

# NOSN

NATIONAL ONCOLOGY STATE NETWORK

## STATE LEGISLATURE TEAM TELECONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 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;  
Jose Gonzalez; Dawn Holcombe; Chuck Miller, M.D.; Nicette Short; Maria Sipala;  
and Amy Supraner;  
Absent: Mariana Lamb; George Malouly, Celgene; Sedrick Spencer, Celgene; and Tammy Thiel.

## MINUTES

### I.

#### State Cancer Caucus:

A. California –is formalizing (Nicette)

##### Discussion:

Despite receiving lots of positive feedback from Legislators, with the current busy legislative session it has been difficult to secure attendance for the August 7<sup>th</sup> Caucus Breakfast. So Nicette recommended that she continue to reach out to stakeholders, perhaps scheduling a meeting with them to ensure everyone is on the same page and then proceed with coordinating the Breakfast Caucus in January 2019.

B. Florida – is interested (Amy/Maria)

C. Hawaii – is interested (Dr. Miller)

##### Discussion:

Dr. Miller has sent an email and will discuss further on July 21<sup>st</sup>. He requested more information on existing Caucuses to share with the Board.

##### Action:

Nichole will send more detailed information to the entire committee.

D. Illinois – is up and running (Diane)

##### Discussion:

Diane is meeting with Representative Evans today and will have an update later.

E. Utah – is formalizing (Carol Teal)

##### Action:

Carol will be invited to join this Committee.

F. Tennessee - is formalizing (?)

G. Colorado, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Washington, DC have existing Caucuses.

##### Discussion:

ASCO is also working on creating State Cancer Caucuses.

**II.**

**State Legislation:**

**A. Oral Parity Legislation -**

Celgene is continuing to work on Oral Chemotherapy Parity in Alabama, Idaho, Michigan, South Carolina, and Tennessee. George will be reaching out to the NOSN Partners in each of those states.

- Alabama – Roberta Sorensen
- Idaho – Carol Teal
- Michigan – Peggy Barton, RN
- South Carolina – Dr. Patel
- Tennessee - ?

**Discussion:**

No update at this time.

**B. Opioid legislation -**

**California** – Nicette reported that there are currently 10-12 bills this year. AB2741 would, with certain exceptions, prohibit a prescriber, as defined, from prescribing more than a 5-day supply of opioid medication to a minor unless the prescription is for specified uses. The bill would also require a prescriber to take certain steps before prescribing a minor a course of treatment with opioid medication, including discussing opioid risks and obtaining verbal consent, except in specified instances. The bill would make a violation of the bill’s provisions unprofessional conduct and would subject the prescriber to discipline by the board charged with regulating his or her license.

**Discussion:**

The cancer exemption was removed and Nicette is currently in communication with the author to add it back in.

**Action:**

Illinois has a blanket exemption for Oncology. She will email it to Nichole for distribution.

**III.**

**Old Business:**

A. At the Annual NOSN Meeting, creation of a Legislation Took Kit was discussed. However, ASCO is already working on this. Dr. Miller is on the ASCO Government Relations Committee and will mention NOSN on the next call to see how we can work together.

**Discussion:**

The next ASCO Government Relations Committee Meeting is in the end of September. However, Dr. Miller mentioned that some of the materials should be on the website and available. He will look into this and let us know.

**IV.**

**Next Teleconference:**

**August 15, 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).*

Diane made the motion to adjourn and Dawn seconded the motion.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:51AM.