

DPAC Advocacy and Policy Workgroup Minutes  
Wednesday, November 16, 2011

**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
Richard Wimberly	Michigan Department of Community Health – MDCH
*Lindsay Bacon	National Kidney Foundation of Michigan
Hannalori Bates, J.D., M.P.H	
Marilyn Bell	Michigan Purchasers Health Alliance
Lorelei Black	Novo Nordisk
Brian Bookmeier	Great Lakes Medical Supply
Marvin Cato	Community Relations
Nick Espitia	Intern Detroit REACH
Marti Funnell MS, RN, CDE	Diabetes Research, University of Michigan Medical School
Kris Godbold RN	Community Volunteer (former Area Agency on Aging )
Sharon Goodsell RN CDE	Garden City Hospital, Certified Diabetes Educator
Jan Holcomb	Eli Lilly and Company
Dana Hughes	Michigan Primary Care Association
Kristin Hughson	Michigan Association of School Nurses
Betty Krauss	Mary Free Bed & Michigan Dietetic Association
Monica Kwasnik	Michigan Medicaid Program
Dianne Miller	Michigan Pharmacists Association
*Jim McGowan	American Diabetes Association
Shelly O’Conner	Novo Nordisk
Sandy Parker RD CDE	Registered Dietitian, Certified Diabetes Educator
*Greg Prasher	American Diabetes Association
Diana Reed	Amylin Pharmaceuticals
Cheryl Tannas	University of Michigan (& DPAC DaRE Workgroup)
Brian Stirton	Novo Nordisk
Denise Pentescu	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
John Valenti	SanofiAventis
Othelia Washington-Pryor	Without a Vision People Perish / MI Minority Health Coalition

**Diabetes and Kidney Programs & State Appropriations & Healthy Michigan Fund**

- No updates

**November is Diabetes Month**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> Capitol Event**

- The overall event went well, very pleased with the amount of vendors and volunteers at the event. In particular the program went well and smoothly. Speakers included legislators, kids with type 1 diabetes and honoring tribute walk teams. A copy of the program will be available at a later date on the NKFM You Tube channel and/or Facebook page.
- Strengths: great networking event, draws attention to diabetes during Diabetes Month, opportunity to meet legislators and respective aides, great coordination. Challenges: Lower than expected legislative turnout (there were committee meetings at the same time) and traffic to exhibit booths.
- Feedback/Lessons learned: place food closer to the vendors, discuss whether to have diabetes screening (high prep/resources for a low yield), simplify and/or limit vendors, have additional

engagement from vendors and/or committee members to assist with the event coordination. **If you have any other feedback, please contact Sally.**

- Jim discussed legislative event held in IL, will review this or any other Diabetes Month legislative events in his covered states for ideas/discussion. He is also interested in gaining more local ADA capacity to assist in diabetes advocacy efforts. Greg Prasher discussed his new partnership with American Indians in the Grand Rapids area who are interested in promoting diabetes education/awareness in the community.

### **State/Federal Legislation Updates**

#### **State:**

- Legislation regarding the A1C diagnostic screening (on track to be introduced by State Representatives Gail Haines and Lesia Liss RN and Senator John Moolenaar) was discussed. The legislation addresses additional mandates on managed care plans and BCBS of Michigan by amending The Diabetes Cost Reduction Act (passed in 2001). Please see attached meeting handouts
- This legislation might be introduced in the next couple of weeks. Group discussed the legislation. Lindsay reported the draft legislation was shared with the NKFM Scientific Advisory Board and stated concerns they had regarding the accuracy of some of the items, including an error in stated triglyceride levels for someone considered to be at-risk for diabetes.
- **Jim mention similar legislation was passed in IL, will look into this and share with group.**

#### **Federal:**

- Prevention Block Grant Funding: Currently, the Prevention Block Grant (PBG) is uncertain. The House had retained the funding, while the Senate zeroed it out. It was reasoned some of the funds from PBG could be absorbed through Prevention and Public Health Fund (through the Affordable Care Act). However, this fund too is also in jeopardy of being reduced.
- It is advised to keep on eye on the Deficit Reduction Committee recommendations.

### **MI Department of Education guidelines for diabetes care in schools**

- The Management of Students with Diabetes in the School Setting guidelines were presented to the State Board of Education on November 8th, 2011 for a vote. As you might recall, the policy was first introduced on September 13<sup>th</sup> and in October there was a public comment period and a revision of the proposed policy. At the November State Board of Education meeting the policy was adopted.
- **Jennifer will contact Patty Lawless to obtain a copy of the final policy to share with the group and inquire about the distribution process.**

### **2011 project: Identify, promote and support the implementation of promising practices and *outcome-based (revised term) diabetes programs in Michigan.***

- Discussed article and attached program information sheet to be added to DPAC website (see attached meeting materials).
- Overall feedback: looks good, comprehensive, still should be able to get out before end of the month. **Jennifer will follow up to obtain the missing DSME information** (DSME was recently added to the list). A suggestion was proposed reorganizing the information to separate out prediabetes vs. diabetes and also a purpose/action statement at the beginning of the document.
- Once it is completed, the DPAC Communication Workgroup will review before it goes online.
- **Greg has media contacts, will follow up with any ideas regarding layout/format.**
- This is by far not an exhaustive list; it was suggested this document be updated yearly for accuracy.

### **Issues Still of Interest**

- Michigan Primary Care Consortium – Sally participating
- Affordable Care Act (ACA) of 2010.

**Next meeting: Wednesday December 14, 2011 10:00 – 11:00 am**

Submitted by Sally Joy