



**NOSN STATE LEGISLATURE ENHANCEMENT
COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

7am Hawaii/ 9am Alaska/ 10am Pacific/ 11am Mountain/12pm Central/ 1pm Eastern
Phone # 866-423-8755 and enter Passcode 858324# (Officers add 7#)
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Present: Nichole East; Diane Gerards-Benage; Jose Gonzalez; Mariana Lamb;
George Malouly, Celgene; Chuck Miller, M.D.; Nicette Short; and
Sedrick Spencer, Celgene.
Absent: Warren Fong, M.D. (Chair); Wendy Alfaro; Dawn Holcombe; and Tammy Thiel.

MINUTES

I. State Cancer Caucus:

- A. Goal of Committee: Develop an oncology caucus in Sacramento, California to establish a continuous line of communication and education with legislators regarding access to care for California cancer patients.
- B. Define stakeholders.
California - Nicette will work on identifying key legislators (both new and seasoned) who are sympathetic to oncology, along with reaching out to a few groups that have experience with legislators. Nicette will work with Mariana and Jose to prioritize the list of stakeholders to begin scheduling meetings.

Discussion:

1. Nicette is scheduling visits for April 17, 2018 in Sacramento, so Dr. Fong, Jose and Mariana can meet with various key legislators who are sympathetic to, and have a personal interest in, access to cancer care. These legislators usually have worked on either the Health or Budget Committees.
2. Nicette is reaching out to Children's Hospital, UCD, UCSF and Stanford.
3. Dr. Miller suggested inviting Permanente Medical Group (Kaiser) to participate, as they serve approximately 8 million lives. Everyone agreed that NOSN and the California Cancer Caucus would invite the Permanente Medical Group, not the Kaiser Foundation Hospital system, to join the cancer caucus. Nicette and Jose will identify the appropriate PMG contact.
4. The first California Cancer Caucus breakfast meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 7, 2018 in Sacramento. This first meeting will introduce stakeholders, establish goals and set structure for education and collegiality.
5. As of now, Industry partners will be invited to attend this event. *(This can be a sensitive issue, we will reevaluate as we get closer.)*

Illinois – Diane has been working on communicating with Representative Evans, to resurrect their cancer caucus. George recommended that Diane communicate with Celgene's Helen Fitzpatrick, as Illinois is part of her territory. Nichole will send to Diane, Helen's contact information.

II. State Legislation:

A. Oral Parity Legislation - NOSN will continue to monitor this and later decide if this is a top priority, if so, then create a separate committee to tackle the challenge of reviewing state legislation.

Status:

1. Idaho – hearing held on March 20th, there were 12 representatives in attendance from both the House and the Senate. The Director of Insurance was not there but agreed to hold meetings with interested parties in order to come to a consensus regarding language.
2. Michigan – no activity to report.
3. North Carolina – no activity to report.

B. Opioid legislation in California. There are currently at least 12 bills being presented. ANCO would like to add an exemption for cancer patients in active treatment. Nicette noted that many states already have the exemption.

Status:

1. Identify those states that already have opioid legislation.
2. Nicette will begin to present this additional language to see if it can be added in California and continue to update the committee.

III. Next Teleconference:

April 18th at 6:30am Hawaii/ 8:30am Alaska/ 9:30am Pacific/ 10:30am Mountain/11:30am Central/ 12:30pm Eastern.

The monthly NOSN Partner call immediately follows at 7am Hawaii/ 9am Alaska/ 10am Pacific/ 11am Mountain/12pm Central/ 1pm Eastern 10am-PST).

The meeting adjourned at 9:57AM