

SC All Pharmacy Conference
May 21, 2015 Meeting
10:00 am
SCPhA Headquarters

Attendees:

Bryan Amick, SC Department of Health & Human Services, Cheryl Anderson, Vice-Chairman, CCME, Brad Burmeister, Daiichi Sankyo, Lisa Correll, Magellan, John Frady, QS/1, Nancy Hope Goodbar, SCSHP, Christie Frick, Prescription Monitoring Program, Ron Guida, Ron's Pharmacy, Marisette Hasan, Carolinas Center for Hospice and End of Life Care, Leigh Knotts, NACDS, Addison Livingston, SC Board of Pharmacy, Mary Ludlow, Long Term Care, Molly McCarthy, SC Retail Association, Jill Michels, Palmetto Poison Center, Kim Miles, Janssen, Kate Moore, PC School of Pharmacy, Jenna Olsen, Absolute Total Care, Gene Reeder, PC School of Pharmacy, Kayce Shealy, PC School of Pharmacy, Joe Shenkar, 5th Circuit Solicitor's Office, Robert Spires, SCSHP, Ed Vess, QS/1, William Wynn, Chairman, South University and Bryan Ziegler, Kennedy Center for Pharmacy Innovation and SCCP.

Attendee via Teleconference:

Denise Stanley, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Students Attending: Brock Dubose (SCCP-USC), Marina Ceasar (PCSP), Bragan Mace (PCSP), Krystal Shelton (PCSP)

SCPhA Staff: Craig Burridge, CEO, Laura Reid, Lauren Palkowski, Katharine Stafford and Stefanie Byer (pharmacy intern, South University), Matthew Mango (pharmacy intern, SCCP, USC) and Kris Mccolm (pharmacy intern, PCSP)

Call to Order and Introductions:

Cheryl Anderson, SC All Pharmacy Conference Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:14am by welcoming all to the meeting, and then introduced William Wynn, SC All Pharmacy Conference Chairman. She also thanked the breakfast (QS/1) and lunch (Smith Drug) sponsors for providing food for the event. Chairman Wynn welcomed everyone, reminded attendees of the anti-trust statement that each person signed upon entering the meeting, and asked all attendees, staff and guests to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes were presented to the group from February's meeting. Robert Spires motioned to approve the minutes; Seconded by Kayce Shealy. – Carried – None opposed.

Legislative Update:

Chairman Wynn gave the group an update on the Vaccine Expansion bill- it passed Senate and has moved to House- will be voted on, this coming Tuesday. He also updated the group on H.3083 regarding opioid overdose issues will go in front of the Full Committee; no objections in the House.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Report:

Denise Stanley Pharmacist, Division of Health Plans and Operations for CMS gave an update 2016 Call letter, as it relates to pharmacy on the following topics:

- Mail Order Policy- New regulations requiring that patients receive prescriptions in a more timely fashion.
- Opt-out delivery- Pharmacy must get patient permission prior to delivery of medications, this includes new and refilled prescription, to cut down on waste and fraudulent prescriptions
- All Medicare providers who work with Medicare beneficiaries must be enrolled by June 1, 2015 (pushed back to Jan 1, 2016) or opt out of Medicare enrollment.
- Mac Drug prices will be included to all "in-network pharmacies", and to be more transparent
- MAC Fair pricing provision- Pharmacists will need to be informed in advance of being claimed. Once every seven days prices will be updated, starting Jan 1, 2016.
- Preferred pharmacies- Standard of preferred cost sharing – focus on % of cost; not price of medication; cannot push LIS beneficiaries to cost preferred pharmacies. Also found errors in reporting from plans as it related to forcing patients to use a preferred pharmacy.

Audits- Hospice statutory requirement change- (changes pool of funding for beneficiaries of hospice). Reminding providers that hospice is a Part A billable entity, there is a prior authorization form required for medication in the 4 drug categories that include analgesics, anti-emetics, laxatives and anxiolytics. Asking pharmacist when POS reject occurs stating hospice beneficiary, PA form is required to determine Part A or D.
STAR ratings- Annual cost threshold increase- MTM is now calculated in the ratings system.

