

## **NPO Leadership Conference Call**

December 15, 2010

1930 – 2030

Present: Mary Grant, Pam DeVisser, Frances Guthridge, Anne Barry-Lever

Staff: Jack Dempsey, Susan King

### Legislative Issues

Jack Dempsey reviewed issues to be addressed during the upcoming session, which begins in January.

#### Health Care Reform

Exchange

Primary care home

Implementation of these two initiatives is unclear at this time.

#### Mental health provider parity

OMA generally fine with parity

Network adequacy under DCBS authority is also being introduced

Request to expand parity to all NP services

There is interest in making parity cross all care. While this might be possible to achieve, an alternative may be to ask a legislator to hold an informational meeting about the reimbursement disparity for the same service across provider groups. The NPO leadership group supports either a broad bill or continuing with focus on mental health parity and participating in an informational hearing to set up the issue for future action.

### Zoom Care

ONA staff met with representatives of Zoom Care who are interested in elimination of limits on NP dispensing. Their bill will be introduced in Healthcare Committee.

Dec: agreement to take this opportunity to remove barriers

Many will visit with Zoom care next week

### Workers Comp

Jack described interest by Newberg NP to extend 90-day limit to 180 days for NP care. Closed MCO panels requiring the patients of NPs to travel to receive care is also of interest to NPO.

#### 90-day limit

General agreement that 90 days is adequate for >90% of the pts.

Meg gave an example of needlestick injury and the negative impact of 90-day rule.

Dec: move forward in expansion to 180 days

Further discussion about MCO panels but agreement to try to amend if possible to include this issue

#### Rural malpractice policy subsidy and primary care incentive

50 NPs currently affected

Jack asked the group for priority between these two programs.

Meg stated that liability subsidy is the most important, primary care, OB, biggest need.

Dec: agree with the priority

### Psychologist prescriptive authority

General agreement that there is inadequate capacity for mental health care

Plan: solicit responses from NPO members via email distribution including leadership and PMHNP survey monkey. There was general agreement that NPO should stay out of the turf war between MDs and psychologists. Some noted that the arguments by physicians are the same as those used against NPs in the late 1970s.

### Oregon Academy of Family Physicians

Several worthy new programs with dollars attached are not going to be funded given the state budget picture.

### New Members

The group decided to divide the new members by regional reps and ask the reps to make personal thank you calls. Additionally, NPO should consider an Enews like the ONA format to keep the contact with NP members.

Jack reminded group that we need an NP legislative chair and need a NP Cab.

### Reproductive Rights

Group from Eugene wants to have NPO rep. to talk about membership – Mary will ask Monica Dostal to attend.

Acting Recorder,

Susan King