal-Christner; and Tammy Thiel.

MINUTES

I.

State Cancer Caucuses:

A. California – (*Nicette*)

1. Inaugural event of the California Cancer Caucus (CCC) was held on March 19th. The meeting was a success with more than 40 in attendance. There was a presentation by Dr. Chen, UC Davis on *Breaking Barriers to Cancer Care*, he also discussed the Cancer Registry and Clinical Trials. Everyone was very engaged. A follow-up call will be scheduled with all stakeholders in the near future. There was one legislator that was interested in taking a leadership role within the caucus; so moving forward this may become a formal Cancer Caucus.
2. Mariana was able to speak with Assembly Member Steven Choi from Irvine about the lawsuit involving Roundup/pesticides causing cancer. Assembly member Choi mentioned that there is talk of removing the use of Roundup throughout the entire State of California. He was interested in the numbers of cancer cases related to pesticides, the cost of creating safer products, the cost to implement through the entire state, etc. It was mentioned that NOSN is a resource. Peter Mackler, City of Hope is meeting with Assembly Member Choi in a few weeks and will be available as a resource to him as well.
3. While NOSN was able to host this first meeting, it is the intention that once established, other stakeholders will carry this caucus in the future.

B. Connecticut – (*Dawn/Amy/Maria*)

1. BMS and American Cancer Society held a breakfast, planning on using it as a spring-board to pull interested parties together. Maria has sent emails and left voicemails, just waiting for a response.

C. Florida – (*Amy/Maria*)

1. Dawn has introduced Amy/Maria to Michelle Smith-Flowers, she is the President of the Oncology Managers of Florida (www.omflorida.org). A conference call was held on February 26th.
2. Michelle is very interested. Amy, Dawn and Maria will all be attending the Annual OMF meeting on April 26-27th and will also meet with Michelle to discuss further. To-date, FLASCO has been very hard to work with and they are not interested in creating a cancer caucus.

State Cancer Caucuses: (Cont.)**D. Hawaii** – (Dr. Miller)

1. It is a work in progress. HSCO has hired a lobbyist and he is currently working on contacting interested legislators and stakeholders.
2. HSCO co-signed an ASCO letter regarding Step Therapy, they were able to change the language to exclude cancer patients for stages 2, 3, and 4.
3. HSCO was also able to change language to cover routine costs of care for patients on clinical trials.

E. Idaho – (Caroline)

Still working towards creating a cancer caucus, identifying potential legislators and stakeholders. More than likely it will not happen until the next legislative session.

Status:

Ran out of time, unable to give report. Will report first on next call.

F. Illinois – (Diane)

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.

Status:

Ran out of time, unable to give report. Will report first on next call.

G. Indiana - (LuAnne)

First meeting was held on March 6th.

Status:

Ran out of time, unable to give report. Will report first on next call.

H. Utah – (Carol)

Currently searching for a lobbyist, which has proven to be rather difficult. However, they are reaching out to the newly appointed legislators. It is looking like this will not be up and running until next year at the earliest.

Status:

Ran out of time, unable to give report. Will report first on next call.

I. Wisconsin - (LuAnne)

Just started looking into the creation of a cancer caucus.

Status:

Ran out of time, unable to give report. Will report first on next call.

- J.** For those states that are creating Cancer Caucuses, NOSN has earmarked funds to assist states with associated costs. Submit requests for support to Ricky Newton, Chair of the Finance Team at newton@COAcancer.org

II.**State Legislation:** (Ran out of time, unable to discuss. Will review on next call.)

Continuous monitoring of 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 –
5. Co-Pay Accumulators –

State Legislation: (Cont.) **(Ran out of time, unable to discuss. Will review on next call.)**

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.
Status: The Partners on the last 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. Everyone was also asked to 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 –

III. New Business:

- A. Noteware contract renewal. (Mariana)

Status:

It was determined that NOSN needs to still be present for the California Caucus at least until the end of 2019.

IV. Next Teleconference:

- A. These calls are now requiring more than 30 minutes. It was suggested either starting the calls an hour before the monthly Partner Calls which would allow for a full 60 minutes or schedule the calls for another day and time.

Action:

The NOSN Office will send out a survey to determine the best day and time for these calls.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00am.