



MPhA PROFESSIONAL & ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 31, 2018

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Board Liaison:

Jason Varin

SECTION I: 2017-2018 CHARGES:

- Monitor & support the charges & work of the Member Engagement Subcommittee
- Develop and implement a strategy to expand Organizational Memberships.
- Monitor state agency activities pertaining to health reform to stay abreast of opportunities for pharmacists to provide input into policy decisions, and to identify new opportunities for pharmacists to advance patient care including but not limited to:
 - Pandemic Preparedness
 - Opioid Risk Mitigation, and Naloxone implementation
- Identify professional issues that should be high priorities for MPhA in the short and long term and act to advance those priorities including but not limited to:
 - Pandemic Preparedness
 - Opioid Risk Mitigation
- Identify and recruit qualified candidates for appointments to vacancies on state agencies or regulatory bodies.
- Work to improve inter-professional communication and act on opportunities to participate/collaborate with other health care organizations to advance professional affairs.
- Review MPhA Policy Manual (at a minimum of every 3 years) for policies that should be archived. Last review was completed in June, 2017.
- Review recommendations from the Policy Manual Review Committee for updating and proposing new MPhA policies.
- Provide ideas to the Educational and Events Advisory Committee on topics to be included in MPhA educational conferences.

SECTION II: DELIVERABLES/TIMELINE:

- Annual Report to the House of Delegates - May 4, 2018
- Committee co-chairs, please report to the incoming President in May as to whether you are willing to continue serving as co-chair and/or suggestions for co-chairs from your committee for the following year.

Member Engagement Subcommittee (*reports to the Professional & Organizational Affairs Committee*)

Co-Chairs: Brittany Symonds and Kaylan Wilson

Board Liaison:

Sarah Anderson

2017-2018 MEMBER ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE CHARGES:

- Review the current process for dues renewals, and correspondence to members related to their membership benefits on an annual basis.
- Work with staff to develop membership recruitment and retention plan, especially related to lapsing members on a monthly basis.
- Monitor membership reports and trends, and make recommendations to the MPhA board of directors on actions to increase membership.
- Evaluate concept of Honorary/Complimentary Membership.
- Develop onboarding program to welcome new members and encourage involvement, provide opportunities to become engaged and involved.

SECTION III: REPORT OF COMMITTEE ACTION AND PROGRESS ON DELIVERABLES

The Professional and Organizational Affairs Committee accomplished the following on deliverables for the 2017-2018 reporting period:

Pandemic Preparedness:

- Expanded collaboration beyond previous work groups and into more direct partnership for planning and presenting the public health symposium.
- MDH, in conjunction with local public health entities will be taking responsibility for the hands on afternoon sessions, running table top exercises to simulate an emergency and foster pharmacists and public health working together.
- Symposium on Pandemic Preparedness: Oct 5 2018 -MPhA – Dept. of Health to Plan
- Devoted to pandemic preparedness and working together.
- Purposefully designing the meeting to have breakout sessions to explore topics in an interdisciplinary manner.
- Results from this day will help drive further work in this area.

Opioid Risk Mitigation and Naloxone implementation:

- Resources related to opioid abuse were added to the MPhA website https://mnpha.site-ym.com/page/opioid_toolkit .
- Testified at the Capitol on March 1st (Opioid Day) on *The Opioid Use Epidemic: On the Ground Approaches* (file available here: http://www.senate.mn/committees/2017-2018/3095_Committee_on_Health_and_Human_Services_Finance_and_Policy/UMN%20Presentation%20Opioid%20Day.pdf) to the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services, Finance and Policy.
- Working on statistics from statewide pharmacists survey on the opioid epidemic and what we are doing about solutions. Results are currently being analyzed.
- Working on creating resource Google page for any practitioner (provider and pharmacist education).
- Working on finalizing PPT with U of M that will be recorded and made available as a CME presentation for pharmacists/prescribers (hopefully free of charge).
- Trying to create link with BOP, MDH, and MPhA website and try making the training cost neutral. Trying to create a central warehouse of information that anyone can access.
- Opioid-focused Americorps VISTA staff person started February 5th and will be helping with pharmacist follow-up and education statewide (using the contact info that pharmacists left us from the survey) – helping to organize Google folder.

Membership Engagement Sub-Committee:

- Annual update to the membership renewal process
 - In progress; this annual process is being transitioned to a summertime update as the timeline is more appropriate for renewal updates
 - Created a timeline of when to update roster for graduation (January/February) so they can correctly transition members and communicate to these members to let them know membership will be lapsing with rates. Smoother transition with reaching out to this group. The committee has brainstormed a lot of idea, but still working on execution. Taking a step-wise approach.
- Navigator Program
 - On hold until school year begins; Working with PLS (pharmacy leadership society) for a navigator program with students– trial was launched a few years ago with resident and pharmacist part of organization as their navigator to help them better understand the organization and network at different events.
- PD4/1st Year Practitioner Renewal Promotional Offer
 - In progress; worked with MPhA board and MPSA to offer a membership discount during renewal for combo of PD4/1st Year Practitioner because we lose a lot of membership during this transition time.
 - Communication process was created to close gaps and reduce loss of membership during this transition
- Social Media Vignettes
 - In progress; Planning for brief video to post on social media (LinkedIn/Facebook) to draw interest and make an ask of those pharmacists who identify with MPhA on these platforms but are not members to consider membership.

SECTION IV: ISSUES ADDRESSED BY THE COMMITTEE OUTSIDE OF STATED CHARGES

In addition to the stated charges, the Professional and Organizational Affairs Committee accomplished the following on deliverables for the 2017-2018 reporting period on professional issues:

- Pharmacist as mental health providers as proposed by Randall Seifert. Committee directed the issue to be address by Health System Alliance for Integrated Medication Management (HAIMM) who then wrote a letter to Dr. Seifert proposing less restrictive language instead of those pharmacists just certified in psychiatry.
- Pharmacy based medication administration. Committee members reviewed legislative brief on expanding patient health care access; to pharmacy based medication administration.
- Collaboration with other groups on opioids. Invited in those representing Allied Against Opioid Abuse (AAOA), and their state-level campaign Introduction. Both agreed to look at ways to partner with MPhA to get the word out on AAOA. AAOA want to continue to work with MPhA/POAC to get feedback and help disseminate the materials supporting their patient focused opioids initiatives.

SECTION V: JOINT POLICY COMMITTEE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The Professional and Organizational Affairs Committee respectfully submits the following proposal for consideration by the MPhA House of Delegates at the May 31, 2018 session of the House of Delegates:

Resolution 18-001

Category: SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Policy Number: 07-001

Title: Immunizations

Policy: The Minnesota Pharmacists Association supports development of legal, regulatory policies and payment systems that allow pharmacists to administer vaccinations to all eligible recipients.

BACKGROUND: The changes approved by the Committee that are being recommended keeps the language broad and would encourage policies which promote vaccination for a patient if indicated. Proposing to leave age and vaccination type out of it. Legislation and BOP currently dictate that. MPhA is being as broad as possible to support any expansion in legislation.