



NOSN STATE LEGISLATURE ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 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;
Mariana Lamb; Nicette Short; and Tammy Thiel.
Absent: Jose Gonzalez; Dawn Holcombe; George Malouly, Celgene; Chuck Miller, M.D.;
and Sedrick Spencer, Celgene.

MINUTES

I. State Cancer Caucus:

A. California –

Status: Nicette, Dr. Fong, Jose and Mariana held numerous meetings with legislators on April 17, 2018 in Sacramento. Working on engaging additional Stakeholders such as American Cancer Society, California Dialogue on Cancer, Leukemia and Lymphoma Societies, researchers, manufacturing companies, cancer survivors and families, etc. The Lung Association representative recommended expanding invitation to include radiation centers along with other specialties like dermatology and pathology. The first California Cancer Caucus breakfast meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 7th in Sacramento. This first meeting will introduce stakeholders, establish goals and set structure for education and collegiality.

B. Illinois –

Status: Diane has been in contact with Representative Evans, on ways she can get involved. She will continue to provide updates as they become available.

C. Hawaii –

Status: Dr. Miller's Board Meeting was cancelled. He will discuss at their next Board Meeting.

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. *(Attached)*

Status:

Only a few states are moving along. California currently has a bill that would cap out-of-pocket cost for chemotherapy to \$200 per prescription, per month.

B. Opioid legislation - The goal is to have equal legislation across state lines.

Update from George Malouly on legislation in various states. *(Attached)*

Status:

California has a few dozen bills relating to Opioids. Specifically, there are two individual bills 1) 3-day cap and 2) 5-day cap for minors. Cancer patients and Physicians are excluded from both of these bills.

II. State Legislation: (cont.)

- C. **HR 5160** (DeSaulnier (D-CA) and Poe (R-TX). Cancer Care planning and Communications Act. If passed, this bill would make cancer care plans more available to patients on Medicare by creating a billing code that would reimburse providers for their time and resources used to create the care plans. *(Attached)*

Status:

Everyone online agreed that NOSN should support this legislation.

- D. **340B Act Pause Letter.** *(Attached)*

Many groups are advocating for reform of the 340B drug discount program. Attached, is a group letter thanking Rep. Peters for co-sponsoring the 340B PAUSE Act and letters encouraging his colleagues Rep. Raul Ruiz, Rep. Mimi Walters, and Rep. Tony Cardenas to co-sponsor this legislation. **Should NOSN sign onto these letters as well?**

Status:

Everyone online agreed that NOSN should support this legislation.

III. Old Business:

A. **Cancer Caucuses by State.**

1. Colorado, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Congressional Cancer Survivors Caucus in Washington, DC.
2. California and Tennessee actively working to formalize.

IV. Next Teleconference:

July 18, 2018 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).

Meeting adjourned at 9:52AM.