

DPAC Advocacy and Policy Workgroup Minutes
Dec 9, 2009 Conference Call

DPAC mission/goal:

To enhance diabetes related advocacy and policy efforts by fostering and coordinating activities among organizations that advocate for people with diabetes and kidney disease to address state and federal policy issues.

* Attending:

* Sally Joy (Chair)	National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
* Jennifer Edsall (Staff Leader)	Michigan Department of Community Health - MDCH
* Hannalori Bates, J.D., M.P.H	
Marilyn Bell	Michigan Purchasers Health Alliance
Brian Bookmeier	Great Lakes Medical Supply
Marvin Cato	MSU Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences
Rebecca Cienki	Michigan Primary Care Association
Kaila Cohen	graduate student in Community Health Nursing
* Ann Constance	Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network (U.P.)
Marti Funnell MS, RN, CDE	Diabetes Research, University of Michigan Medical School
* Jill Geisendorfer (Denise Pentescu)	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Kris Godbold RN	Area Agency on Aging
Sharon Goodsell RN CDE	Garden City Hosp – Diabetes Educator
Francine Haddad	American Diabetes Association
Jan Holcomb	Eli Lilly and Company
Kristin Hughson	Michigan Association of School Nurses
* Betty Krauss	Mary Free Bed & Michigan Dietetic Association
Diane Miller	Michigan Pharmacists Association
Shelly O'Conner	Pfizer
Greg Prasher	American Diabetes Association
Diana Reed	Amylin Pharmaceuticals
* Jere Scott	Michigan Primary Care Association
Brian Stirton	Novo Nordisk, Inc.
Maxine Thome	director, Michigan chapter, National Association of Social Workers
Marilyn Vetter	Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America
* Othelia Washington-Pryor	Without a Vision People Perish
Charles Williams	GlaxoSmithKline
Richard Wimberley	Michigan Department of Community Health - MDCH

Action items in red.

Diabetes and Kidney Programs State Appropriations & Healthy Michigan Fund

- The Diabetes and Kidney Programs line in the Michigan Department of Community Health FY 2009-2010 budget was cut from 4,002,200 to \$2,512,700.

- Preventing more cuts will require a strong showing from DPAC at the **Diabetes and Kidney Day on Wednesday April 28, 2010** and we're setting a goal of 50% DPAC attendance at the event.
- Suggestions of new people to invite to Diabetes and Kidney Day included:
 - People who have participated in PATH workshops –
 - Jennifer will see if there are any contact lists for these people
 - People of color
 - Othelia will assist us in these invitations
- Webinar – pre Diabetes and Kidney Day to “rehearse”
 - Betty Krauss procured an ADA advocacy power point presentation that **Sally and Betty will edit** for our use. **THANK YOU Betty!**
 - Dana Hughes from Michigan Primary Care Association will assist with the technical part of hosting the webinar. **THANK YOU Jere** for getting Dana's help!
 - In January we will need to create an invitation list and a “return address” for registration.
 - **Update:** Sally and Jennifer heard a fabulous Advocacy 101 presentation by Deborah Riddick JD, RN and we were able to enlist Deborah to give her presentation for our Webinar ☺

DPAC Diabetes Care Management Report (attached)

- The spread sheet of potential recipients of our report is attached. We're still trying to get the name of an A&P workgroup member on each line. **Please contact Sally Joy if you can “adopt” any of these groups in order to promote our Diabetes Care Management Report. (again attached)**

Advocacy & Policy Work Plan – 2010

- Groups/Individuals with potential for this workgroup.
 - **Sally Joy working on the Michigan Economic Alliance Development Corporation**
 - **Greg Prasher will look into the interest of Gordon Foods.**
 - **Maxine looking into Douglas Jay Hair Salon**

Other state/federal legislation updates

- (state) HB 4878: the Michigan Care of Students with Diabetes Act would provide for medical management of diabetes in school settings and diabetes training guidelines for certain school employees that volunteer to assist children with diabetes in their school.
 - A hearing has not been scheduled yet....
 - DPAC and MDCH remain neutral on this legislation.
- (federal) HR 2425: This legislation would recognize Certified Diabetes Educators as Medicare providers, and enable them to receive reimbursement for diabetes outpatient self-management education. (DPAC has drafted a position paper supporting this concept.)
 - Ann Constance reported that the language of HR 2425, *at this point*, has been removed from Federal Health Care Reform legislation. Work with Senator Stabenow continues to have it added back into the bill.

Other

- A new school issue was raised by Denise Pentescu from the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. This was prompted by problems encountered by a 6 year

old with diabetes and his family in the Waterford School district. MI Department of Education recommended guidelines for diabetes were done in 2001 and Denise feels they need to be updated. It was decided that DPAC could bring the necessary parties together to accomplish this task. **Jennifer will look for a contact person at MI Dept. of Ed. Hannalori will call Greg Prasher (ADA).** We will discuss this more in January.

- Michigan Primary Care Consortium (transforming primary care in Michigan)
 - Sally Joy will attend MPCC meetings on behalf of DPAC and is working on the disease self-management sub-group.
- Health disparities
 - PA 653 of 2006 - requires the state to develop and implement a structure to address racial and ethnic health disparities. Othelia and others on the call are looking for ways DPAC can improve the disparities situation. Jennifer suggested working on the access and prevention issues.
- Value Based Insurance Design (VBID) We did not discuss – ran out of time.

Next meeting: Please vote for 2010 conference calls to be on Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:00 am

Submitted by Sally Joy