

DPAC Advocacy and Policy Workgroup Minutes
February 10, 2010 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	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 & MI Minority Health Coalition
Charles Williams	GlaxoSmithKline
Richard Wimberley	Michigan Department of Community Health - MDCH

Today’s call was pretty tame - only Jennifer and me. We’ll let the rest of you off on the “snow day” excuse! Since my meeting minutes are often repetitive, I’m going to focus primarily on active issues.

Diabetes and Kidney Programs State Appropriations

- Diabetes and Kidney Day (Wednesday April 28, 2010)
 - We’re setting a goal of 50% DPAC attendance at the event.
 - A “save the date” notice will be sent next week to our KEY partners.
 - The actual invitation/registration will be sent to all our partners in early March.
 - Talking points will be sent to our partners who cannot attend Diabetes and Kidney Day and we will ask them to make phone calls or send emails to their legislators.
- Webinar / Pre-Diabetes and Kidney Day (Thursday March 25, 2010, 1-2 pm)
 - A “save the date” notice will be sent next week to our KEY partners.
 - The actual invitation/registration will be sent at the end of the month.
 - The webinar can be recorded and put on the DPAC web site.

DPAC Diabetes Care Management Report (attached)

- This report was created in August 2008 and it might be time to bring this project to a close – your comments are welcome.

Other state/federal legislation updates (no new updates here)

- (state) HB 4878: 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.
 - Still pending
 - DPAC and MDCH remain neutral on this legislation.
- (federal) HR 2425: would recognize Certified Diabetes Educators as Medicare providers, and enable them to receive reimbursement for diabetes outpatient self-management education.
 - Still pending
 - DPAC has drafted a position paper supporting this concept.

Other

- There are several items we continue to post here. **Please call in next month to help choose a main issue to concentrate on in 2010. Here are the current listings. Bring other ideas you have next month.**
 - MI Department of Education has guidelines (created in 2001) for diabetes care in schools – update needed?
 - Latest: Dept. of Education said they would work with us on this.
 - Michigan Primary Care Consortium - transforming primary care in Michigan
 - Health disparities
 - Access to care
 - Require insurance companies to cover HbA1c tests for the diagnosis of diabetes for people over 40 years of age and/or with a BMI over 25.
 - Value Based Insurance Design (VBID)
- The “Diabetes Atlas” is being reviewed for “data validity” by MDCH.

Next meeting:

- **Wednesday March 10, 2010 (the day before World Kidney Day!!) at 10:00 am**

Submitted by Sally Joy