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Report:

Bryan Amick, SCPHA Board Member and DHHS representative gave an update on the agency, changes in staff at DHHS, and updates on multiple programs at DHHS. He also updated the group on the Governor's Council Script program; they are exploring working with other payers in the state to make a requirement for providers to participate in the PMP program.

He also gave an update regarding the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program- currently pharmacies aren't eligible to participate in the program, and they are trying to explore options so that pharmacies can be involved in the process.

Long Term Care Report:

Mary Ludlow reported on behalf of Long Term Care, stating that entrance of patients enrolled in CICOs (Coordinated and Integrated Care Organizations) into long term care facilities has been slower than anticipated but we are beginning to see some patients. Long term care pharmacies are beginning to bill the CICOs for medications.

Board of Pharmacy (BOP) Report: Addison Livingston, BOP Chairman, reported on behalf of BOP, and provided stats on pharmacists, technicians and students and the pharmacy industry relating to the state. He also reported on changes coming up – Drug Quality and Security Act- dispensing of compounding medications. Regulation has been sought for BOP to issue citations and allow for pharmacist to dispute the violation and/or pay a fee to avoid the less serious infractions being reported to National Provider Databank. (see written report).

SC DHEC Report:

Christie Frick gave an update on RX Monitoring Program, and stated that they have more than 1,000 users in the system, and that they are pleased with the number of pharmacists who have signed up so far.

School Reports:

William Wynn from **South University School of Pharmacy** gave updates on staff changes, staff and student awards (see written report).

Bryan Zeigler, **South Carolina College of Pharmacy (SCCP) and Kennedy Center for Pharmacy Innovation** reported to the group on staff position changes, awards for staff and students. He noted that the SCCPh was above 80% for residency matches, and that a major renovation taking place in USC campus. SCCP is currently recruiting for a part-time health-system lab assistant position. Please refer interested applicants to the USC employment webpage (<http://hr.sc.edu/employ.html>)

In regards to the Kennedy Center, the Sterile Compounding Program has launched a CE program, and has trained over 80 people. They are currently developing webinar-based CEs relating to compounding.

A Patient Centered Medical Home Project is underway evaluating sustainability of pharmacist positions working collaboratively with physicians in the PCMH primary care settings. The first pilot wrapped up in October and was a huge success. KPIC representatives were invited to the APhA Annual Meeting to present data on this initiative. A second pilot is currently under way in Lancaster, SC through a partnership with Mackey Family Practice. KPIC is currently recruiting for a clinical pharmacist to work in a third pilot position that will be launched this summer in Charleston. This new initiative will measure the impact of a pharmacist traveling to multiple practice sites and providing comprehensive medication management services. (see written report).

Kate Moore, representative from **Presbyterian College of Pharmacy** updated the group on staff position changes, awards for staff and students. (see written report).

Break for lunch (12:25pm); Reconvened at (1:05pm)

National Association of Chain Drug Stores (NACDS):

Leigh Knotts thanked Craig for the opportunities that All Pharmacy provides for pharmacy professionals, and said that she will provide a report for the October meeting.

The Carolinas Center for Medical Excellence:

Cheryl Anderson reported that the group just held the first SC Pharmacy Advisory Committee meeting this past week, and that it was successful, and well-attended. She also provided more information for the group (see written report).

The Carolinas Center for Hospice and Palliative Care:

Marisette Hasan reported to the group that the Hospice group working to complete their regulatory review. The group also participated in National Healthcare Decisions day in April, and created a rack card for pharmacy counters to help educate caregivers on where to find forms relating to hospice care. Additional issues that Hospice is working on is improving are reducing readmissions in hospital program, once a patient has been released, and how to choose a hospice, and when it the right time to choose end of life care.

SCSHP:

Nancy Hope Goodbar gave an update to the group on upcoming events and programs for 2015, as well as legislation that will impact pharmacy (see written report).

SCPhA:

Craig Burrige reported to the group on happenings related to SCPhA (see written report).

Future meeting date will be October 29, 2015

Cheryl Anderson motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Ed Vess.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 pm.