Arthritis Council
General Member Call Minutes
April 2, 2013

1. **Call to Order/roll** - States: KS, MO, MI, NY, CA, RI, KY, SC, UT, PA; AF –National; NIAMS; NACDD

2. **Review of March meeting minutes** – approved and uploaded to the Arthritis Council website.

3. **Guest Presentation:**
   
   *Mimi Lising, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)*

   NIAMS National Multicultural Outreach Initiative and other NIH resources (see slides)


4. **State Spotlight: MI, CA**
   
   - **MI** – has begun collaborating with their Cancer Prevention and Control Program as part of the state’s CCDI by providing co-morbidity data. Also – providing connections to CDSMP workshop to the Cancer Survivors Groups/Cancer Centers. Working with the state’s chapter of the American Cancer Society to promote CDSMP.
   
   - **CA** (see slides) - EBI Website recently launched in collaboration with State Aging – what used to be two separate websites is now one.

5. **Arthritis Foundation Update:**
   
   - The AF National Office has experienced a reorganization and some familiar policy staff are no longer with the AF.
   
   
   - The WWE in the workplace mini-grant program is awaiting approval before it is launched.
   
   - May is national Arthritis month and the AF will feature the *Faces of Arthritis*; may 9th will hold a NIH Congressional Briefing

6. **NACDD Update:**
   
   - AC is seeking nominations for Chair-elect and two At-large members. Survey for nominations will be sent out and due by COB 4/9/13.
   
   - NACDD has recently switched from the Magnet Mail server to a new server. For most of you there will be no disruption in service, but for some, it will require that you log onto chronicdisease.org to create your
account. If you’ve recently received an email from Mari Brick regarding this, please follow the email instructions. If you need assistance, please contact Mari at Brick@chronicdisease.org.

- The AC April State Spotlight will feature KY and SC. Email reminders will be sent out prior to the date of the call.

7. State Sharing and Discussion: Open Air
   - Has any state worked with their local/regional AF to release a joint press release for Arthritis month? If so, please contact Adam Overmiller at aovermille@pa.gov
   - Utah has worked with their AF chapter in the past by using the MMWR data. Contact rcastlet@utah.gov for more information.

8. CDC Update via email:

   May is Arthritis Awareness Month. In recognition of this month, the CDC Arthritis Program will be have a feature in the May 3rd MMWR on state-based walking rates (mins) among people with arthritis. Lead author, Jennie Hootman will prepare talking points and a single overriding communication health objective (SOCHO) that will be distributed to states via email prior to the release of the MMWR.

   CDC is updating its Chronic Disease Indicators which essentially facilitate and standardized surveillance for states, territories and large metro areas. There are a few arthritis indicators, which are also being reviewed and updated. For the latest information, please visit: http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/cdi/Default.aspx.

   The Department of Health and Human Services has recently created an Interagency Pain Research Coordinating Committee with the ultimate goal of advancing fundamental understanding of pain and improving pain-related treatment strategies. CDC Arthritis Medical Epidemiologist Chad Helmick serves as the CDC representative for this committee that will address pain over the next 2 years. If you are interested in learning more about this committee or participating in its activities, please visit: http://iprcc.nih.gov/index.htm and/or contact Chad Helmick (cgh1@cdc.gov)

   Upcoming CDC events:

   - June 2013 (date TBD, likely the 10th or 11th), Satellite Broadcast (live webcast) to roll out the Provider Outreach and Ambassador Outreach guides. The broadcast will intro the materials, provide a few state experiences with the materials, and allow time for some dialogue and questions.

   - August 2012 (date TBD), follow-up media relations training with Porter Novelli

9. Adjourn

10. Next Meeting – May 1, 2pm ET