

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CONSULTANT PHARMACIST

NEW YORK CHAPTER- DOWNSTATE MEETING

COURTYARD MARRIOTT LAGUARDIA, NY

APRIL 7. 2014

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Call to order by Kelly Flynn, 3 pm

Officers in attendance:

Kelly Flynn	Chapter President
Barbara Kopelman	Sec/Treasurer
Will Hallet	Downstate Director

Officers absent:

Tina Fiebelkorn, Upstate Director
Brandi Van Valkenburg, Midstate Director
Mike Zandri, Legislative/Professional Affairs
Vince Galletta, Legislative/Professional Affairs via phone conference

Others:

Judy Beizer, ASCP Past President
Arnie Cammeyer, ASCP Past President

Attendance:

51 pharmacists (all ASCP members)
10 vendors

Approval of minutes:

Minutes from the November 21,2013 meeting were presented.
Motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. All in favor. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report:

Current balance: \$90,968. Motion to accept the report and seconded. Motion approved.

President's report

Attached

Old business: none

New business:

-Nominations for president and secretary/treasurer are open. Kelly Flynn was nominated for a second term. Nominations will continue thru the June meeting. Voting will take place at the October meeting.

-Nomination for Downstate Director was Din Shah. Will had announced previously that after this meeting he would be stepping down. Nomination was accepted.

-ASCP chapter and affiliates council has suggested a president elect position. Discussion was that our chapter had 45 years of working without this, that the system is broken and do not want to have this position.

Legislative report: Vince Galletta

Federal issues

1. Pharmacists as providers under SSA have a strong coalition among pharmacists professional groups. It does not appear that this will be passed in the near future.
2. Reimbursement to nursing homes: possible reimbursement may be based on the 5 star ranking.

State issues:

1. NY Lobby Day is April 29.
2. I Stop – All prescriptions for nursing home residents must be electronically submitted by 3/27/15. Concerns that nursing homes, physicians will not be ready. There will be a meeting with BNE in May to discuss postponement. Facility HER must have a house prescribing policy. SureScript website has a list of prescribing software that meets the DEA requirements. Requirement that physicians document that they did not consult the IStop website due as prescription was written for a nursing home resident will no longer be necessary. This has not passed yet.
3. Synchronization bill; many billing issues.
4. Immunizer- expansions to bill to include meningococcal and DP inoculations
5. Individuals may go into pharmacy under physician's standing order to buy Narcon. This is an attempt to save lives with controlled substances overdoses. It has passed the Assembly.
6. Collaborative Drug Therapy Management is still alive for all pharmacists, all settings. There may be a credential requirement. We want to get rid of it for therapeutic substitutions
7. Ammo reform "specialty pharmacy drug" can only be dispensed by PBM specified pharmacies. There is an administrative burden put on the nursing home.
8. MAC reform- insurance companies set MAC for generics. Prices are reset by PBMs or insurance companies not in a timely fashion MAC will have to be reset every 7 days with price changes.

Other discussions

Survey issues:

1. Late arrivals at the nursing home- when is the first dose administered and what to do if it doesn't occur. Focus on pain, Lantus, inhalation therapies; this may cause immediate jeopardy and rehospitalizations. There should be cut off times for each and every admission and documentation that the physician was contacted of missed doses.
2. Orthostatic blood pressure monitoring- should be ordered properly, lying sitting, standing (if possible) with parameters and when to notify NP or MD
3. Sliding scale insulin and BGFS- looking at if all the boxes were filled in (reading, units used, site); what are the prescribers doing in response. Pharmacists should be bringing frequent use to the attention of the physician.

Main Event II or 2015

Arnie Cammeyer brought forth that the group might try to do a major meeting. In the 1990's an event called "The Main Event" was put on as a regional event at a hotel.

Issues raised in doing this a) how much industry and vendor support could we obtain the state of the economy; b) time factor- when would it be held vs. downstate, midstate and upstate and National meetings; c) the need for volunteer effort. National has put out support for regional meetings.

Ten companies sponsored booths; breakfast and lunch were sponsored.

Next meeting in Syracuse, June 19th

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion approved.

Meeting adjourned 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Kopelman, RPh, Sec/Treasurer NYASCP